# VOTES

AND

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

# Houſe of Repreſentatives

OF THE

## PROVINCE of *PENNSYLVANIA.*

Beginning the Fourteenth Day of *October*, 1767.

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## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1767, *P.M.*

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to ſerve in Aſſembly as Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, for the enſuing Year, *viz.* 1767. *October* 14.

For *Philadelphia* County.
*Rowland Evans,*
*Joſeph Galloway,*
*Henry Pawling,*
*Joſeph Richardſon,*
*Michael Hillegas,*
*Thomas Livezey,*
*Samuel Potts,*
*Joſeph Fox.*

For *Philadelphia* City.
*James Pemberton,*
*John Roſs.*

For *Bucks* County.
*Samuel Foulke,*
*Peter Shepherd,*
*Henry Krewſen,*
*Benjamin Chapman,*

For *Bucks* County.
*William Rodman,*
*Thomas Yardley,*
*John Brown,*
*Joſeph Watſon.*

For *Cheſter* County.
*Iſaac Pearſon,*
*Charles Humphreys,*
*George Aſhbridge,*
*John Minſhall,*
*Jonas Preſton,*
*John Jacobs,*
*John Sellers,*
*Nathaniel Pennock.*

For *Lancaſter* County.
*Emanuel Carpenter,*
*James Wright,*

For *Lancaſter* County.
*Jacob Carpenter,*
*James Webb.*

For *York* County.
*Robert M'Pherſon,*
*Archibald M'Grew.*

For *Berks* County.
*Edward Biddle.*

For *Cumberland* County.
*William Allen,*
*John Montgomery.*

For *Northampton* County.
*George Taylor.*

A Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when JOSEPH GALLOWAY, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen Speaker of the Houſe, for the enſuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that, purſuant to the Charter and Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, have proceeded to chooſe a Speaker for the enſuing Year, and requeſt to know when his Honour will be pleaſed to receive the Houſe, that they may preſent their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return and report, that they had waited on the Governor, and delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be at the Council Chamber at Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning, in order to receive the Houſe with their Speaker.

The Houſe then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *October* 15.

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Meſſage by the Secretary:

*SIR*,

" The Governor is in the Council Chamber, ready to receive the Houſe with their Speaker."

1767. October 15. Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on the Governor, and preſented their Speaker, of whom his Honour had been pleaſed to approve; and that he (the Speaker) had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the Houſe, claimed the uſual Privileges, *viz.*

*Firſt*, That the Members of the Houſe, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propoſitions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may, at all ſeaſonable Times, have free Acceſs to the Governor, the better to enable them to diſcharge the public Buſineſs.

*Thirdly*, That their Perſons and Eſtates may be free from all Arreſts, Moleſtations, and Injuries, during the Time of accuſtomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleaſed to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the Houſe, until the ſame ſhall be paſſed into a Reſolve; nor give the leaſt Credit to ſuch Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Miſtakes may be excuſed, and not imputed to the Houſe, but that he may have Liberty of reſorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the ſame to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the juſt and indefeaſible Rights and Privileges of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in Aſſembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the ſaid Province; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the Houſe, and that they ſhould always meet with his Protection.

A Copy of the Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Aſſembly, and the Teſt of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and ſubſcribed, firſt by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members preſent, in their Order.

The Houſe then proceeding, as uſual, to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the Year enſuing,

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk to this Houſe, for the enſuing Year; and he took and ſubſcribed the uſual Qualification accordingly.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Samuel Kirk* be, and he is hereby appointed Sergeant at Arms to this Houſe, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Door-Keeper to this Houſe, for the enſuing Year.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* Mr. *M'Pherſon*, elected a Repreſentative for the County of *York*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Petition from *Owen Jones*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Office of Provincial Treaſurer, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

*Reſolved*, That *Samuel Preſton Moore*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treaſurer of this Province for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Jacob Carpenter*, Mr. *M'Pherſon*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the enſuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Yardley* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to audit and ſettle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office of this Province, with the other public Accounts, and to ſink and deſtroy the Bills of Credit, purſuant to the ſeveral Paper Money Acts; and to count all the Money, and report, together with the ſaid Accounts, the Sum they ſhall actually find in the Treaſurer's Hands; and that the ſaid Committee have full Power and Authority to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records by the Sergeant at Arms to this Houſe, in order that all the ſaid public Accounts be fully ſettled and made ready to be laid before the Houſe on the firſt Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to reviſe and correct the Minutes of this Houſe, before they are printed.

*Reſolved*, That the Votes of this Houſe be printed, being firſt reviſed by the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe; and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Perſon but ſuch as he ſhall appoint do preſume to print the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 16. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

*Reſolved*, That *Richard Jackſon*, Eſq; of the Inner-Temple, *London*, be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province, for the enſuing Year, to ſolicit and tranſact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*; and that the ſaid Gentleman be allowed for his Services, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling *per Annum*.

*Reſolved*,

*Reſolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed and continued Joint-Agent with Mr. *Jackſon* aforeſaid, to ſolicit and tranſact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain*, for the enſuing Year. 1767. October 16.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee of Correſpondence, for the enſuing Year.

The Rules for better regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members, being then read, as cuſtomary, and agreed to by the Houſe, follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Firſt*, That any Member carrying himſelf indecently towards the Speaker, or any of the Members, by Reflections, or otherways, in the Houſe, or ſhall tranſgreſs this or any of the ſubſequent Rules, ſhall, for the firſt Offence, be reproved, for the ſecond, and other Offences, fined, as the Houſe thinks fit, not exceeding Ten Shillings.

*Secondly*, That all Members offering to ſpeak, ſtand up and direct his Speech to the Chair, and ſpeak pertinently to the Occaſion, and having ended, to ſit down. None to ſpeak above twice to one Matter (eſpecially upon Bills) without Leave of the Speaker.

*Thirdly*, That none preſume to interrupt another, nor offer to ſpeak until the firſt ſits down.

*Fourthly*, That the Members forbear talking to each other, and keep Silence, unleſs when they have Occaſion to ſpeak in Order, as aforeſaid.

*Fifthly*, That no Member endeavour to pervert the Senſe of another's Speech.

*Sixthly*, That the Speaker have Power to ſtop all unneceſſary, tedious and ſuperfluous Diſcourſe, and to command Silence when needful.

*Seventhly*, That the Members avoid naming others, when they have Occaſion to obſerve or take Notice of their Speech; but have Reſpect to the Time of their ſpeaking, or to the Seat they have, as right or left Hand of the Chair, *&c.*

*Eightly*, That no Member preſume to go in or out of the Houſe before the Speaker, (he being preſent) nor depart the Houſe without his Leave.

*Ninthly*, That upon Debates and paſſing of Bills, the Majority of Votes ſhall govern; and when the Votes of the Members are equal in Number, the Speaker may have the caſting Vote.

*Tenthly*, That the Speaker may, with the Conſent of the Houſe, require any Member offending, to ſtand at the Bar, and there receive the Cenſure of the Houſe.

*Eleventhly*, That no Member preſume to divulge the Debates or Secrets of the Houſe.

*Twelfthly*, That no Member who is againſt the Body of a Bill, ſhall be appointed to be of a Committee concerning that Bill.

*Thirteenthly*, That the Speaker have Power to nominate Perſons for Committees, and that none who are nominated refuſe the Service; not that any of the Members ſhall be hereby debarred of their Privilege of nominating Perſons, if they think fit, or rejecting ſuch as are nominated by the Speaker; in which Caſe the Opinion of the Houſe ſhall govern.

*Fourteenthly*, That Bills to be paſſed into Laws, may be brought in by any particular Member, or received by them or the Speaker from others, and preſented to the Houſe, who is to order the Clerk loudly to read them, and, after reading to be reſpectfully delivered to the Speaker, and him to mark or note (by Breviate or otherwiſe) all Bills, and declare the Nature and Uſe of the ſame; which, if not rejected, to cauſe to be read a ſecond time; and, after deliberate Conſideration thereon, and Amendment made, if needful, cauſe it to be read a third time and ſent to the Governor, as the Houſe ſhall think fit, for his Aſſent; but that no Bill be read twice in one Day, except on extraordinary Occaſions.

*Fifteenthly*, That at the firſt Reading of Bills, the Members avoid any cloſe Debate, and ſeriouſly deliberate on the Contents, in Order to their better Information before the ſecond Reading; and that the ſaid Bills do lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe; and that no Member preſume to carry a Bill or other Paper out of the Houſe without Leave.

*Sixteenthly*, That all Queſtions put by the Speaker, to know the Mind of the Houſe, be anſwered by the Members in the Affirmative, by ſtanding up, and thoſe in the Negative, by keeping their Seats.

*Seventeenthly*, That if it ſhall at any Time happen, that a Debate proves tedious, and any four Members ſhall ſtand up and requeſt the Speaker to put the Matter in Debate to the Vote, he ſhall not refuſe it.

*Eighteenthly*, That after the Meeting of any Aſſembly (the Regularity of Elections being firſt inſpected) Committees ſhall be appointed on the ſeveral Occaſions of their Seſſions, ſo far as they have Knowledge thereof, wherein the Commands of the Crown ſhall be preferred, and next that of the Governor; after which, Inſpection ſhall be made into the Laws for Safety of the Government.

*Nineteenthly*, That the Door-Keeper always wait on the Speaker for his Orders to ring the Bell.

*Twentiethly*, That every Member abſent from any Meeting of the Houſe, ſhall be liable to be ſent for by the Members preſent, at the Expence of ſuch abſent Member.

*Twenty-firſtly*,

1767. October 16.

*Twenty-firſtly*, That every Member who ſhall abſent himſelf from the Service of the Houſe, without Leave from the Speaker for ſo doing, ſhall be ſubject to a Fine of Five Shillings for every Day's Abſence, unleſs ſuch Member can aſſign to the Houſe a ſatisfactory Reaſon for the ſame.

*Twenty-ſecondly*, That ſuch Members as do not appear at the Place of Meeting, within half an Hour after the Bell ceaſes to ring, in the Fore- and Afternoon, ſhall pay One Shilling; but if a Quorum be not preſent at the ſame Time, then each abſent Member ſhall pay Two Shillings; and Eighteen-pence for every Hour's Abſence after, unleſs he can ſhew Cauſe, to the Satisfaction of the Houſe; which ſhall be determined by an immediate Vote.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Richardſon* be, and he is hereby appointed and impowered to collect and receive the Fines ariſing upon the Breach of any of the foregoing Rules, to be applied to the Uſe of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

A Petition from *Gilbert Hicks*, of the County of *Bucks*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe for the ſaid County, in the Room of *Joſeph Hamton*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Woolſton*, of the County of *Bucks*, was alſo preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed Collector of the Exciſe for the ſaid County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions from *Leonard Harwood*, *David Lyons* and *Richard Hughes*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying for Relief in Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons. *Referred to further Conſideration, at the next Meeting of the Houſe.*

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the ſeveral Heads upon which it may be proper, at this Time, to inſtruct the Agents for this Province, in *London*, and having ſpent ſome Time therein,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correſpondence do eſſay and bring in a Draught of Inſtructions agreeable to the Heads propoſed by the Houſe; together with a Letter of Thanks to the Committee of Merchants in *London*, for their late Services in Behalf of the *American* Colonies.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 17.

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Correſpondence reported, they had eſſayed Draughts of Inſtructions to the Agents for this Province, and of a Letter of Thanks to the Committee of Merchants in *London*, which they preſented to the Chair, which being read, and conſidered, were, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be tranſcribed.

*Reſolved*, That *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter, for the enſuing Year, of the Barracks in the Northern Liberties of the City of *Philadelphia*.

*Reſolved*, That *James Webb*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter, for the enſuing Year, of the Barracks in the Borough of *Lancaſter*.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions from *Gilbert Hicks* and *John Woolſton*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Bucks*; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put, it was

*Reſolved*, That *John Woolſton* be appointed Collector of Exciſe, for the ſaid County, in the Place of *Joſeph Hamton*, Eſq; lately deceaſed.

A Petition from *Edward Cary*, of the Northern Liberties, for a Supply of Cloathing for *Deborah Montour*, and Payment of her Board, was preſented to the Houſe, and being read,

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Fox* do pay the Sum due to the Petitioner, for boarding the ſaid Girl to the preſent Time; and alſo ſupply her with ſuch Cloaths as her Neceſſities and the Seaſon may require.

The Inſtructions to the Agents, and Letter from the Houſe to the Committee of Merchants in *London*, being tranſcribed according to Order, were again read, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

*Philadelphia, October* 17, 1767.

*GENTLEMEN*,

Inſtructions to the Agents.

WE incloſe the Reſolves of the Aſſembly, by which you are appointed Joint-Agents of this Province, for the enſuing Year, to tranſact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain* with another, by which you will perceive that the Houſe have appointed us a Committee of Correſpondence, to whom you will communicate, from Time to Time, ſuch Information as may be neceſſary to be laid before the Houſe of Repreſentatives; in doing of which, we are directed to requeſt you will not omit to give us the earlieſt Intelligence of every new Meaſure or Regulation that ſhall be propoſed, or intended to be propoſed, in Parliament, wherein the general Liberties of *America*, or thoſe of this Colony,

Colony, may, in the leaſt, be affected or concerned, that it may be communicated to the Aſſembly for their Conſideration, and you be properly inſtructed either to accede to, or oppoſe it, as it ſhall appear beneficial or injurious to the Intereſt and Welfare of the Colonies. 1767. October 17.

The four laſt preceding Aſſemblies fully inſtructed you on the Subject of a Change of this Government, from Proprietary to Royal. The preſent Houſe concurring in Opinion with them, and being earneſtly deſirous that this Meaſure may be accompliſhed with all convenient Speed, in Caſe all their Charter and legal Rights and Privileges may be ſecured and preſerved, have directed us to inſtruct you to proſecute the Petitions for that Purpoſe, to an Iſſue, before his Majeſty in Council, carefully obſerving, in all Things, the Inſtructions you have received on this Head, from the preceding Aſſemblies, to which we refer.

The Neceſſity of a Paper Currency in this and the neighbouring Colonies, and the Diſtreſs which Commerce labours under for Want of it, have been ſo fully mentioned in your former Inſtructions, that we need add nothing further, ſave that this Diſtreſs is continually encreaſing by the ſinking of our Bills of Credit and the frequent Remittances of our Gold and Silver to *Britain*; and that, notwithſtanding your faithful Endeavours to relieve them, have hitherto proved unſucceſsful, yet the Houſe ſtill entertain Hopes that a favourable Opportunity may preſent, when the Application to Parliament may be ſafely made, for a Repeal of the Statute reſtraining the *American* Bills of Credit from being lawful Tender in Colony Debts. The Houſe highly approve of your Prudence in omitting to preſent the Petition for this Purpoſe while there was the leaſt Appearance of Danger that the Aſſemblies in *America* muſt be deprived of the Liberty of iſſuing the Bills, and appropriating the Intereſt ariſing from them, as they are ſenſible a Meaſure of that Kind would greatly diminiſh their Importance and eſſentially affect their moſt valuable Rights and Privileges. They therefore deſire that you will proceed to act on the ſame cautious Principles, becauſe they are confident that it is not only their own, but the Opinion of their Conſtituents, that it will be much more eligible to ſuffer all the Miſchiefs, however great, that can enſue from the Want of a Currency, than agree to give up a Point ſo abſolutely neceſſary to their future Liberties.

We obſerve, from your Letters, that you have not ſucceeded in your Endeavours to procure the Liberty of ſhipping Wine, Fruit, and Oil, from *Spain* and *Portugal*, immediately into *America*, through an Oppoſition given by the Merchants in *England* tradeing to thoſe Places. However, as the Houſe continue to think that the Meaſure, when effected, will be equally beneficial to the Trade of the Mother Country and the Colonies, they hope you will perſevere in your Attention to this Object, as well as that of obtaining Liberty to export Iron from the Colonies to foreign Markets, without which this Branch of Buſineſs muſt decline, and the Merchants, in ſome Meaſure, be diſabled from diſcharging their Debts to *Great-Britain*.

By a late Statute, Sugars imported from the *Britiſh Weſt-Indies* into theſe Parts of *America*, are deemed *French* Sugars, and liable to the ſame Duties on Re-exportation to *Great-Britain*. This our Merchants conceive to be a great Hardſhip, and equally injurious to the Trade of both Countries, as they are hereby deprived of ſhipping this Commodity, formerly a conſiderable Remittance to the Mother Country, in Exchange for the Manufactures and Merchandize taken from thence. The Houſe therefore requeſt, that you will take a ſeaſonable Opportunity of endeavouring to obtain this Duty to be taken off, upon ſhipping Sugars to *Great-Britain* from *America*.

We have directed the Clerk of Aſſembly to tranſmit to you the ſeveral Laws paſſed the laſt Year; to the Confirmation whereof, by his Majeſty in Council, we have not the leaſt Doubt but you will give all due Attention; and we ſhall be glad, from Time to Time, to be particularly informed when the Laws are preſented, and, if formally confirmed, to have ſuch Confirmations duly tranſmitted to us.

Before we conclude this Letter, permit us to aſſure you, that the Houſe of Repreſentatives fully approve of your Conduct, and entertain the higheſt Senſe of your faithful Endeavours to ſecure the Rights and promote the true Intereſt of this Province and the other Colonies.

We are, with great Eſteem,

*Gentlemen, Your aſſured Friends,*

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*, JAMES PEMBERTON,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON, JOHN ROSS,
THOMAS LIVEZEY, WILLIAM RODMAN,
JOSEPH FOX, ISAAC PEARSON."

To *Richard Jackſon* and *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſqrs.
Agents for the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in *London*.

1767. October 17.

*To the Committee of Merchants, trading to* America, *in* London.

*GENTLEMEN,*

Letter to the Committee of Merchants trading to *N. America*.

THE Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, have been duly informed, by their Agents, of your kind and generous Diſpoſitions towards the *American* Colonies, in giving a ſteady and uniform Oppoſition to the ſeveral Meaſures which have been lately purſued, very inconſiſtent with their Liberties and common Welfare; and I am commanded, by them, to aſſure you, that they entertain a juſt and grateful Senſe of your Conduct on theſe Occaſions, and to return you the unanimous Thanks of the Houſe for your conſtant Attention to the Intereſt of *America*, and, particularly, for the ready and chearful Aſſiſtance you have afforded their Agents in their Endeavours to obtain a Repeal of the Statute reſtraining the legal Tender of Bills of Credit in Colony Debts, as well as for the unwearied Induſtry which you exerted in obtaining the Repeal of the late *American* Stamp-Act. By the firſt, Gentlemen, you have manifeſted a juſt and laudable Attention to an Object abſolutely neceſſary to the Promotion of the Commerce and Union between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies, and, by the latter, an affectionate Regard for the Liberties of your Fellow-Subjects in this Part of his Majeſty's Dominions.

Theſe Things afford the Houſe the ſtrongeſt Reaſons to hope, that you will continue to act on the ſame generous Motives in all Matters where the true united Intereſts of the Mother Country and her Colonies are concerned.

*Signed in and on Behalf of the Houſe,*
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

To *Barlow Trecothick*, Eſq; and Others;
the Committee of Merchants trading
to *North-America*, in *London*.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correſpondence do tranſmit Copies of the foregoing Inſtructions and Letter to the Agents for this Province, in *London*, by the firſt Opportunity.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *M'Pherſon* wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that the Houſe having gone through the uſual Buſineſs at this Time, incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the fourth of *January* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto.

Mr. *Fox* laid before the Houſe his Accounts, ſettled and allowed by the Governor and Provincial Commiſſioners, for building the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City, by which it appearing that a Balance of *One Thouſand and Fifteen Pounds One Shilling and Eleven-pence*, is due to him from the Province on the ſaid Account, a Certificate for the ſame was drawn at the Table, ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to him.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts do ſearch for and collect all Papers relateing to public Property, veſted in the Repreſentatives of this Province, and keep the ſame together in a ſuitable Cheſt, to be provided for that Purpoſe; and that they do alſo aſſort and digeſt the other Papers of the Houſe, lying in the Committee-Room, into ſuch Order as they may think moſt proper for the more eaſy finding the ſame.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him with the intended Adjournment of the Houſe, reported they had done the ſame according to Order; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had no Objection to it.

The Houſe then adjourned accordingly to the 4th of *January* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

1768. January 4. *Poſt Meridiem*

THE Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Pemberton* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met agreeable to Adjournment, are ready to receive any Buſineſs which his Honour may be pleaſed to lay before them.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 5.

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had ſome Matters to lay before the Houſe, which required their Conſideration, and would ſhortly ſent them down with a Meſſage by the Secretary.

Upon Motion,

The Rules of the Houſe were read by Order.

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the Twentieth of this Inſtant.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Watſon* and Mr. *Pearſon* be

be a Committee to examine the Votes of the last Assembly, and the Laws of the Province, and report the several Matters recommended by that Assembly to the Consideration of this House, and such Laws as are near expiring. 1768. January 5.

A Petition from *Luke Nethermark*, *John Taylor*, and others, Owners and Possessors of Marsh Land and drained Meadow, on the Island of *Tinicum*, in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have, at a very considerable Expence, drained and improved a large Quantity of Marsh and Meadow-Land on the said Island, situate by *Longhook* Creek and the River *Delaware*; and others have been at the Charge of embanking a certain other Part of *Tinicum* Island, lying adjacent, but are not able fully to drain and improve the said Lands, for Want of a Law to oblige such Owners as receive Benefit thereby, to contribute, in a just and equitable Proportion, towards stopping out *Grun* Creek, *Plumb* Creek, *Longhook* Creek, and some other small Creeks, and to enable them to make a proper Division of the Banks, Dams, &c. and to form such other Regulations as may be necessary to repair and maintain the same: Wherefore the Petitioners pray Leave to bring in a Bill to be passed by the Honourable House, and presented to the Governor, for effectuating the good Purposes above-mentioned. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Thomas Cook*, a languishing Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ashbridge* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to examine and consider the several Laws passed in this Province for Support of the Poor, and bring in a general Bill for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage*, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

'YOU will perceive, by a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage* (herewith laid before you) that, from Accounts received from all Quarters (particularly from Sir *William Johnson*) of the Dissatisfaction of the *Indians* and their ill Disposition towards us, there is great Reason to apprehend an immediate Rupture with them, unless some effectual Means are fallen upon to pacify them; and that the Insults and Injuries they have received from the Frontier Inhabitants, chiefly of *Virginia*, and the perverse and obstinate Disposition of a Number of People, who, contrary to his Majesty's Proclamation and the Principles of Justice, have settled, and are daily settling upon the unpurchased Lands, are the principal Causes of their Complaints. And I must inform you that those Settlements upon the *Indian* Lands, to the Westward of the *Allegheny* Mountains, now appear, by the Line lately run between *Pennsylvania* and *Maryland*, to be within the Bounds of this Province.

'As nothing can be of more Importance to this Province, than preventing the calamitous Effects of an *Indian* War, of which we have had the most melancholy Experience, and the Principles both of Justice and Policy call for a speedy Redress of the Grievances complained of by the *Indians*, I would willingly take every Measure in my Power, not only to remove the just Causes of their Complaints of past Injuries, but to protect their Persons and Properties for the future. But as the Laws of the Province are insufficient for the Purpose, and the Steps hitherto taken, both by Proclamations issued in Pursuance of the King's Commands, and Threats of exerting a military Force, have proved ineffectual, I must earnestly recommend to you, the framing a Law, not only to remedy the present Evil, but to punish future Delinquencies of the same Kind; and that a suitable Provision be made for defraying any Expence which may attend the necessary Exertion of the Powers of Government, in the Removal of those rash and lawless Intruders.

*January* 5, 1768. *JOHN PENN.*"

## The GENERAL'S LETTER.

*SIR,* *New-York, December* 7, 1767.

Letter from General *Gage* to the Governor, concerning *Indian* Affairs.

THE Accounts that I have lately received from all Quarters, are full of Intelligence of the Dissatisfaction of the *Indians*, and of their ill Disposition towards us. I am now called upon, by a Letter I have received from Sir *William Johnson*, expressive of his Apprehensions of an immediate Rupture with the *Indians*, unless some Means are fallen upon to pacify them, to acquaint you, that although several Causes for their present ill Temper are suggested, yet the Insults they have received from the Frontier People (chiefly from those of *Virginia*) and the Obstinacy of the People who persist to settle on their

1768. *January* 5. their Lands, not only without their Conſent, but in Contradiction to their warmeſt Remonſtrances, and the Endeavours that have been uſed to remove them, I perceive to be the moſt immediate Cauſe of their preſent Diſcontent.

It behoves me, Sir, in this Juncture, to apply to you and the Governors of the Provinces immediately intereſted in this Matter, to deviſe ſome effectual Meaſures to remove theſe lawleſs Settlers, and to obtain ſome Satisfaction for the ill Treatment the *Indians* daily complain of. You are a Witneſs how little Attention has been paid to the ſeveral Proclamations that have been publiſhed, and that even the removing theſe People from the Lands in Queſtion (which was attempted this Summer, by the Garriſon of *Fort Pitt*) has been only a temporary Expedient; for as they met with no Puniſhment, we learn they are returned again to the ſame Encroachments on *Redſtone* Creek and *Cheat* River, in greater Numbers than ever: Nor indeed could any Thing effectual be expected, or due Obedience to Proclamations be exacted, if Laws are defective, or the coercive Powers of Government are wanting. It is the Dread that naturally follows the examplary Puniſhment of Delinquents, that can alone reſtrain ſuch a lawleſs Banditti. It is not for me to point out where the Fault lies, but if the Laws are inſufficient to ſecure and protect the *Indians* in their Perſons and Properties, a more effectual Proviſion, I think, ſhould be made for that Purpoſe, and immediately too, before it is too late to prevent the Devaſtations, Cruelties and Effuſion of Blood attendant on an *Indian* War, which may be experienced ſoon, unleſs active Meaſures are adopted, for the Redreſs of the Grievances the *Indians* complain of. I can only offer the Aſſiſtance of His Majeſty's Troops, to co-operate with you for the effecting theſe deſirable Purpoſes, for the Execution of which a ſufficient Number of Troops ſhall be collected, and ready to act whenever you ſhall be pleaſed to acquaint me, that Civil Officers, properly authorized, will call upon them to aid and aſſiſt the Civil Power, in the removing forcibly and bringing to Puniſhment theſe Diſturbers of the public Tranquility.

The Encroachments made upon the *Indians* Lands, for which they could obtain no Juſtice, with the daily Threats of more Invaſions of their Property, loſt us the Affections of the Savages before, and was the principal Reaſon for their throwing themſelves into the Arms of the *French* for Protection. From hence aroſe the Hoſtilities they commenced upon us in 1754 and 1755, and the War that followed. The ſame Cauſes will have the ſame Effects: Wherefore it is incumbent upon me to lay theſe Matters before you in the moſt ſerious Manner, thinking that every Means ſhould be exerted, and all Endeavours uſed, which can tend to avert the Calamities which threaten the Country, and to ſave the Lives that muſt be loſt in a Savage War, in which neither Age or Sex will find Compaſſion or meet with Mercy.

I have the Honour to be, with great Regard,

*SIR*,

*Your moſt obedient, humble Servant*,

*THOMAS GAGE.*"

To the Hon. *JOHN PENN*, Eſq;
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province
of *Pennſylvania*.

Adjournment *Janaary* 6. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Potts*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage and General *Gage's* Letter, laid before them Yeſterday, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richarſon* and Mr. *Roſs* wait on the Governor, and deliver the following verbal Meſſage, *viz.*

THE Houſe command us to inform the Governor, that they have now before them his Meſſage relating to *Indian* Affairs, with the General's Letter therein referred to; and as they are deſirous, in a Matter of ſo intereſting a Nature to the Colonies in general and this Province in particular, to receive every Intelligence neceſſary to enable them to unite with the Governor in removing the Miſchiefs complained of, they requeſt to know whether the Governor has any Letters or Papers from Sir *William Johnſon*, on the Subject, or expects any from him; and whether the Deputies of the *Six Nations*, in any late Conferences with the Governor, have diſcloſed to him any of the Cauſes of the Diſſatisfaction of the *Indians*; and that he would be pleaſed to communicate to the Houſe ſuch Letters, Papers, Conferences and other Intelligence, as he may have received on the Subject of his Meſſage and the General's Letter."

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

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1768. January 6.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the verbal Message, in the Forenoon, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to acquaint them, "that he had not received from Sir *William Johnson*, or other Person, any Intelligence concerning the Subject of his Message to the House more than he had communicated by that Message; that he had not lately held a Conference with the Deputies of the *Six Nations* in Town, but had wrote to Sir *William Johnson* by them, respecting the present Dissatisfaction of the *Indians*, and knew not when he might expect an Answer."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of Yesterday, and, after some Time spent therein, being acquainted that *George Croghan*, Esq; Deputy-Agent to Sir *William Johnson*, and some other Persons from the Westward, were in Town, who could probably give them further Intelligence concerning the present Dissatisfaction of the *Indians*, and the Number of Settlers on the unpurchased Lands about *Redstone* Creek and *Cheat* River,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk give Notice in Writing to Mr. *Croghan*, Mr. *Dixon* and Mr. *Gibson*, that the House require their Attendance at Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Petitions from *Andrew Reid*, *Barnaby Owen*, *Peter Newman*, *Jonathan Guy*, *Thomas Cook*, *Richard Joyce* and *Samuel Toles*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of this City, were presented to the House and read, praying Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Bywater*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Cabinet-maker, against the Discharge of *Thomas Cook* from Confinement, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Directors of the Society for insuring Houses from Loss by Fire, in the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that such Insurance hath proved very useful and advantageous to the Public; and that Numbers of the Society, as well for their own mutual Security and Benefit, as for the common Security and Advantage of their Fellow-Citizens and Neighbours, have engaged in a Scheme of Insurance, upon equal Terms, and apart from all Views of private Interest;——that great Inconveniencies have arisen in lending the Stock of the Company, for Want of a Law for incorporating them and their Successors: Wherefore the Petitioners pray Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment *January 7.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment.

*George Croghan*, Esq; and Mr. *Dixon*, one of the Surveyors from *London*, employed in running the Provincial Line, attending, agreeable to Notice, were severally called in, and having answered such Questions as were put to them from the Chair, withdrew. ——The Intelligence, communicated by Mr. *Croghan*, was as follows, *viz.*

Mr. *Croghan's* Intelligence respecting *Indian* Affairs.

THAT about three Years ago, by his Majesty's Order, a Boundary was agreed on, by Sir *William Johnson* and the *Six Nation Indians*; —— that, last *September* the *Six Nations* informed Sir *William*, the *Senecas* were greatly dissatisfied at this Boundary's not being established and confirmed; and that they had not received any Consideration for the Lands on the Side of the Line next to the *British* Colonies;——that they complained loudly of the People of *Virginia*, for settling the Lands agreed to be ceded, before the Boundary was settled, or they had received any Compensation for them;—— that several of their People had been killed in passing through those Lands, to war with their Enemies the Southern *Indians*.

That General *Gage* and Sir *William Johnson* sent him *(George Croghan)* in *October* last, to the Westward, to a Meeting which they had heard was to be held by a Number of *Indians*, to discover the Occasion and Design of their Meeting; that when he got to Fort *Pitt*, the *Delawares* and *Shawanese* informed him, that the intended Meeting was put off till *March* next; that at Fort *Detroit* he had a Meeting with the *Hurons*, *Chippawaws*, *Potowatamies* and *Tawaws*;——that the *Hurons* denied they had any Invitation to the Meeting. The other Tribes confessed they were apprized of this Meeting; and that the Intention of it was to accommodate Differences subsisting among themselves, and to form a general Confederacy between the Northern and Western *Indians*;——that they also informed him, that the *Senecas*, at this Meeting, intended to lay before them the above Complaints respecting the Settlement of their Lands, the Murder of their Brethren and the Non-compliance with the Agreement concerning the Boundary;—that this was afterwards confirmed to Mr. *Croghan* by the *Shawanese* and *Delawares*, upon his Return to Fort *Pitt*; and that this Meeting was agreed on at the Instance of the *Chippawaws* (or *Hunters)* who are supposed to be Fifteen Hundred fighting Men;—that the Belts, a Number of which were shewn him by the *Delawares*

1768. and *Shawaneſe*, came from them; ſo that Mr. *Croghan* has no Doubt that ſuch a Meeting is to be held.

*January* 7. That between *Chriſtmas* and *June* laſt, there has been Nineteen *Senecas* killed by the People ſettled on the unpurchaſed Lands intended to be ceded, as thoſe *Indians* were going to War.

That beſides this Information, there were laſt Fall various Letters received by the Governor and Sir *William*, from the Out-Poſts, giving an Account of this Meeting, and of the Diſſatisfaction of the *Indians*.

That Mr. *Croghan* was informed, by one *Henry*, a Gunſmith, who went to the Settlement at *Redſtone* Creek and *Cheat* River, to purchaſe Cattle, that there were about three Hundred white Men ſettled there.

That the *Senecas* have complained, though not lately, of the Murder of the *Indians* at *Lancaſter*, among other Murders;——that they are a revengeful People, and though they do not immediately reſent, they ſeldom forgive.

That Sir *William Johnſon* has wrote to the Governor, to ſatisfy the *Indians* reſpecting the Lands taken from them at *Coneſtogoe*, which the Governor has agreed to; but that it was not yet compleated, occaſioned by a Diſpute to what Tribe the Land belongs; that this Diſpute was referred to be ſettled by a Council of the *Six Nations* among themſelves, but is not yet done;——that Mr. *Croghan* does not know of any Thing being done, reſpecting the Murder of thoſe *Indians*, or any Satisfaction made them for it.

That the *Indians* have ſent ſeveral Belts to Sir *William*, concerning the Settlement of the Boundary; and that they are much incenſed at the late Murders of their People; which laſt (Mr. *Croghan* believes) is the principal Cauſe of their preſent Diſcontent.

That ſeveral Traders from this and other Provinces, do, notwithſtanding the Orders from the Crown, go into the *Indian* Country with Merchandize; and Mr. *Croghan* thinks, but is not certain, that an Account of them has been ſent to the Governor by Captain *Murray*.

That as to the Method of appeaſing the Reſentment of the *Senecas*, on Account of the Murders at *Coneſtogoe* and *Lancaſter*, Mr. *Croghan* begged to be excuſed from pointing it out, being of Opinion that any Thing of that Kind would come better from Sir *William Johnſon*."

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe in the Afternoon, to conſider further of the important Matters recommended to them by the Governor's Meſſage and General *Gage's* Letter.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Directors of the Society for inſuring Houſes from Loſs by Fire, was again read, and Leave given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe mentioned in the ſaid Petition.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Order of the Forenoon being read, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Subject of the General's Letter, and his Honour's Meſſage of the fifth Inſtant; and, after ſome Debate, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Aſhbridge* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Buſineſs before them, and deſired Leave to ſit again To-morrow Morning, which being agreed to,

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 8. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and, taking into Conſideration the Requeſt of the Committee to ſit again, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Buſineſs before them; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Aſhbridge* reported from the Committee, that as they had not yet gone through the Matters referred to them, he was directed to requeſt Leave for them to ſit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to,

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Purſuant to Leave granted the Committe to ſit again, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Subject of the Governor's Meſſage and his Excellency's Letter; and after further Debate thereon, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Aſhbridge* reported from the Committee, that, having finiſhed their Deliberations on the Buſineſs before them, and come to ſome Reſolution, they had directed him to report the ſame whenever the Houſe ſhall be pleaſed to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Aſhbridge* then (according to Order) reported the ſaid Reſolutions, which he firſt read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, were the ſame being again read, were agreed to by the Houſe, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be prepared and brought into the Houſe for the Removal and to prevent the Return of the People who have

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settled on the Frontier Parts of this Province, not purchased of the *Indians*, contrary to his Majesty's Proclamation. 1768. January 8.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Punishment to be inflicted, by the Bill, on Persons settled within the unpurchased Lands of this Province, who shall refuse to remove upon legal Notice given for that Purpose; or, having removed, shall return to their Settlements, or shall hereafter settle, be Death without Benefit of Clergy; and that the said Bill be temporary.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that, by a Provision to be inserted in the said Bill, all Persons settling near any of his Majesty's Garrisons, and those on the Communication between the settled Parts of this Province, purchased by the Natives, and Fort *Pitt* be excepted.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Clause be inserted in the said Bill, for applying a Sum of Money, to defray the Expence of removing those Settlers, out of the Fund appropriated, by Law, for defraying the Charges of the late *Indian* Treaties held at *Easton* and *Lancaster*.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an Address to the Governor be prepared and presented by the House, requesting his Honour will be pleased to direct that a due Inquiry be speedily made for discovering the Perpetrators of the *Indian* Massacres at *Conestogoe* and *Lancaster*, as it appears probable to the Committee that the Remembrance of those Acts of Barbarity, is one of the Causes of the present Dissatisfaction of the *Indians*; and to assure him that the House will be always ready to cooperate with him in any Measures necessary for that Purpose.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the House should immediately recommend, in the warmest Terms, to the Agents of this Province, to solicit Orders from the Crown, for establishing a Boundary between the Colonies and the Natives, the Want whereof appears to the Committee to be one of the Causes of the present unfriendly Disposition of the *Indians*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Resolves of the Committee of the whole House, the same were again read, by Order, and agreed to. *January* 9.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for removing the Settlers on *Redstone* Creek, *Cheat* River, and other Lands to the Westward, not purchased of the *Indians*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Ashbridge* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to the Governor, in Answer to his Message of the fifth Instant, and to request he would be pleased to direct that due Inquiry he speedily made for discovering and bringing to Justice the Perpetrators of the *Indian* Massacres at *Conestogoe* and *Lancaster*.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence do prepare and bring in a Draught of a Letter to the Agents of this Province in *London*, directing them to solicit Orders from the Crown for establishing a Boundary between the Colonies and the *Indians*.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do sit as often, during the present Session of Assembly, as there may be Occasion, to hear the Complaints of Persons who conceive themselves aggrieved by any public Officer of this Province, in the taking exorbitant Fees for Services done in Discharge of the Duties of his Office, or any other public Grievance.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M* Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjourment. *January* 11.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to remove the Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province not purchased of the *Indians*, reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading. *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 12.

Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *M'Grew*, Representatives for the Counties of *Cumberland* and *York*, this Day appeared in the House for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message of the fifth Instant, reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, was after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

A Petition

1768. *January* 12. A Petition from a Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that ſeveral of the Petitioners have ſuffered greatly in their Flocks of Sheep, having been killed by Dogs, and others are apprehenſive of the ſame Misfortune, from the great Number of uſeleſs Dogs running about the Country——Wherefore the Petitioners pray the Houſe to take the ſame into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief, by laying a Tax upon Dogs, or by any other Means that will leſſen the Number, as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Poor, reported, they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 13. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes and report ſuch Matters to the Houſe as were recommended to Conſideration by the preceding Aſſembly, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. PURSUANT to the Directions of the Houſe, we have inſpected the Minutes of the Aſſembly of laſt Year, and find recommended to the Notice and Care of this Houſe,

The building the Houſes originally intended at the Barracks of *Philadelphia*, for the Uſe of the Officers.

The Petitions of *Daniel M'Iſaac*, *John Richey*, *Andrew Reid* and *James Hedge*, languiſhing Debtors in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, for Relief in reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

The Utility and Neceſſity of paſſing a Bill relating to Perſons becoming inſolvent or Bankrupts, and of another Bill relating to the Care and Cuſtody of the Eſtates and Perſons of Lunaticks and other inſane Perſons within this Province.

The Bill for regulating the Fiſhery in the River *Brandywine*.

The Petitions of *William Hembell* and *Lewis Farmer*, Foreigners, for Leave to bring in a Bill for inveſting them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects within this Province.

The Right of the Houſe to appoint a Printer of the Votes of Aſſembly and the Laws of this Province, and to make a ſuitable Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage on that Subject.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the public Accounts, and particularly that Part thereof which relates to the Settlement of the Accounts of the General Loan-Office.

Having alſo looked over the Laws, we find the two following Acts are near expireing, *viz.*

An Act, entituled, "*An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *and* Mulatto *Slaves imported into this Province.*"

An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Loaf Bread.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

*Philadelphia, Jan.* 12, 1768. JOSEPH WATSON, ISAAC PEARSON, JOSEPH FOX, JAMES PEMBERTON, JOHN ROSS."

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins*, commanding his Majeſty's Troops quartered at the Barrack of this City, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*S I R*, *Philadelphia* Barracks, 7th *January*, 1768.

Col. *Wilkins's* Letter reſpecting the State of the Barracks, &c. I BEG Leave to obſerve to you, for the Information of your Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, that the Foundation of the Barracks will ſoon give way, unleſs proper Drains are made to carry off the heavy Rains, which make the Barrack-Yard (that ſhould be a firm Place of Parade) all a Bog, and Half-Leg deep in Mud, as is alſo the Communication from the Pavement of the Town to the Barracks: — And I flatter myſelf that the Honourable Houſe will purſue their good Intentions of completing the Barracks, by finiſhing what is already begun, *viz.* the Appartment for the Commanding Officer, alſo thoſe for the other Officers, all which would make his Majeſty's Troops more comfortable, and would be an Ornament to this Town, and in the End a real ſaving to the Province. I am, Sir, with real Eſteem and Regard,

*Your moſt faithful and obedient Servant,*

JOHN WILKINS, *Lieutenant-Colonel, commanding on the Weſtern Diſtrict to the* Ohio."

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The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message of the fifth Instant, being transcribed according to Order, was compared at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.* 1768. January 13.

*May it please your* HONOUR,

THE Subject of your Message, of the fifth Instant, and the Letter from his Excellency General *Gage*, therein referred to, was of so serious a Nature, that we thought it our Duty to take it immediately under the most deliberate Consideration. The Dissatisfaction and ill Disposition of the *Indians* towards us, with his Excellency's and Sir *William Johnson's* Apprehensions of an immediate Rupture with them, are truly alarming, and certainly demand the utmost Attention of every Colony that is in any Manner exposed to their Violence or connected with them. A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

We find from his Excellency's Letter, and our own Inquiry, that the Causes of the present ill Temper of the *Indians* are the audacious Encroachments made by a Number of People, who have settled on their Lands at *Redstone* Creek and *Cheat* River, within the Bounds of this Province, and the Murders committed on a Number of *Seneca* and other *Indians*, by Persons who have hitherto bid Defiance to the Laws and eluded the Hands of Justice. These Offences, so injurious to the Rights of the Natives, and the Security of their Persons, in Violation of the solemn Treaties of Peace and Friendship established with them, and in Contempt of his Majesty's Proclamation, and the Laws of the Colony, where committed, cannot fail to create in their Minds the most dangerous Jealousies of our public Faith and Integrity, and are probably Motives to their Design of forming a powerful Confederacy in the Spring. —— The Settlement of their Lands, without their Consent, we fear, has rendered them suspicious that we intend to make them our own, without paying any Consideration for them. And the repeated Murders perpetrated on their People by the Frontier Inhabitants of several of the Colonies, must fill the Minds of Persons whose Passion is Revenge, and who never forget Injuries without an Atonement made for them, with Resentment against the Governments under which such heinous Offences are committed with Impunity. And as in all Probability those People will not distinguish between the public Acts of Government, and the wicked Conduct of lawless Men, they must in the End bring on a Savage War, attended with an immense Expence to *Great-Britain* and her Colonies, in which the Innocent will be involved with the Guilty, and neither Age nor Sex find Compassion or Mercy. Under this View of the Matters recommended by your Honour to the House, we are of Opinion, that the Removal of every Cause of the present Discontent of the *Indians*, and a Redress of every Grievance they can justly complain of, are Objects of the highest Importance to the Peace and Safety of the Province.

In order to remove these lawless Intruders on the *Indian* Lands, and to prevent any future Settlements thereon, we are preparing a Bill, which we hope will be effectual. The Provisions in this Bill, we expect will answer the good Purposes intended; for should these unhappy Men obstinately persist in their Offence, they must become liable to the heavy Penalties of the Law, and we presume will, on cool Consideration of their Danger, and the mischievous Tendency of their Conduct, prudently desert their Settlements, and thereby redress that Part of the *Indian* Complaints. But should we be disappointed in this Expectation, we beg Leave earnestly to recommend it to your Honour to exert your utmost Endeavours to secure the Tranquility of the Province and avert the present Prospect of an *Indian* Rupture.

But, may it please your Honour, should the Effects of this Law answer our Expectations of removing these lawless People from the *Indian* Lands, we fear, that there will still remain a principal Cause of their Dissatisfaction. We have received Information that a Number of *Senecas* have been lately killed on the Frontiers of this and the neighbouring Provinces: And we can never forget those flagrant Breaches of the Laws of Hospitality, the horrid Acts of Barbarity committed in the Year 1763, on the Remains of a Tribe of the same *Indians*, and others, at *Conestogoe* and *Lancaster*, which must also be remembered by your Honour. If Murders will admit of Aggravation, the Circumstances attending the last-mentioned of those impious Transactions, would greatly enhance the Guilt of the Offenders. The Forefathers of those innocent Victims were received into an Alliance of Friendship by our first Honourable Proprietary. —— Their Posterity were settled by the Government on a Tract of Land at *Conestogoe*, and remained there peaceably, until Part of them were inhumanly massacred: The Rest, reposing the firmest Confidence in the Faith of the Government, were taken, in their Distress, under its more immediate Protection in the Work-house at *Lancaster*, where Men, Women and helpless Infants alike became a Sacrifice to the frantic Rage and relentless Cruelty of a Set of Men equally regardless of the Dictates of Humanity, Religion, and the Laws of their Country. These Murders, we find, have reached the Ears of the *Indians*, and they have complained of them among others; they are undoubtedly one of the Causes of their present Discontent; and will, we fear, be made

1768. *January* 13. uſe of to excite the Reſentment of the Natives againſt this Province, in a particular Manner, ſhould a Rupture with them unhappily take Place. Nor will this appear by any Means improbable, when it is conſidered, that the like Offenders, in the King's Government of *New-Jerſey*, have been brought to condign Puniſhment, and thereby a ſatisfactory Atonement made to the *Indians* for the Loſs of their Brethern. Whether, therefore, we conſider ourſelves, on this Occaſion, as Perſons concerned for the future Welfare of the People we repreſent, and a due Execution of the Laws, upon which the Honour and Dignity of the Government depend, or for the Removal of every Cauſe which may increaſe the Danger of an *Indian* War, we are preſſed, by the ſtrongeſt Motives, to take this Opportunity of earneſtly entreating your Honour, that diligent and ſpeedy Inquiſition be made after thoſe atrocious Offenders, who have ſtained the Land with innocent Blood, and bid Defiance to the Laws of their Country; to effect which, no Aſſiſtance in our Power ſhall be wanting, that the Importance of the Occaſion requires.

Notwithſtanding the tumultuous State of the Province might oppoſe the Exertion of the Powers of Government, neceſſary to bring thoſe Criminals to Juſtice, at the Time of committing the Offence, yet, we apprehend, that Obſtruction has been long ſince removed, and that the paſt as well as preſent Tranquility of the Province, with the Horror and Deteſtation with which all honeſt and good Men look back on thoſe Tranſactions, have afforded, and yet do afford, a favourable Opportunity of reſtoring the Government to its former Power and Dignity, lately ſo inſolently trampled on, and of convincing theſe Offenders, that although Juſtice may ſometime ſleep, it can never die. Beſides, it is the Dread of exemplary Puniſhment, ſteadily and uniformly inflicted on paſt Delinquents, that alone can deter the Wicked from the Perpetration of future Offences. And ſhould Crimes, of the firſt Rank, of the deepeſt Dye, remain unpuniſhed, wicked Men will never be wanting, in any Country, to take Advantage of the Times, and the Debility of Government, to commit the like and other Crimes.

We heartily concur in Opinion with your Honour, that "Nothing can be of more Importance to the Province, than preventing the calamitous Effects of an *Indian* War," and that "the Principles both of Juſtice and Policy, call for a ſpeedy Redreſs of the Grievances complained of by the *Indians*." And we aſſure the Governor, that the Houſe is much obliged by his Declaration, that "he would willingly take every Meaſure in his Power, not only to remove the juſt Cauſes of their Complaints of *paſt* Injuries, but to protect their Perſons and Properties for the *future*." From ſuch a Diſpoſition put in Practice, we have Reaſon to expect, that all the Cauſes of *Indian* Complaints, againſt this Government, may be removed, and their Minds impreſſed with proper Ideas of its Juſtice, and our friendly Diſpoſition towards them, which alone can form the ſolid Foundation of a laſting Peace. And we hope your Honour will not meet with much Difficulty in this important Service to the Province: For, when we conſider the Manner of committing the Murders at *Lancaſter*, that it was done at Noon-Day, in the midſt of a populous Borough, and in the Preſence of many Spectators, by Men, probably of the ſame County, undiſguiſed and well known, we apprehend their Names may be eaſily diſcovered, and their Perſons brought to that Puniſhment their heinous Offences deſerve.

On this important Subject, permit us alſo to remark, that we are further aſſured, from good Information, that a general Boundary, between the Natives and theſe Colonies, has been ſome Time paſt, negotiated with them, by Sir *William Johnſon*, in Obedience to His Majeſty's Orders;—that the Boundary agreed on, will be far diſtant from our Frontier Settlements, and a large Tract of Country within it, will thereby be ceded to His Majeſty, for a valuable Conſideration;—that, as ſome Time has elapſed ſince the Agreement was made with the *Indians*, and, in the mean Time, the People on the Frontiers have been encroaching on their Lands, while this Boundary remains unconfirmed, and the *Indians* unſatisfied for their Country, they are become very uneaſy on this Account alſo, and jealous that there is no Deſign to ratify and confirm it. To obviate which Cauſe of their Diſcontent, and effectually to eſtabliſh, between them and His Majeſty's Subjects, a durable Peace, we are of Opinion, that a ſpeedy Confirmation of this Boundary, and a juſt Satisfaction made to them for their Lands on this Side of it, is abſolutely neceſſary. By this Means, all their preſent Complaints of Encroachments will be removed; the People on our Frontiers will have a ſufficient Country to ſettle or hunt in, without interfering with them; and the Northern *Indians*, in their War Expeditions againſt the Southern, will not be liable to the Inſults which have been heretofore offered to their Perſons. For theſe Reaſons, we earneſtly requeſt your Honour would communicate theſe our Sentiments to his Excellency General *Gage* and Sir *William Johnſon*, and uſe your utmoſt Endeavours to prevail on them to finiſh, if in their Power, with all convenient Diſpatch, a Meaſure ſo eſſential to the Removal of the preſent Diſcontent of the Natives, and future Tranquility of theſe Colonies.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*January* 13, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered,*

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Yardley* wait on the Governor and deliver the foregoing Answer to his Message of the fifth Instant.

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The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the "Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province "not purchased of the* Indians," and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message of the fifth Instant, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to re- "move the Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this "Province not purchased of the* Indians," which being in Part gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*January* 14.

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Memorial from the Commissioners for paving the Streets of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that all the Monies formerly granted for the pitching and paving the said City, cleansing and rendering more navigable the Dock, and amending the paved Parts of the said Streets, has been some Time expended, as may appear by Accounts which have been from Time to Time laid before and approved of by the Magistrates and the several Grand Juries of the said City;—that the Tax raised for this current Year will not amount to more than is sufficient to pay the Scavengers employed to keep the Streets clean, and make the necessary Repairs in the Pavements thereof;—that a considerable Part of the Streets of the City remains yet unpaved, to the great Detriment of Travellers in general, and the Owners and Occupiers of Houses fronting the same;—that, as all the Inhabitants and Owners of Houses are obliged by Law to pay their respective Proportions of the Sum of Money already granted and expended, as well as the yearly Tax, without an adequate Benefit to such as have their Estates in the unpaved Parts of the City, the Hardship complained of by such Inhabitants must continue, unless the Legislature will be pleased to grant to the City a further Sum sufficient to enable the Commissioners generally to perfect this salutary Work;—the Remonstrants therefore pray the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief as to them in their Wisdom shall seem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, and the *Northern Liberties* of the said City, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a few public Landings at the North End of the City, and in the *Northern Liberties* aforesaid are, in the Opinion of the Petitioners, scarcely sufficient for the Accommodation of the present Inhabitants and the King's Barracks, and that as the Buildings and Improvements yearly increase, the Want of such public Landings will proportionably be more and more felt;—wherefore the Petitioners pray the Honourable House would be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief as to them shall seem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Vestrymen, Church-Wardens and divers Members of the *German Lutheran* Congregation in *Heidelberg* Town, in the Township of *Heidelberg*, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have built and finished a good Stone Building in the Town aforesaid, for a Place of Worship; that they have contributed towards the same according to their Abilities, and that finding themselves nevertheless in Arrears to the Amount of *Five Hundred and Ninety-Four Pounds Ten Shillings*, which the Members of the said Congregation are not able among themselves to discharge, they humbly pray the Honourable House would be pleased to grant Leave to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for erecting a Lottery to enable them to pay off the Debt aforesaid.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Minister, Elders and Deacons of the *German Calvinist* Church in the Township of *Worcester*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Members of said Congregation having erected a Church and School-House in the Township aforesaid, the Expence thereof has unfortunately run so high as to leave them in Debt to the Amount of near *Six Hundred Pounds*, notwithstanding the liberal Contributions of said Members and their Neighbours;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House would grant them Leave to bring in a Bill for raising, by Way of Lottery, a Sum of Money not exceeding *Six Hundred Pounds*, in order to enable them to discharge the Debts due from the said Congregation.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the "Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling upon any Lands in this Province "not purchased of the* Indians," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

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1768. The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief*
*January* 14. "*of the Poor*," and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P.* M.
*Poſt Meridiem* The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Perſons now ſettled and to prevent others*
"*from ſettling on any Lands in this Province not purchaſed of the* Indians," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 15. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed laſt Night, reported, they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into his immediate Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the*
"*Relief of the Poor*," and having made ſome Progreſs therein, adjourned to Three
Adjournment o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock
Adjournment To-morrow Morning.

*January* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Berks*, *Philadelphia* and *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that notwithſtanding the Proviſions made by the Legiſlature of this Province, and the Sums of Money expended for rendering *Schuylkill* navigable, there yet remains many Difficulties and Obſtructions in the ſaid River, to the great Diſcouragement and Hindrance of all concerned in Trade; that the Petitioners conceive thoſe Impediments may be removed by a proper Exerciſe of the Powers veſted in the Commiſſioners by the Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Pre-*
"*ſervation of the Fiſh in the ſaid River*;"—that the ſaid Commiſſioners have never rendered any Account of the Monies by them received and expended as by the ſaid Act they are directed and required; — that inaſmuch as ſome of thoſe Commiſſioners appointed by the ſaid Law are now deceaſed, and others totally decline or neglect attending to the Duties by the ſaid Act directed, the Petitioners pray the Honourable Houſe to take this important Matter into Conſideration, and cauſe the preſent Commiſſioners to account according to Law, and grant them further Relief in the Premiſes, by appointing other Commiſſioners in the Room of thoſe deceaſed, and of thoſe who refuſe or neglect to act, or in ſuch other Manner as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem expedient.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from *Luke Nethermark*, and others, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe mentioned in their ſaid Petition.

The Petition from *Bucks* County for a Tax upon Dogs, was again read, and referred, after ſome Debate, to further Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 18. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia*, *Cheſter* and *Berks*, in Behalf of themſelves and many others, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have with great Concern obſerved the Laws hitherto paſſed for making the Navigation of the River *Schuylkill* uſeful, and for preſerving the Fiſh of ſaid River, are rendered ineffectual by the Encroachments of ſome of the Inhabitants near the ſaid River, who have erected many Dams, *&c.* in the ſame, and alledge in Juſtification of their Conduct, that they have an equal Right ſo to do, with any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable Houſe will once more take under Conſideration the Navigation and Fiſhery of the ſaid River, and make ſuch Law or Laws as will fully anſwer the good Purpoſes intended, for otherwiſe they are well aſſured the Navigation and Fiſhery thereof will be totally deſtroyed in a ſhort Space of Time, many Obſtructions, beſides the natural ones, being laid in the ſaid River, and more Fiſh yearly deſtroyed by thoſe Obſtructions than are taken by the Inhabitants for their Support;—wherefore the Petitioners pray an Act may be paſſed as ſoon as poſſible for preventing the Evils complained of, which they conceive cannot be better done, than by a general Prohibition of all Dams and other Impediments, and by an Appointment of Commiſſioners in the ſaid Act from among the Freeholders reſiding on their own Eſtates along the ſaid River, who will be moſt likely to carry it fully into Execution, and beſt able to judge of whatever is neceſſary to improve the Navigation and preſerve the Fiſh in the ſaid River;—that the Petitioners,

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however, beg Leave to propose some Regulations, which they conceive very essential in Respect to the last of those Objects, to wit, that a Clause be inserted to prevent Fishing for Shad after the Tenth Day of *May* in every Year, and that no Sein or Net be made use of in the said River from the Tenth of *May* to the Tenth of *July* following, under severe Penalties;—that no Person or Persons presume to use Bush Nets, or other Contrivance of that Kind for impounding or taking any Fish whatsoever, it being well known that such Practices destroy great Quantities of Spawn and young Fish;—and that no Sein be allowed to be drawn at the *Province* Island, bounded on the Mouth of *Schuylkill*, as nothing more obstructs the Fish in returning to their native Waters. 1768. January 18.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Germantown*, in Behalf of themselves and others concerned, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that many of the original Deeds for the *Germantown* Lands, and the Proceedings of the Courts formerly held there, by Virtue of a Charter from *William Penn*, Esq; are recorded (some in *English*, and some in the *German* Tongue) in several Folio Books, which, together with the Charter aforesaid, and Patent for all the said Lands, and other pulic Deeds and Papers, were lately in the Custody of one *Richard Johnson*, then in *Germantown*, who in *March* 1766, removed to the Borough of *Lancaster* in this Province, and took all the said Records, Charter-Deeds and Papers away with him; and as the said *Richard Johnson* lately died at *Lancaster* aforesaid, and the said Records have not as yet been restored, the Petitioners apprehend it to be very unsafe, as well as inconvenient, to have Writeings of such Consequence, wherein the Property of so many Persons are concerned, lying in private Hands, and at such a Distance from them:——Wherefore they humbly pray the Honourable House to grant them such Relief in the Premises, by securing the said Papers for the Use of the Public in *Germantown*, or elsewhere, as to the House in their Wisdom may seem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Josiah F. Davenport*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that during his Residence at Fort *Pitt*, in the Year 1762, he was, together with Colonel *Burd*, appointed and commissioned by the Honourable *James Hamilton*, Esq; then Governor of the Province, as his Commissioners for receiving Captives, and making some Presents to the *Indians* who should bring them to *Pittsburg*;—that in Consequence thereof Colonel *Burd* arrived at Fort *Pitt* with Instructions, *Five Hundred Pounds* in Cash, and an Order on the Petitioner from the *Indian* Commissioners, in Favour of the Provincial Commissioners, for *Five Hundred Pounds* in Goods, for the Use aforesaid;———that, after Colonel *Burd* had staid some Weeks, and found no Prospect of either *Indians* or Captives coming in, he obtained Leave from the Governor to return, and to commit the whole Management to the Petitioner, taking with him *One Hundred Pounds* of the above-mentioned Cash, for defraying his Expences, *&c.*———that about the latter End of *December* the same Year, and Beginning of *January* following, two Parties of different Nations came to the Fort, with a Number of Captives, and delivered them up to Capt. *Ecuyer*, Commandant, *George Croghan*, Esq; and the Petitioner, in the usual Form;—that the Petitioner had the Care and Expence of both *Indians* and Captives till the Middle of *February*, when the Danger of the Captives deserting to the *Indians* was so great, that he sat out from Fort *Pitt* with the Prisoners, attended only with one white Man, and arrived at Fort *Bedford*, where he delivered many of them to their Parents, Husbands, *&c.* who had come there to receive them; the few remaining were given up on the Road, three Boys excepted, whom he brought to this City, and whose Parents or Relations were not to be found, which obliged the Petitioner to maintain them for several Years, as they were too young for Trades;—that the Petitioner had scarcely recruited from this severe Journey in the Depth of Winter, before he was ordered again to Fort *Pitt* by the Governor, to receive other Captives expected there daily;—that soon after the Petitioner got to *Pittsburg*, an *Indian* War broke out, which destroyed all Hopes while it lasted; but in *September* 1764, Colonel *Bouquett*, with the Forces under his Command, arrived and marched for *Tuscorawas*, where the *Indians* brought in upwards of Twenty Captives, which were immediately dispatched to *Pittsburg* to the Petitioner, who cloathed them and the *Indians* who came with them, besides many others who came back with the Troops;———that by Order of the Colonel, the Petitioner set off from Fort *Pitt* in *December*, with these and other Prisoners, and assisted them to *Carlisle* and *Lancaster*, whereby he underwent another severe Journey in a very inclement Season of the Year;———that in *May* 1765, the Petitioner being then at *Pittsburg* the *Shawanese* brought in their Prisoners, agreeable to a Promise made Colonel *Bouquett* the Fall before, being in Number about Forty-five, and delivered them up (at a Treaty held there for the Purpose) to Major *Murray*, Commandant, *George Croghan*, Esq; and the Petitioner;——that every Individual of these Captives the Petitioner cloathed and furnished with Necessaries till they arrived at their Homes; and although the Petitioner knew, and informed Colonel *Bouquett*, that the Cash in his Hands was not sufficient for these last

1768. Captives, yet their Neceſſities being ſo deplorable, and the General refuſing to allow any more, and this Province having no Goods there, he ventured at his own Riſk to exceed the *Four Hundred Pounds*, depending in ſome Meaſure on Colonel *Bouquett's* Promiſe that the Petitioner ſhould be no Loſer, for that this Province or the Crown would reimburſe him; but on the Petitioner's Return to *Philadelphia*, the Colonel had ſailed for *Penſacola*, without making any Proviſion for re-paying him, or for his Services to the Crown for near Two Years; —— that the Petitioner would beg Leave further to obſerve, that an Account for the *One Hundred Pounds* retained by Colonel *Burd*, as before-mentioned, was ſettled by the Provincial Commiſſioners, in which he was allowed *Fifteen Shillings* per Day, beſides the Expences of himſelf, Servant and Horſes on the Journey; ——the Petitioner therefore humbly prays they would be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, (particularly the Hardſhip under which he labours, in not only laying out of the Money he advanced, but in being allowed no Reward for his Services, while his Partner, who did ſo little, had an handſome Allowance made him) and order his Accounts to be examined, as were Colonel *Burd's*, and ſuch Compenſation made him, as ſhall appear to the Honourable Houſe juſt and reaſonable.

*January* 18. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions for an Appointment of new Commiſſioners for rendering the River *Schuylkill* navigable, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *M'Grew*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to reviſe the late Act of this Province for clearing *Schuylkill*, and to bring in a Bill for amending the ſame.

*Ordered*, That the Commiſſioners named in the ſaid Act make out a State of their Accounts with all convenient Diſpatch, and lay the ſame before the Houſe, as required by Law.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 19. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Correſpondence, purſuant to Order, reported, they had eſſayed a Draught of a Letter to the Agents for this Province in *London*, which they preſented to the Chair, and being read, after ſome Alterations, was agreed to, and ordered to be tranſcribed.

A Petition from *Mary Baſſtone*, Wife of *Henry Baſſtone*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth heavy Grievances under which ſhe labours, and from which ſhe has no Hopes of Relief, but in an Application to the Houſe——Referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination of the Parties.

A Petition from ſundry Owners of the *Wicacoa* and *Moyamenſing* Meadows was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners being informed, certain Perſons, ſome of them Owners of the *Moyamenſing* Meadows, have petitioned the Honourable Houſe againſt ſtopping out *Hollander's* Creek, in Oppoſition to a much larger Number of Owners and Occupiers of *Wicacoa* Meadows, lying on the other Side of ſaid Creek, who are deſirous of having the ſame dammed out, they beg Leave to acquaint the Houſe, that they apprehend their Requeſt will be found as advantageous to the Oppoſers of it, as to themſelves, when duly inquired into and conſidered, nothwithſtanding what has been alleged to the contrary; and therefore they reſpectfully renew their Petition for Leave to bring in a Bill to ſtop out the ſaid Creek, unleſs it ſhall be the Opinion of the Houſe that the Diſadvantages accruing will be greater than the Utility expected to both Companies by the Petitioners. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties* of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners conceive themſelves likely to be much aggrieved by an Act of Aſſembly lately paſſed, entituled, "*An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of* "*the Poor within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *the Townſhips of* "Moyamenſing *and* Paſſyunk *and the* Northern Liberties;" ——— that the Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties*, by an yearly *Three-penny* Tax, has in general been able to ſupport its own Poor, when Eighteen in Number; but that now, although only Five Poor of the ſaid Townſhip are in the Houſe of Employment, the Overſeers of the Townſhip are not only called on for the *Three-penny* Tax, by the Managers of ſaid Houſe, and Overſeers of the City Poor, but alſo to raiſe a ſecond *Three-penny* Tax, which the Petitioners apprehend the Overſeers in ſaid Townſhip have no Right to do, when one Tax, it can be ſhewn, is more than ſufficient to ſupport their Poor; — that although the Overſeers of the Poor are choſen by the Townſhip as Perſons well acquainted with the Circumſtances of their Poor, and fitteſt to proportion the Money raiſed for their Support, according to their ſeveral Neceſſities; yet, under the preſent Law, the Overſeers are made only mere Collectors of the Tax, have no Voice in laying it out, nor (as they are told) ſo much as a Right of judging of the Quantum of the Tax proper to be raiſed;

raiſed; but are only to collect it when called upon; and on this Footing the Petitioners apprehend no Perſons of any Credit can be prevailed on, for the future, to ſerve the Office of Overſeers; eſpecially as there is another great Hardſhip by the Law, *viz.* that the Overſeers have no Power to give any Part of their Townſhips Money to Perſons under any Misfortune, or reduced Families, who by the Help of a ſmall Sum in Money, or a few Cords of Firewood ſeaſonably given, might be enabled to carry their Families through the Winter; but are obliged to tell ſuch Perſons that they muſt go to the Houſe of Employ, and lay their Caſe before Managers unacquainted with their Circumſtances, or elſe continue in their preſent Miſery without Relief, which laſt Alternative, it is feared, many worthy but unfortunate Perſons, would rather chooſe, than go with their Families to the Houſe of Employ, or even make their Caſe known to Strangers;——that, by a Clauſe in ſaid Act, the Method of getting rid of diſorderly Perſons, who are like to become a public Charge, is greatly incumbered, by requiring an Application to two Managers, and then thoſe Managers to apply to two Magiſtrates, when the Overſeers might be privileged with an immediate Application to the Magiſtrates themſelves;—— that the Method of chooſing ſaid Managers ſeems unequal to the Petitioners, ſince only Subſcribers of *Ten Pounds* or upwards have a Vote, when Perſons, who are contributeing much more by an yearly perpetual Charge on their Eſtates, have no Vote, which they ought to have, in order that there might be ſome Security to thoſe whoſe Eſtates are thus chargeable, that the ſaid Managers would pay ſome Regard to their Complaints; that by the ſaid Law, another great Inequality appears; the whole Poor of the City, the Diſtrict and Three Townſhips are about Three Hundred and Two, whereof the Diſtrict and Townſhips have about Thirty-ſeven, in common; which is a Proportion of near Eight Poor in the City, to One in the Diſtrict and Townſhips;—the City raiſes about *Two Thouſand Pounds* by Two Taxes—the others raiſe about *Three Hundred* and *Seventy-ſeven Pounds* by one Tax;—ſo that if the City raiſes two Taxes, when the others raiſe One, the latter will actually ſupport One Sixth Part of the whole Poor, when they ſhould ſupport only One Eighth. And if the Managers and Overſeers of the City Poor, as they have endeavoured, could order the Diſtrict and Townſhips always to raiſe two Taxes, when the City raiſes Two, they would then oblige the Diſtrict and Townſhips to ſupport One Third, inſtead of One Eighth of the Whole; — that there is the ſame unreaſonable Diſparity, in requiring by the Law, the Diſtrict and Townſhips to pay One Fourth of what the Alms-houſe Lot may ſell for, when they ſhould only pay One Eighth Part, if any at all;—that if the Lot ſells for *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, the *Liberties* will have *Thirteen Hundred Pounds* to raiſe in Five Years, which cannot be done in leſs than Seven Years by a *Three-penny* Tax, beſides their other Expences, and beſides paying the ſame unreaſonable Proportion of all the Money that is, or may be borrowed at the Diſcretion of the Managers, over whom they have no Controul, nor any Voice in the Choice of, although their Eſtates be thus ſubjected to their Diſcretion;—— that the Petitioners apprehend the Citizens are too juſt and generous to deſire an unequal Burden on others for the Support of their Poor, or to wiſh to force the Inhabitants and Freeholders in the *Liberties*, againſt their Will, to contribute to the erecting and ſupporting ſo expenſive a Building, which may be worthy of the City to do, both for Uſe and Ornament; but the *Liberties* can accommodate their own Poor in a far more plain and frugal Manner; and that further, as the Townſhip of the *Liberties* never applied to be included in this Act, and apprehend that it cannot be amended on any Footing that will be laſting or ſatisfactory, as Circumſtances will often change: —— Wherefore the Petitioners humbly pray, that ſo much of the ſaid Act as relates to the Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties* may be repealed, and that the ſaid Townſhip may be left to provide for their own Poor as heretofore, or under ſuch new Regulations as the Petitioners may afterwards pray the Honourable Houſe to enact into a ſeparate Law.

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*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Joſiah F. Davenport* was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, referred to the Provincial Commiſſioners for Settlement.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe an Account from *Peter Bard*, late Commiſſary of the Province Stores, for his Services in that Office, which was read by Order, and referred to the Provincial Commiſſioners for Examination.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

A Remonſtrance from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that ſome of them, with divers other Perſons, reſiding within the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, having laid before the Houſe a Petition for a more equitable Proportion to be laid on their Eſtates for the Amount of the Alms-houſe Lots in the City of *Philadelphia*, as is therein more fully expreſſed; and the Remonſtrants being informed that divers other Perſons, reſiding in the Diſtrict aforeſaid, are preparing another Petition to be laid before the Houſe, praying that the ſaid Diſtrict

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1768. *January* 19. be disjoined and ſeparated from the City in Relation to the Houſe of Employment, intended for their mutual Eaſe and Benefit, they beg Leave to acquaint the Houſe that they are fully convinced, ſuch a Separation would be productive of many obviouſly bad Conſequences, and of no Advantage whatſoever to the Inhabitants of the ſaid Diſtrict, and have not any Doubt the ſame will ſo clearly appear to the Houſe on Conſideration thereof, as to render any Arguments on the Subject unneceſſary;——that divers of the Remonſtrants, according to their Circumſtances, have chearfully contributed to the Eſtabliſhment of the Houſe of Employment, and hope they ſhall ever in future encourage, to the utmoſt of their Abilities, Inſtitutions founded on ſuch juſt Principles, for the *Unity* of the People, and the Benefit of the Poor;——that in the ſaid Houſe of Employment they have the Pleaſure to obſerve, under the truly benevolent Conduct of the Managers, as well the Poor of the City, as of the Diſtrict, well and decently provided for, according to Law, by the joint Stock;——that the Remonſtrants therefore earneſtly beg the Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and confide, that ſuch Applications as have a manifeſt Tendency to diſunite the People of the City and Diſtrict, and introduce a Train of Conſequences evil in their Nature and deſtructive in their End, will not be encouraged. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants near the River *Schuylkill* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they find from Experience the good Intent of the Legiſlature in forming a Law for making the River *Schuylkill* navigable, and for the Preſervation of the Fiſh in the ſaid River is rendered fruitleſs, and the large Sums of Money expended in this beneficial Work of little Advantage to the Public, owing to the Non-execution of the Law;——that the ſaid River is now ſo full of Obſtructions that the Navigation is more dangerous, and more Fiſh deſtroyed than before the paſſing of that Law, which the Petitioners conceive is occaſioned by the Death and Inability of ſome of the Commiſſioners to attend the Duties required of them, and by the Neglect of others who are not immediately intereſted in the Improvement of the Navigation:—Wherefore the Petitioners pray that their Repreſentatives would be pleaſed to appoint ſuch other Commiſſioners living on or near the ſaid River, whoſe immediate Intereſt will engage them to pay a proper Attention to this important Service, and empower them to apply the Fines ariſing by this Law, towards clearing the ſaid River, or grant the Petitioners ſuch other Relief as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Edward Lowrey*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of this City, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment *January* 20. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the Act, entituled, "*An Act for rendering the River* Schuylkill *navigable*," &c. reported, they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants and Owners of the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, in Subſtance nearly the ſame with that of Yeſterday from the *Northern Liberties*, againſt being united with the City in the Support of their Poor, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from Doctor *Phineas Bond*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that during the Space of Seven Years, he has given his Attendance, as a Phyſician, on the ſick, aged and infirm *French* Neutrals, reſiding in and near the ſaid City, ſupplying them with the neceſſary Medicines for their Cure and Relief at his own Expence;—that although he was not employed by any proper Authority from the Repreſentatives of the People, yet, as the Principles of Humanity forbad his neglecting the conſtant Solicitations of thoſe unhappy People, in their Sickneſs and Diſtreſs, and as he apprehends he has been, at a conſiderable Expence and Trouble, the Inſtrument of relieving and curing many of them, while under the Notice of this Government, he begs Leave to repreſent his Caſe to the Houſe, in hope they will conſider him as entitled in Equity to the ſmall Recompence affixed to his Services, which he nevertheleſs ſubmits to the Juſtice and Wiſdom of the Houſe.

The particular Medicines charged at a very low Rate amount to *Twenty-five Pounds*, one Year with another, the Whole to *One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, Owners of Eſtates in the *Northern Liberties*, and ſome of the Freeholders and Reſidents there, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that being informed of a Petition praying

praying the House for a Separation between the said City and Liberties, respecting the Maintenance of the Poor, and apprehending many Inconveniencies would arise from such a Separation, they pray the present Law may be continued, and that the House would be pleased to take into Consideration the Proportion the said Liberties and District of *Southwark* are at present charged with, and by a Supplement make such Alteration or Amendment to the said Law, as they in their Wisdom shall see meet. 1768. January 20.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter from Colonel *Wilkins*, in Respect to building Houses for the Accommodation of his Majesty's Officers at the Barracks of this City, and, after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for finishing the middle House at the West End of the said Barracks, and levelling and gravelling the Area thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of Bankrupts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *M'Grew*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill relating to the Care and Custody of the Estates and Persons of Lunaticks and other insane Persons within this Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Jacob Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *M'Grew*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to inspect the Journals of Assembly, and report such Precedents as occur in support of the Right of this House to appoint a Printer of the Laws of the Province, in Answer to the Governor's Message to the late Assembly on that Subject.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Shepherd* and Mr. *Krewson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the Act for laying a Duty on *Negro* and *Mulatto* Slaves imported into this Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Ashbridge* and Mr. *Preston* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Assize of Loaf Bread.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Free-*
"*holders and Electors of the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton, *to choose for each of the*
"*said Counties two Representatives, to serve them in the General Assembly of this Province,*"
which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, for a Law to authorise the altering, regulating and repairing some principal public Roads in the said County, and for recording the same, was presented to the House, read, and referred to further Consideration.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the Townships of *Blockley* and *Lower Merion* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Provincial Road leading from *Philadelphia* to *Lancaster*, by the great Length thereof, through the said Townships, and the Number of other Roads falling therein, renders the Charge of supporting the same too great for the Inhabitants, as the Tax under the present Law of *Six-pence* in the Pound is found insufficient to keep the same in tolerable Repair;—that the Petitioners apprehend the said Road may be straightened in some Parts of the said Townships, to the Advantage of the Public and of the Persons through whose Lands it would pass:——Wherefore they pray the House would be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein, as to them in their Wisdom shall seem expedient.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the *Northern Liberties* and City of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Purchase of a Landing in the said Liberties, for the Use of the Public, and, after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising a Sum of Money, by Way of Lottery, to be applied to the Purchase of said public Landing, and paving the Streets of the City of *Philadelphia* aforesaid.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *Janaary* 21.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor with the following verbal Message, *viz.*

THE House having Intelligence that a Number of *Indians* hath been lately barbarously murdered near *Penn's* Creek, within this Province, and that the Governor has had Information thereof, request that he would be pleased to lay such Examination and Proofs, as he may have received or taken on the Occasion, before the House. Verbal Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

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*Ordered*, That the ſaid Members do likewiſe acquaint his Honour, the Houſe would be glad to know when they may expect his Reſult on the Bill before him.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Germantown* and *Germantown* Townſhip, concerning their Charter, Records, and other public Papers, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Record Books and other Papers in the Cuſtody and under the Care of the Executors of *Richard Johnſon*, deceaſed, relating to the Eſtates of the Inhabitants of *Germantown*, be by them produced to this Houſe, to be by them inſpected and examined, at their next Sitting, that they may proceed therein as Juſtice ſhall require.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of Aſſembly do tranſmit a Copy of the above Order to the Executors of *Richard Johnſon* aforeſaid.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with a Verbal Meſſage from the Houſe, reported, they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, 'he would immediately lay before the Houſe ſuch Information and 'Evidence as he had received concerning the late *Indian* Murders near *Penn's* Creek, 'and would, as ſoon as poſſible, acquaint them with his Reſult on the Bill before him."

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the "Act, entituled, "An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Pre-"ſervation of the Fiſh in the ſaid River*," and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, ſome Objections ariſing to the ſaid Bill, the Committee who brought it in was inſtructed to prepare a new Bill.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence to the Agents for this Province in *London*, being tranſcribed according to Order, was again read, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN*,

Letter to the Agents from the Committee of Correſpondence. BY Order of the Houſe, we incloſe you Copies of a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage*, a Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly, and their Anſwer, and the Examination of *George Croghan*, Eſq; Deputy-Superintendant under Sir *William Johnſon*, for the Weſtern Diſtrict, taken before the Houſe: By which you will perceive the preſent critical and alarming Situation of *Indian* Affairs, and that there is a Proſpect of an immediate Rupture with the Natives, unleſs Meaſures are adopted to prevent it. By the Anſwer you will obſerve, that the Repreſentatives of the People are exerting themſelves in every Manner that they can conceive will tend to this ſalutary End. They have formed a Bill, now before the Governor, making the Offence of continuing, after Notice, on the *Indian* unpurchaſed Lands, Felony of Death without Benefit of Clergy, and warmly addreſſed the Governor to exert himſelf in bringing the Authors of the late horrid and cruel Maſſacre of the *Indians* at *Coneſtogoe* and *Lancaſter* (which we find is one of the Cauſes of the *Indian* Diſcontent) to condign Puniſhment. What will be the Effect of this Law, ſhould the Bill be paſſed, or what Part the Government will act on the Occaſion, Time alone can diſcover.

But as the Houſe are of Opinion, founded on Mr. *Croghan's* Examination, that there is another Cauſe of *Indian* Jealouſy and Diſſatisfaction, without the ſpeedy Removal of which, no durable and permanent Peace can be eſtabliſhed between the Natives and His Majeſty's Colonies, they have ordered us to repreſent it to you in the ſtrongeſt Terms; for though the Power of Redreſs does not lie with them, yet they eſteem it their Duty, in a Matter of ſo much Concern to the Safety and Peace of His Majeſty's Subjects, to contribute as much as lies in their Power towards ſo important a Service: The Cauſe we mean is the Non-eſtabliſhment of a Boundary negociated about three Years ago by His Majeſty's Orders to Sir *William Johnſon*, between theſe Colonies and the *Indian* Country.—The Delay of the Confirmation of this Boundary the Natives have warmly complained of, and that although they have received no Conſideration for the Lands agreed to be ceded to the Crown on our Side of the Boundary, yet that its Subjects are daily ſettling and occupying thoſe very Lands, and a Number of the *Indian* Warriors have been lately murdered on them, by the Frontier People, chiefly thoſe of *Virginia*, in their Paſſage to or from War againſt the *Cherokees*. What has been the Cauſe of this Delay the Houſe are not apprized; but it is their clear Opinion, that nothing leſs than the final Confirmation of the Boundary can lay the Foundation of a ſolid and laſting Peace with the *Indians*, as they fear no Laws, however penal, will prevent a Set of lawleſs Men, who infeſt the Frontiers of the Colonies, from entering and ſettling on theſe Lands, and when intoxicated with Liquor, from killing the Natives who may fall in their Way. But ſhould this Boundary be eſtabliſhed, theſe frequent Cauſes of *Indian* Diſſatisfaction would be removed, at leaſt for many Years, as the Diſtance between our

Frontiers

Frontiers and the *Indian* Country would be conſiderable, and their Right of Paſſage to War, near the inhabited Parts of the Province taken away. Under this View of *Indian* Affairs, the Houſe have directed us earneſtly to deſire that you would uſe your Intereſt with His Majeſty's Miniſtry, to obtain, as ſoon as poſſible, the Accompliſhment and final Ratification of this Boundary, ſo neceſſary to the future Safety of the Colonies, and to prevent the immenſe Expence which otherwiſe muſt unavoidably ariſe to *Great-Britain*. We are, with due Eſteem, Gentlemen,

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*Your aſſured Friends,*

WILLIAM RODMAN, JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
ISAAC PEARSON, JAMES PEMBERTON,
JOSEPH FOX, JOHN ROSS,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON, THOMAS LIVEZEY."

*Philad. Jan.* 19, 1768.

The Governor by Mr. Secretary ſent down the following verbal Meſſage, *viz.*

*SIR,*

"THE Governor commands me to lay before the Houſe the Depoſition of *William Blyth*, which contains all the Intelligence he has received relating to the barbarous Murder of ſix *Indians*, near *Penn's* Creek, and to acquaint the Houſe that Warrants are iſſued by the Chief-Juſtice to apprehend the villainous Perpetrators of that horrid Crime: And that he has diſpatched Letters to the Magiſtrates of the Frontier Counties, (Copies of which ſhall be laid before the Houſe for their Peruſal) and taken every Step he judged moſt proper to bring the audacious Criminal to Puniſhment. I am alſo commanded by the Governor to lay before the Houſe a Letter from Sir *William Johnſon*, received a few Days ago, which is all the Intelligence he has had on the Subject of *Indian* Diſcontents ſince his written Meſſage to the Houſe of the Fifth of this Inſtant."

Verbal Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

*Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON's Letter to the Governor.*

*SIR,* *Johnſon-Hall, January* 2, 1768.

BY laſt Poſt I had the Favour of your Letter of the fifteenth *Ult.* chiefly regarding the alarming State of *Indian* Affairs, occaſioned by the Intruſions and other hoſtile Acts of Perſons on the Frontiers, which has had ſuch an Effect on the Minds of the *Indians*, as gives me the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to apprehend a general Rupture, unleſs there is ſomething done for their Relief. Your Intentions therefore to endeavour to procure ſome ſalutary Law for that Purpoſe, gives me much Satisfaction, as all other Methods have, it ſeems, proved ineffectual, which has rendered all my Aſſurances to the *Indians* of little Weight, and greatly weakened any Confidence they repoſed in the *Britiſh* Faith, by giving them Suſpicions that we had neither Authority to procure or Inclination to afford them Relief. I therefore heartily wiſh that the Legiſlature of your Province may, from a juſt Senſe of the Importance of the Affair, take ſuch Meaſures as will at once convince the *Indians* of our Juſtice and pacific Sentiments for them, and you may be aſſured, Sir, of my doing every Thing, in the Interim, for convincing them of your good Intentions, and for reconciling them to the neceſſary Delay you mention.

Letter from Sir *William Johnſon* to the Governor concerning *Indian* Affairs.

There are doubtleſs amongſt the ſcattered Tribes, living in the back Parts of that Country, ſeveral idle *Indians*, who may, from Motives of private Intereſt, be perſuaded to give ſome Encouragement to the Settlers, but theſe are private Acts of Perſons who would not preſume to avow them to the Confederacy, whoſe ſole Right it is, and whoſe Reſentment may have a moſt fatal Tendency, if to their natural Jealouſy of us is joined their Suſpicion that we ſuffer or countenance ſuch Settlements with Deſign to hem them in, and deprive them of their Liberties, an Opinion into which they are very eaſily led, and until it is thoroughly removed, our Frontiers and Trade muſt at beſt be on a very precarious Footing.

The Boundary Line would no Doubt have been of great Service at this Time, but I have heard nothing further on that Head from His Majeſty's Miniſters. If our People would confine themſelves within the Limits of ſuch a Line, I know that for a good Conſideration to the *Indians*, I could obtain a valuable Ceſſion of Territory, and the *Indians* have been told that it is intended. I am ſorry to find that the *Indians* who attended the Surveyors in running the Diviſion Line would not conſent to proceed further than you mention; their ſtopping where they did, I in ſome Meaſure attribute to their Apprehenſion of further Inſults in travelling to and from the *Cherokee* Country, of which they have often complained, as well as the preſent Uneaſineſs ſubſiſting amongſt them for the Cauſes aforementioned, *&c.* I hope that a more favourable Time may be found for pleating the Whole, to which the good Uſage they received from the Commiſſioners will greatly contribute.

Mr. *Crawford*

1768. *January* 21. Mr. *Crawford* informs me that he found the Travelling at this Seaſon ſo very expenſive, as obliged him to lay out the *Forty Dollars* ordered for the Widow of *Jacob*, which I was ſorry to hear, becauſe ſuch Expreſſions of Kindneſs would give them a favourable Impreſſion, and facilitate that or any other Buſineſs hereafter, I therefore think it very neceſſary at this Time to advance that Sum as intended, which I ſhall take the Liberty to add to another ſmall Account againſt the Province, which, although of a long ſtanding, I make no Doubt you will order the Payment of. I am, with the greateſt Truth and Reſpect, Sir,

*Your moſt obedient and very humble Servant,*

*W. JOHNSON.*"

To the Hon. *John Penn*, Eſq;
Lieutenant-Governor of *Pennſylvania*.

The Depoſition of *William Blyth*, of *Penn's* Townſhip, in the County of *Cumberland*, Farmer, being ſworn on the Holy Evangeliſts of Almighty GOD, ſaith,

The Depoſition of *William Blyth*.

THAT hearing of the Murder of ſome *Indians*, by one *Frederick Stump*, a *German*, he went to the Houſe of *George Gabriel*, where he underſtood *Stump* was, to inquire into the Truth of the Matter; that he there met with *Stump*, and ſeveral others, on the twelfth of the preſent Month, *January*, and was there informed by the ſaid *Stump* himſelf, that on the *Sunday* Evening before, being the tenth Day of this Month, ſix *Indians*, to wit, the white *Mingo*, an *Indian* Man named *Cornelius*, one other Man named *John Campbell*, one other Man named *Jonas*, and two Women, came to his (*Stump's*) Houſe, and being in Drink, and diſorderly, he endeavoured to perſuade them to leave his Houſe, which they were not inclined to do; and he being apprehenſive that they intended to do him ſome Miſchief, killed them all; and afterwards, in order to conceal them, dragged them down to a Creek near his Houſe, made a Hole in the Ice and threw them in: And that the ſaid *Frederick Stump* informed this Deponent, that, fearing News of his killing the *Indians* might be carried to the other *Indians*, he went next Day to two Cabins about fourteen Miles from thence, up *Middle* Creek, where he found one Woman, two Girls, and one Child, which he killed, in order to prevent them carrying Intelligence of the Death of the other *Indians* killed as aforeſaid, and afterwards put them into the Cabins and ſet Fire to the Cabins and burnt them; that this Deponent afterwards ſent four Men up the Creek to where the Cabins were, to know the Truth of the Matter, who, upon their Return, informed him, that they had found the Cabins burnt, and diſcovered ſome Remains of the Limbs of ſome *Indians* who had been burnt in them, and further ſaith not.

WILLIAM BLYTH."

Sworn at *Philadelphia*, the nineteenth Day of *January*, 1768, before me
*WILLIAM ALLEN.*

With the foregoing Meſſage and other Papers, the Secretary alſo delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Perſons now ſettled and to prevent others from ſettling on any Lands in this Province not purchaſed of the* Indians," with an Amendment thereto, which being read, and conſidered by the Houſe, an Anſwer to the ſame was drawn at the Table.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* wait on the Governor, and return the ſaid Bill, with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendment.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 22. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendment to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Perſons now ſettled and to prevent others from ſettling on any Lands in this Province not purchaſed of the* Indians," reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Anſwer into Conſideration, and acquaint the Houſe with his Reſult.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a new Bill for making the River *Schuylkill* navigable, and for the Preſervation of Fiſh in the ſaid River, reported, they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the Houſe, agreeable to his verbal Meſſage of Yeſterday, Copies of his Letters to the Magiſtrates of the Counties of *Lancaſter*, *Cumberland*, and *Berks*, concerning the late Murder of ten *Indians* at *Middle* Creek, and apprehending the Perpetrators thereof, which were read by Order.

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The House taking into Consideration the present critical State of *Indian* Affairs, with the particular Matters of Intelligence contained in Sir *William Johnson's* Letter, and the Governor's late Messages, resolved, that they will this Afternoon resolve themselves into a Committee of the whole House, to deliberate more fully on those important Subjects.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by the Secretary, sent down the following verbal Message to the House, *viz.*

*SIR,*

Verbal Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

'THE Governor commands me to acquaint the House that several poor *Indians* are come to Town from *Wyalooſin*, to petition for some Cloaths and Necessaries, of which 'they are almost destitute; and that a young *Indian* Man is also come from the upper 'Parts of the *Susquehanna*, whom his Honour thinks it necessary to dispatch with a Mes- 'sage to the *Indians* residing thereabouts, on the Subject of the late Murder of the *In- 'dians* at *Middle* Creek. His Honour therefore requests the House will enable him to 'defray the Expences on both these Occasions."

The Order of the Forenoon, and the several Papers of Intelligence before the House concerning *Indian* Affairs being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the said Intelligence, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Ashbridge* reported from the Committee, that they had come to some Resolutions on the Business before them, which they had directed him to report when the House may be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolutions be immediately received by the House.

Mr. *Ashbridge* then (according to Order) reported the Resolutions of the Committee of the whole House, which he first read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read, and being agreed to by the House, follow in these Words, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Provision be made by the House for Payment of the Reward of *Two Hundred Pounds* offered by the Governor for apprehending *Frederick Stump*, the Perpetrator of the late *Indian* Murders near *Middle* Creek in this Province; and also for Payment of such Rewards as the Governor shall offer for discovering and bringing to Justice the Authors of the Massacres at *Conestogoe* and *Lancaster*, in the Year 1763.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Provision be made by the House for defraying the Expence of a Present of Condolence to the Relations and Friends of the *Indians* murdered at *Conestogoe*, *Lancaster* and *Middle* Creek in this Province; also of such Presents to the *Indians* now in Town, as the Governor shall think proper to make them, and to pay the Expences and Services of a Messenger proposed to be sent by his Honour to the *Indian* Country.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *January* 23.

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Freeholders and Electors of the Counties of* Berks "*and* Northampton *to choose for each of the said Counties, two Representatives, to serve* "*them in the General Assembly of this Province*," and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove* "*the Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province* "*not purchased of the* Indians," with a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

'I AM sorry to find by your Answer to my proposed Amendment of the Bill for removing the Persons settled on the *Indian* Lands that you are not inclined to accede 'to what I look upon to be the most material Part of it. As it was impossible I should 'know the Nature and Circumstances of any Improvement Mr. *Croghan* may have 'made on any Lands on the *Ohio*, I thought there might be an Opening left for the 'People intended to be removed, to sit down on those very Lands excepted by the Bill, 'which would render the Precautions taken in the Bill, in a great Measure, ineffectual; 'and the Amendment was principally intended to guard against that Inconvenience, 'which I am confident you are equally solicitous with me to prevent. But if you think 'the Terms of the Amendment too restrictive of the Liberty, Mr. *Croghan* ought to 'have, of adding to or repairing the Improvements at the *Ohio* at the Place mentioned 'in the Bill, I am willing to depart from the Amendment as it stands; and as I think 'strict Forms may be dispensed with in a Matter of so much Consequence as the present, 'I would propose the following instead of it, which I am in hopes may be more

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' agreeable to you, and may anſwer the general Purpoſe of the Bill as well, *viz.* " where " the ſaid *George Croghan*, Eſq; as Deputy-Superintendant, hath of late held Con- " ferences with the *Indians*, ſo as no greater Number of Families be ſeated thereon " than are at preſent on the ſame."

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With the foregoing the Secretary alſo delivered the following verbal Meſſage, *viz.*

*SIR,*

Verbal Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

' THE Governor commands me to acquaint the Houſe, that he has been prevented ' from ſending an Anſwer to their Meſſage of the thirteenth Inſtant ſo ſoon as he ' intended, by the cloſe Attention he has neceſſarily been obliged to give to the unhappy ' Affair of the Murder of the *Indians* at *Middle* Creek, taking immediate Meaſures for ' bringing the Offenders to Juſtice, and diſpatching Letters on the Subject to General ' *Gage* and Sir *William Johnſon*; but that he has now reſumed the Conſideration of the ' ſaid Meſſage, and will ſpeedily ſend an Anſwer to it."

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Concluſion of the foregoing written Meſſage from the Governor, wherein he propoſes an Alteration of his Amendment to the Bill ſent down with it, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage, agreeable to the Inſtructions of the Houſe.

Adjournment *January* 25. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker, with Sixteen Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 26. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night, and a Quorum not yet appearing, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

' MY Verbal Meſſage of *Saturday* laſt, contained the Reaſons why your written ' Meſſage of the thirteenth Inſtant remained ſo long unanſwered. And I now ' take the Opportunity of expreſſing the Pleaſure it gives me to find you truly ſenſible ' of the Neceſſity there is of removing thoſe perverſe and obſtinate People, who, con- ' trary to the Faith of Treaties, and in Contempt of His Majeſty's Orders, have ſettled ' themſelves within the Bounds of this Province, on Lands as yet unpurchaſed of the ' *Indians*.

' It would afford me the higheſt Pleaſure not only to make the *Indians* eaſy in this ' Particular, which I underſtand, from the beſt Authority, is the principal Cauſe of ' their preſent Diſcontent, but to give them ample Satisfaction for every paſt or future ' Injury offered to them in this Government. As to the barbarous Murders of the *In-* ' *dians* at *Coneſtogoe* and *Lancaſter*, in the Year 1763, no Man can be more ſenſible than ' I am, that they are Crimes of ſo black a Dye as to admit of no Aggravation, or more ' deſirous of bringing the Perpetrators of thoſe Villanies to the Puniſhment they ſo juſtly ' merit: And I have alſo the Satisfaction to know, that every vigorous Step was taken ' by me, on that melancholy Occaſion, which the Law would warrant. For the bet- ' ter ſecuring of the Public, from any further Attempts of thoſe audacious People, the ' Aſſembly, at my Inſtance, extended to this Province the Riot Act of the Firſt of ' *George* the Firſt.—I did not loſe a Moment's Time in Writing to the Magiſtrates of ' *Lancaſter*, *York* and *Cumberland*, commanding and enjoining them, in the warmeſt ' Terms, to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to diſcover and apprehend the Offenders; and ' by a Proclamation, iſſued by me at the ſame Time, very high Rewards were offered ' to thoſe who ſhould make ſuch Diſcoveries. It is greatly to be lamented that thoſe ' Meaſures were not attended with the Succeſs ſo much deſired and expected from them. ' No one could be found who had Virtue or Reſolution enough to give the Officers of ' Juſtice any Information in the Matter; to which it is owing, and not to the Debility ' of the Government, that Juſtice has not long ſince overtaken the Murderers. The ' Orders I then gave, and the Rewards offered, were not limited to any Time, but ſtill ' carry with them the ſame Obligations and Inducements they ever had. In my Sta- ' tion, I conceive nothing more can be done, without doing an Act of Violence to the ' Conſtitution; which commits the immediate Adminiſtration of Juſtice wholly to the ' Magiſtracy: And I am perſuaded, Gentlemen, that you are the laſt Perſons, who ' would adviſe me to extend my Power, in any Caſe, beyond the Bounds preſcribed by ' the Laws of the Land.

' I have

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'I have heretofore taken Occasion to urge to Sir *William Johnson* the Necessity of 'establishing a general Boundary with the *Indians*, and shall take the earliest Opportunity of communicating to his Excellency General *Gage* and Sir *William Johnson* that 'Part of your Message relative to the completing with the *Indians* an Agreement respecting such a Boundary: But at the same Time, I think myself obliged, in Justice 'to those worthy Gentlemen, to acquaint you, that to my certain Knowledge, it is 'not owing to them that this Cause of Complaint and Uneasiness in the *Indians* has not 'been long ago removed.

*January* 25, 1768. *JOHN PENN.*"

A Memorial from Mrs. *Mary Norris*, Relict of *Charles Norris*, Esq; deceased, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that she is informed a Petition hath been presented to the Honourable House, this Session, for clearing the River *Schuylkill*, and removing all Fishing Dams and other Obstructions therein, whereby the Memorialist is apprehensive, that her own, and her Children's Interest, may be greatly affected, should it be the Opinion of any future Commissioners of the said River, that the Dam, called the *Norriton Dam*, is an Obstruction to the Navigation, or injurious to the Fish, contrary to the Opinion of a Number of the Gentlemen appointed Commissioners by the present Act of Assembly, whose Confirmation of the said Dam hath induced her, since the Death of her late Husband, to expend considerable Sums of Money, to repair the said Dam, and to render the Mill more convenient to the Inhabitants using the same, fully confiding, that, after such legal Establishment, no future Endeavours to remove the said Dam, and to deprive her and her Children of so great a Part of their Estate, would be effectual; as the Mills thereby would be rendered of much less Value to her and her Posterity, and more inconvenient to the Inhabitants, without affording one Advantage to the Public, as she is well assured by good Judges of the Matter in Contest. —Wherefore the Memorialist respectfully requests the House to suspend their Determination to repeal the present Act, until she can procure more satisfactory Testimonials than her own Assertions, or indulge her to be heard by Council, where so large a Portion of her Property is depending. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Pursuant to Leave given by the House to bring in a Bill for incorporating the Directors of the Society for the insuring Houses against Loss by Fire, a Draught for that Purpose was presented to the Chair, and, being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 27.

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message of the twenty-third Instant, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, and, after some Alterations, agreed to, was ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Memorial of *Mary Norris*, concerning the Damage she must sustain by the Removal of a certain Mill-Dam in the River *Schuylkill*, called the *Norriton Dam*, was again read, and, after some Debate, the further Consideration thereof was referred by the House to their Meeting in *May* next, in order to a full Hearing of the Parties: And, in the mean Time, it is recommended to the present Commissioners for clearing the said River to make a careful Survey of the Mill-Dam in question, and report thereon to this House at their Meeting aforesaid.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message of the Twenty-third Instant, being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

AFTER taking into our serious Consideration the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province, not purchased of the* Indians," with your Honour's proposed Amendment and Message of the Twenty-third Instant, it is with real Concern we have found ourselves under the Necessity of differing in Sentiments with you, upon a Matter of so much Importance to the Peace and Safety of the Province. Could we conceive your Amendment to be either reasonable or necessary, we should have adopted it without the least Hesitation; but as, in our Opinion, the Bill in its present Form is adequate to the Mischiefs intended to be remedied, and had we acceded to your proposed Amendment, we should have involved the Innocent with the Guilty, by imposing the severest Penalty on a Person for doing an Act, which there is no Reason to suspect can give the *Indians* the least Discontent, we thought the Bill would better answer the Purpose, intended without it.

That

1768. January 27. That our Reaſons for this Diſagreement in Opinion with your Honour may be rightly explained and underſtood, we beg Leave to obſerve, that the Houſe, from an earneſt Deſire to remove the Cauſe of the *Indian* Jealouſy and Diſcontent, ariſing from the Settlement of their Lands, prepared a Bill, and, by the firſt Clauſe thereof, inflicted the Penalty of Death on all Perſons ſettling on any Lands not purchaſed of the *Indians*; but as they were informed that there are Numbers of Settlers on the Communications through this Colony to Fort *Pitt*, under the Permiſſion of his Majeſty's Generals, for the Accommodation of his Troops in their Marches, and as *George Croghan*, Eſq; Deputy-Superintendent of *Indian* Affairs, had likewiſe made a Settlement near Fort *Pitt*, with the Aſſent of the *Six Nations*, where he generally reſides when ſent to that Country on the Buſineſs of the Crown, none of which Settlements had ever been Objects of the *Indian* Complaints, we thought it highly expedient and neceſſary to except them in the Bill. The Proviſo relating to the latter is in theſe Words, *viz.* "Provided always, that "nothing herein contained ſhall be deemed or conſtrued to extend to a Settlement made "by *George Croghan*, Eſq; Deputy-Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs under Sir *William* "*Johnſon*, on the *Ohio*, above the ſaid Fort, by the Conſent and Approbation of the "*Six Nations*." —— To this Proviſo your Honour was pleaſed to ſend down the following Amendment. —— "Dele the Words [by the Conſent and Approbation of the "*Six Nations*] and inſert the Words [where the ſaid *George Croghan*, Eſq; as Deputy-"Superintendant, hath of late held Conferences with the *Indians*, ſo as no Enlargement "or Addition be made to the Improvement thereon, at the Time of paſſing this Act, "nor any more Families be ſeated on the ſame."] To leave out the Words objected to, we chearfully agreed, becauſe, although we have no Doubt that the Settlement was made by Mr. *Croghan* with the Aſſent of the *Six Nations*, yet as we had not the Proofs before us to convince you of the Fact, we did not think them of Conſequence ſufficient to be inſiſted on: But as to the other Parts of the Amendment, for the following, which we think important Reaſons, the Houſe adhered to the Bill.

Becauſe we have never underſtood that this Settlement, although long ſince made, and well known to his Majeſty's Generals, and Sir *William Johnſon*, has ever been diſapproved of by them, nor have we heard nor do we believe that it is the leaſt Cauſe of *Indian* Diſcontent, and therefore we could not perceive that it could anſwer any good Purpoſe to reſtrain Mr. *Croghan* from making any "Enlargement or Addition to the "Improvements thereon."

Beſides, we are apprehenſive, ſhould the Government too ſtrictly counteract the Approbation of the *Indians*, with reſpect to this Settlement, it might, at this critical Juncture, tend rather to increaſe than remove their Diſſatisfaction.

And becauſe we cannot preſume that Mr. *Croghan* would do any Act whatever that might give the leaſt Umbrage or Uneaſineſs to the Natives under his immediate Superintendence;———the Commiſſion he holds, the Addreſs and Fidelity with which he has always executed that Commiſſion, and the eminent Services he has rendered to the Nation and its Colonies, in conciliating the Affections of the *Indians* to the *Britiſh* Intereſt, forbid the Suſpicion. To reſtrain therefore that Gentleman from making any Enlargement or Addition to the Improvements already made on this Settlement, and thereby render him liable to the Penalty of Death, for an Act, which perhaps may be neceſſary for the more convenient tranſacting the Buſineſs of the Crown, and which can by no Means be productive of the Miſchiefs intended to be obviated by the Bill, would be a Severity, in our Opinion, entirely unneceſſary and as unreaſonable as unmerited.

Thus much we have thought proper to offer in Vindication of our Diſagreement with your propoſed Amendment. And with reſpect to your Honour's Apprehenſion "that "there might be an Opening left for the People intended to be removed to ſit down "on the Lands excepted by the Bill;" we beg Leave to ſay, that it appears to us very improbable that the Settlers, who ſhall be removed from their preſent Settlements, will transfer themſelves and Families to the Lands ſettled by Mr. *Croghan*, as thoſe Lands are all in the Vicinity of Fort *Pitt*, and no Settlements can be made thereon without the Conſent or Connivance of the Officer commanding at that Garriſon: To preſume either of which, would be injurious to his public Reputation — However, to remove your Honour's Objection on this Head, that a Bill of ſo much Conſequence to the public Welfare may be no longer retarded, we will agree to inſert in the Bill, inſtead of the Amendment propoſed in your Meſſage, the following Proviſo, *viz.*

"Provided alſo, that if any Perſon who ſhall remove off and from the Lands not ex-"cepted as aforeſaid, or elſewhere, to the Lands on which the ſaid *George Croghan*, Eſq; "has made the Settlement aforeſaid, and ſhall there reſide and ſettle to the Annoyance "and Diſſatisfaction of the *Indians*, every ſuch Perſon ſhall be, and he is hereby de-"clared to be Offenders within the Intent and Meaning of this Act, and liable to the "Penalty herein before directed to be inflicted on Perſons ſettling on Lands not pur-"chaſed of the *Indians* as aforeſaid, after the Notice aforeſaid."

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*January* 27, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*."

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The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table. 1768. January 27.

*Resolved,* That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor with the same, and also deliver the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province not purchased of the* Indians," with the foregoing Answer of the House to his Honour's Message concerning the last mentioned Bill.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Freeholders and Electors of the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton, *to choose for each of the said Counties two Representatives to serve them in the General Assembly of this Province,*" and, after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether an additional Member shall be allowed to each of the said Counties?——The same was resolved in the Negative, and the Bill rejected.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. January 28.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising a Sum of Money, by Way of Lottery, for public Uses, reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Twenty-fifth Instant, and, after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Yardley*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Jacob Carpenter*, Mr. *M'Grew*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *and* Mulatto *Slaves imported into this Province;*" and another Act, entituled, "*A Supplement to an Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *and* Mulatto *Slaves imported into this Province,*" which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of Doctor *Phineas Bond* was again read, and, after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered,* That a Certificate be filled up with the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds,* to be signed by the Speaker, and delivered to the said Doctor *Bond,* in full of his Account of Medicines and Attendance to the *French* Neutrals; which was accordingly done at the Table, and signed by the Speaker.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society known by the Name and Style of the* Philadelphia Contributionship for the insuring of Houses from Loss by Fire," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. Adjournment

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, again sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province not purchased of the* Indians," with a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.* January 29.

*GENTLEMEN,*

'THE Addition you propose, in your Message of Yesterday, to make the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Persons now settled and to prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province not purchased of the* Indians," is, in my Opinion, 'so far from answering the Purpose of deterring Persons from removing themselves to 'and settling on the unpurchased Lands where Mr. *Croghan* has made a Settlement, and 'usually resides when he transacts Business with the *Indians,* that it may rather be con-'sidered as an Encouragement to them. The Offence, by the Addition proposed, does 'not consist in settling those Lands, unless such Settlements shall be "to the Annoyance 'and Dissatisfaction of the *Indians;*" so that all lawless Intruders will be at Liberty to 'take Possession of and improve them, in the first Instance, with Impunity; and whether 'it may or may not *annoy or dissatisfy the* Indians in general, may be a Question of extreme 'Difficulty, and which perhaps may not admit of such legal Proof as to bring the Set-'tlers to condign Punishment under this Law, till an *Indian* War, the Evil we are 'guarding against, has actually taken Place. For this Reason, I cannot help thinking 'that the Amendment contained in my written Message of the Twenty-third Instant, 'much better adopted to the good End we both seem to have in View, than the new 'Proviso you would add to the Bill. The material Difference between us is occasioned A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

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' by the Words of your Proviſo, " to the Annoyance and Diſſatisfaction of the *Indians*," ' which I conceive makes the Crime too dependant on Facts ſcarcely capable of full ' Proof. I am therefore in Hopes, on cooly re-conſidering the Matter, you will be ' inclined to wave thoſe Expreſſions in the Proviſo, which if you think proper to do, I ' will paſs the Bill with the reſt of your Proviſo, after expunging the Words you agreed ' to leave out in your Anſwer to my firſt Amendment. Should you, however, Gentle- ' men, on this Point differ in Sentiment with me, to prevent the Miſcarriage of a Bill ' of ſuch general Conſequence, upon which the Peace of the Colonies may in a great ' Meaſure depend, I will conſent to paſs it on the Amendment you firſt acceded to.

*January* 28, 1768. *JOHN PENN.*"

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Meſſage, the Houſe unanimouſly agreed to expunge the Words [by the Conſent and Approbation of the *Six Nations*] as firſt propoſed by the Governor, and ordered the ſaid Bill to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for raiſing* " *by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Five Thouſand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *for* " *purchaſing a public Landing in the* Northern Liberties, *and paving the Streets of the* " *City of* Philadelphia," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that his Majeſty's Service in general, and many of the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, as well as other Parts of this Province, who have Occaſion to make Uſe of the Communication to Fort *Pitt*, have for ſeveral Years paſt been ſubjected to an extraordinary Fatigue and Expence, in being obliged to go by Way of Fort *Loudon*;——that the Petitioners apprehend a Waggon Road may, without an immoderate Expence, be made over the *Kittateny* and *Tuſcarora* Mountains through *James M'Calliſter's* Gap;——that by the preſent public Road the Diſtance from *Carliſle* to Fort *Littleton* is Sixty-two Miles, and by Way of the ſaid *M'Calliſter's* Gap near Twenty Miles ſhorter, as will appear by a Survey of both herewith laid before the Houſe;—that the Petitioners are ſenſible of the Advantages that muſt ariſe as well to his Majeſty's Service, as to all thoſe concerned in the *Indian* Trade, and alſo to ſundry of the Petitioners, by having a Waggon-Road ſo much nearer, but as the ſame muſt be laid through a mountainous Part of the Country, and will be attended with an Expence which cannot be defrayed by the few Inhabitants of thoſe Parts, they humbly beg Leave to recommend the Premiſes to the Conſideration of the Honourable Houſe, praying a Grant of ſo much Money for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, as to them ſhall appear neceſſary.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the *Path Valley*, *Aukwick* and *Tuſcarora*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that though ſettled within the happy Government of *Pennſylvania*, they are in a great Meaſure excluded from the interior Parts of the Province, by a Ridge of Mountains; and though only fifteen Miles diſtant from *Shippenſburgh*, and about thirty from *Carliſle*, (their County-Town) yet, from the Want of a nearer Road, are obliged to go by Way of Fort *Loudon*, which makes the Diſtance to *Carliſle* aforeſaid, upwards of ſixty Miles, and carries or turns all the Traffic and Produce of their Settlements to the *Maryland* Market;—that the Petitioners are convinced a good Waggon Road may be made over the Mountains through *James M'Calliſter's* Gap to Fort *Littleton*, at a moderate Expence, which would be of the utmoſt Utility to the Public in general, and to the Petitioners in particular: Wherefore, in the moſt earneſt and humble Manner, they pray the Aſſiſtance of the Honourable Houſe towards the Execution of ſo neceſſary and beneficial an Undertaking.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

A Remonſtrance from *Reynold Keen* and *Samuel Wheeler*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they joined in a Petition in *May* laſt, with ſeveral of the principal Owners of Lands in *Moyamenſing* Townſhip, againſt the damming off a Part of *Hollander's* Creek in the ſaid Townſhip, in Oppoſition to a Petition from ſeveral Owners, Poſſeſſors and Tenants of Meadow Land called *Wicacoa* and *Moyamenſing* Meadows; and finding the latter have preſented another Petition at this Seſſion of Aſſembly, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, the Remonſtrants humbly beg Leave to lay before the Houſe the Injury that muſt inevitably ariſe to them in particular, as being Owners of a conſiderable Tract of improved Lands adjoining the ſaid Creek, if that Part of the ſame ſhould be dammed off as is petitioned for as aforeſaid——and pray that Permiſſion may not be granted to bring in the Bill aforeſaid.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from ſundry Owners of the *Wicacoa* and *Moyamenſing* Meadows for damming out the ſaid *Hollander's* Creek, being alſo read, and conſidered,

*Ordered,*

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Sellers* be a Committee to hear the Allegations of the different Petitioners, and report thereon to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, concerning Regulations of public Roads, and, after some Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration.

A Member presented to the Chair a Bill recommended by the late Assembly, for regulating the Fishery in the River *Brandywine*, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*January* 30.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society known by the Name and* "*Style of* The Philadelphia Contributionship for the insuring Houses from Loss by "Fire," *&c.* being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*February* 1.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

*Post Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed on *Saturday* last, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into Consideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Re-* "*lief of the Poor*," which being in Part considered, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*February* 2.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," which being in Part agreed to, and in Part rejected by the House, an Answer was drawn at the Table accordingly, and ordered to be transcribed.

The Bills for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of *Five Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, and for continuing the Act, entituled, "*An Act for laying a Duty on* "Negroes," *&c.* being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Taylor* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and also return the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the* "*Poor*," with the Answer of the House to his Honour's Amendments thereto, for his further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*Post Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed in the Forenoon, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid a Letter before the House from Colonel *John Armstrong*, one of the Magistrates of the County of *Cumberland*, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*Carlisle, January* 24, 1768.

*May it please your* HONOUR,

Letter from Colonel *Armstrong* to the Governor.

YOUR Honour's Orders of the nineteenth Instant, together with the Chief-Justice's Warrant, came to Hand Yesterday Afternoon. This most barbarous Murder, pregnant as it is with every gloomy Appearance, as well to the Public as to many helpless Families, you very justly conceive of.

Agreeable to these Apprehensions, as soon as the Report came here, although at Second-hand, I did, with the Advice of a Number of the Magistrates, write for and immediately send off the Coroner, not only to do his Office, but to use every possible Means, whether by Stratagem or Force, to bring in *Frederick Stump* and his Servant Man, hoping at the same Time, that, unless Men were lost to Reflection and the Laws of Society, the Thing would not be to do when the Coroner should get there; accordingly, to our great Satisfaction, whilst, in Obedience to the Orders of Government, we were fixing out the Sheriff, together with *William Lyon*, *James Maxwell* and *John Allinson*, Esquires, who were to have a proper Guard, *Stump* and his Man were brought into this Town, about eight o'Clock, *P. M.* by Capt. *William Patterson*, and about twenty young Men, Inhabitants of *Juniata*, who did this good Act, and the Sheriff sets out with the Criminals To-morrow Morning. I hope the Coroner who has not yet had Time to return, nor did the Party meet him, will also be enabled to do his Office.

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1768. February 2. I told him to bury thoſe ſaid to be under the Ice at leaſt in two Graves, and alſo ſent a Meſſage to *Patterſon* before he came here, provided the Fellows were taken, that if any *Indian* was in thoſe Parts, he ſhould immediately be diſpatched to the *Great-Iſland*, or next Party of *Indians*, to aſſure them that the Government would do them Juſtice; — accordingly he tells me he has ſent one *Gerſhom Hicks*, formerly a Priſoner with the *Indians*; and have alſo adviſed that if a ſecond Meſſenger can be got, he may be ſent, to ſhew the particular Care your Honour has taken on the Occaſion, but this laſt I hope may be better effected by *Blyth* on his Return Home, if any *Indians* there be about him. We have not attempted any formal Examinations here, but the Fellows frankly acknowledge that they were the only Perpetrators at both Places, *Stump* killing nine of the *Indians*, and the Servant one, but have formed a ſimilar Story touching the Conduct of the *Indians* at *Stump's* Houſe, and the Neceſſity he was under to kill them, which I take to be falſe. The Report of the Coroner ſhall be tranſmitted by the firſt Opportunity after his Return. Sundry Families are fled off from the *Suſquehanna* near to *Stump's*, yet I think the *Indians* will conſult before they attempt Hoſtilities, but am afraid they may ſtrike before any proper State of this Matter can be ſent them. I am

*Your Honour's moſt obedient humble Servant,*

Governor *Penn*. JOHN ARMSTRONG."

*P. S.* The Magiſtrates Letter to the Chief-Juſtice will ſhew the Coroner's Diſappointment, as well as that of my own Expectations, when I wrote your Honour as above reſpecting the ſpeedy Removal of the Priſoners to *Philadelphia*. We are moſt ſincerely anxious and deeply affected why a punctual Compliance with your Honour's Orders and the Warrant of the Chief-Juſtice in Regard of ſending *Stump* to *Philadelphia* for Examination, *&c.* ſhould meet with the Appearance of Reluctance or Diſobedience upon our Parts, which is far from Fact;—but the Truth is humbly reſted in your Honour's Confidence, that by certain Means an Alarm is raiſed in the Minds of many, touching their Privileges in this and in any future Caſe, which they alledge would be infringed by this Meaſure, as they take it for granted that theſe Men would not be remanded for Trial to the County where the Fact was committed, but the whole Proceſs carried through at *Philadelphia:* And theſe Opinions and Uneaſineſs I underſtand are founded chiefly on the Judgment of ſome Perſons ſuppoſed to be learned in the Law; ſo that on the Whole we have not had it in our Power to do otherwiſe than we have done, without a manifeſt Riſk of complicated Evil, as will more fully appear by the Letter now ſent the Chief-Juſtice.——The Sentiments of the Magiſtrates expreſſed in that Letter, as they reſpect the Safety of the Priſoners here, and Deſire of the People that Juſtice may be diſtributed to them, I think you may fully rely on, and alſo upon any Thing in our Power to do in aiding the Sheriff, ſhould the ſending down of theſe unhappy Men be thought indiſpenſable.

*Twenty-eighth Inſtant.*

I have not reſted from this Affair ſince laſt *Saturday* at One o'Clock, and ought now to have been in *Philadelphia*, had not theſe Troubles aroſe.

*J. A."*

*Letter to* WILLIAM ALLEN, *Eſq; Chief-Juſtice, from the Magiſtrates of* Cumberland *County.*

*SIR,* *Carliſle*, 27th *January*, 1768.

Letter to the Chief-Juſtice from the Magiſtrates of *Cumberland* County.

AT a Conſultation of the ſubſcribing Magiſtrates, 'tis agreed to inform you, that, in Obedience to the Orders of his Honour the Governor, and your ſpecial Warrant, the Sheriff and Poſſe of this County on the Evening of the Twenty-third Inſtant ſtood prepared to ſet out in order to apprehend *Frederick Stump* and his Servant Man, when, to our general Satisfaction, Capt. *William Patterſon*, together with about twenty young Men of the Settlers on *Juniata* brought in the ſaid *Stump* and Servant, who were delivered to the Sheriff and committed to our Gaol for their ſafe Keeping until the Sheriff could be prepared with a Safe-guard to carry them down to *Philadelphia*—But when the Sheriff was ready, *viz.* on the Morning of the Twenty-fifth, the River was thought to be impaſſable, and any Impediment in the Way judged at leaſt to be attended with poſſible Hazard, ſo that as the Priſoners were in ſafe Cuſtody, it was agreed beſt to retain them until this Day, when the Magiſtrates were notified to meet here, in order to aſſiſt the Sheriff with their Advice and Influence at his ſetting out with the Priſoners, who met accordingly, but were furniſhed with various Suggeſtions that the Relatives and Connexions of *Stump* would very probably attempt a Riſk, as he *(Stump)* had been heard to ſay that he expected his Trial in the County where the Fact was committed, which, taken in Conjunction with other circumſtantial Appearances, moved us to ſuſpect that the Removal of the Priſoners, at this Time, would but too probable be attended with bad Conſequences, and to conceive that the firſt Expedient incumbent upon us is to inform

form the principal Officers of the Government of these Appearances, of the Safety of the Prisoners in this Gaol; and to the best of our Knowledge the hearty Inclinations of the Body of the County to see public Justice administered, submitting any further Procedure at present to the Judgment of our Superiors. 1768. February 2.

We are sorry to inform you that the Office of the Coroner has been prevented by his taking sick on the Road, and as we are informed, is yet confined by a Pleurisy, and that since we received this Account, it has been impracticable to pass the sundry Waters in that Part of the Country, and are now of Opinion, that beyond Doubt the dead Bodies are swept off by this extraordinary Flood.

For your further Satisfaction we hereby send the Confession of *Frederick Stump* and *John Ironcutter*, made on the Twenty-fifth Instant, and are, Sir, with great Respect and Esteem,

*Your most obedient humble Servants,*

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
JAMES GALBREATH,
JOHN M'KNIGHT,
JONATHAN HODGE,
ROBERT MILLER,
WILLIAM LYON."

*To the Honourable* William Allen, *Esq*; *Chief-Justice of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *at* Philadelphia; *by* Robert Harvey, *who will wait an Answer.*

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Letters, a Message to his Honour was drawn at the Table, agreed to by the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

WE are obliged to you for laying before the House the Accounts you have received relating to the unprovoked Massacre of the *Indians* on *Middle* Creek. The Intelligence you have given us of the Murderers being apprehended, affords us great Satisfaction; but we cannot help being surprized at the rash and insolent Conduct of some of the inferior Magistrates of *Cumberland* County (which appears from their own Letters) in combining to disobey the King's Process; for instead of permitting the Sheriff to bring down the Offenders to this City, as by the Warrant expresly commanded, they have presumed to commit them to *Carlisle* Gaol, and thereby prevented his obeying the Precept.

No Motives whatever, we conceive, can justify or countenance those Gentlemen in thus not only superseding the Process of the Chief-Justice, but acting in open Contempt of your Orders:——We therefore think it our Duty to press your Honour to take the most effectual Measures to enforce an immediate and punctual Obedience to the King's Writ, and to call the Magistrates to account for their extraordinary Behaviour, and should they be incapable of giving you Satisfaction in that Point, to remove them from their Offices; nor do we think the Neglect of Duty in the Sheriff and Coroner of the County should pass unnoticed; for if such daring Insults on the Powers of Government be permitted, by those who ought to support them, to go unpunished, or, at least, unaccounted for, it cannot fail in the End to involve the Province in Confusion, and subvert all Order and Authority.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*February* 2, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor and deliver the foregoing Message.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for "the Custody and Care "of Lunatics and their Estates," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Two Petitions, concerning the Navigation and Fishery of the River *Schuylkill*, from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester*, were presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appropriating a Sum "of Money, for building the Middle-house on the West Side of the Barracks, in the* "Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 3.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove the Persons now settled and to prevent others "from settling on Lands in this Province not purchased of the* Indians," to which he has

1768. *February* 3. given his Aſſent, being engroſſed, the Houſe requeſt to know when it may be convenient they ſhould wait on his Honour to enact the ſame into a Law, and that he would be pleaſed to appoint ſome Members of Council to compare the ſaid engroſſed Bill with its Original.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Pemberton* join with the Gentlemen of the Council to collate the ſaid Bill.

The Members return and report, they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be in the Council Chamber at One o'Clock this Day, to enact the ſaid Bill into a Law, and ſhould appoint the Secretary to aſſiſt in comparing the ſame with its Original.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue* "*an Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *and* Mulatto *Slaves*," &c. and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the* "*Poor*," with his Honour's Reply to the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which were read, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of the Twenty-ſixth ult. reported, they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which being read, and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

The Members appointed to join with the Secretary in comparing the engroſſed Bill with its Original, reported they had done the ſame according to Order, and found them to agree.

The Governor, by the Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incor-* "*porating the Society known by the Name and Style of the* Philadelphia Contributionſhip "for the inſuring of Houſes from Loſs by Fire," &c. and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary:

*S I R*,

"The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Speaker and the Houſe, to enact into a Law the Bill which has been agreed on."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bill after it ſhall be paſſed into a Law, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on his Honour, and preſented to him a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to remove* "*the Perſons now ſettled and to prevent others from ſettling on any Lands in this Province* "*not purchaſed of the* Indians,"——to which the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into a Law.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. Mr. *Fox* reported, that purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, he had ſeen the Great Seal affixed to the Law paſſed in the Forenoon, and depoſited in the Rolls Office.

The Governor, by the Secretary, ſent down a Letter juſt received by Expreſs from Colonel *John Armſtrong*, of *Cumberland* County, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*Honoured S I R*, *Carliſle*, 29th *January*, 1768.

Letter from Col. *Armſtrong* to the Governor. IN this Perturbation of Mind, I cannot write but in real Diſtreſs, only inform your Honour that we are deceived and diſgraced at once; for about Ten o'Clock this Morning to the Number of Seventy or Eighty Men under Arms, ſurrounded our Gaol, when a Number of them, unknown to the Magiſtrates, I muſt ſay appear to have had but too ready Entrance or Admittance into the Dungeon, and in leſs than ten Minutes Time they carried off *Stump* and his Servant in open Triumph and Violation of the Law.

The few Magiſtrates that were preſent, Meſſrs. *Miller*, *Lyon* and myſelf have, I hope, obviouſly enough done our Duty;——but whilſt we were engaged at the Priſon Door exerting ourſelves, both by Force and Argument, a Party utterly without our Knowledge, was in the Dungeon, of which we were not acquainted either by the Gaoler or any other Perſon, who, before we were aware, had the Priſoners in the open Street, where we were unable to make further Oppoſition, and gone in leſs than a Second.—— The Gaoler ſays, that a Piſtol was held at his Breaſt, and this is all we can at preſent ſay of that Circumſtance.

Theſe Rioters give as Reaſons of their Conduct, that the Priſoners were to be carried to *Philadelphia* for Trial; that a Number of white Men have been killed by the *Indians* ſince

since the Peace, and that the *Indians* have not been brought to Justice, &c. &c. At present we know not what Step to take for the best, and beg to be favoured with your Honour's further Instructions. I have wrote in the Presence of the two Magistrates mentioned above, and am 1768. February 3.

*Your Honour's most obedient humble Servant,*

JOHN ARMSTRONG.

*P. S.* The Bearer, Mr. *Cunningham*, is a prudent young Man, knows the State of these Things, and may be depended on in any Questions your Honour or the Chief-Justice think proper to ask."

The House taking the above Intelligence into Consideration, and having spent some Time therein,

*Ordered*, That a Warrant be made out for the Serjeant at Arms to bring *James Cunningham*, mentioned in the foregoing Letter, before this House at Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to answer such Questions as may be then put to him; and the said Warrant being drawn accordingly at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to the Serjeant.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, and being informed that *James Cunningham* was attending, agreeable to Notice, likewise *William Wallace*, from *Cumberland* County, February 4.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Jacob Carpenter*, Mr. *M'Grew*, Mr. *M'Pherson*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to examine the said Persons upon Oath, concerning the late Rescue of *Frederick Stump* and his Servant *John Ironcutter*, committed to the Gaol of *Carlisle* for the Murder of a Number of *Indians* on *Middle* Creek, in this Province, and report such Information as they shall receive to the House.

The House then adjourned for an Hour, and being met again, the Committee reported, that in Obedience to the Order of the House, they had proceeded to examine *James Cunningham* on Oath, administered by the Chief-Justice, by Order of the Committee, and taken his Deposition in Writing;——and that they had obtained a Letter from *William Wallace*, wrote to him by the Gaoler at *Carlisle*, and by the said *Wallace* delivered to the Committee for their Examination, both which they begged Leave to present to the Chair, and the same being severally read, the Deposition aforesaid follows in these Words, *viz.*

The Deposition of *James Cunningham*, of the County of *Lancaster*, being sworn according to Law.

THAT about Ten o'Clock last *Friday* Morning, as he sat at Breakfast with Colonel *John Armstrong*, (in the Town of *Carlisle*) looking through a Window opposite to the Prison, he saw a Number of armed Men running towards the Back of the Gaol, of which acquainting the Colonel, they both rose from the Table, run into the Street, and made their Way through the armed Men to the Gaol Door, the Colonel calling out to the People that they were acting a bad Part, or Words to that Effect, and desiring them, as they could not be all reasoned with, to choose out three or four or half a Dozen of their Leaders, and he would convince them that they were acting a Part that must subject them and their Country to Misery;——that the Reverend Mr. *Steel* came out and spoke to the People to the same Effect;——that the Colonel, Mr. *Miller*, Mr. *Lyon*, the Sheriff, the Deponent, and others, having got to the Gaol Door, forced all the People from it, except four armed Men, who stood within the Door with their Muskets across it;——that some of the armed Men within, pushed the Colonel down the Steps, who having recovered himself, said to them, Gentlemen, I am unarmed, and it is in your Power to kill me, but I will die on the Spot before you shall rescue the Prisoners:—Mr. *Miller* spoke in like Manner;—that while the Magistrates and Sheriff were thus attempting in vain to get in at the Door, to the Surprize of every one but the Mob, the Prisoners were brought out (*Stump* handcuffed, the Servant not) when the People accompanying them called out to the Mob, "make way——here are the "Prisoners,"——many shouting out, "we have them," and immediately run off with them;—that the Deponent had no personal Knowledge of any of the Rescuers, but, to the best of his Memory, was informed by the Gaoler, that one of the Persons who had Hold of him in the Gaol, was named *James Morrow*;—that he also heard, but knows not from whom, that there was one among them of the Name of *Beard*, likewise *Adams*, *Parker*, *Williams* or *Williamson*, and one *John Morrow*, who was on the Outside of the Gaol armed;——that after the Mob and Prisoners were gone off, Mr. *Steel* came down to Colonel *Armstrong's*, and informed him he had seen two that he suspected The Deposition of *James Cunningham*.

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1768. *February 4.* were of the Party, who told him they wanted the Colonel, Mr. *Lyon*, and the Sheriff to go to *John Davis's* Place at the Creek, about two Miles off, to converſe with them, hoping they might come to Terms; — that upon this Notice, the Colonel, Mr. *Lyon*, and the Sheriff immediately took their Horſes and went off; ——— that a little before Sunſet they returned, when Colonel *Armſtrong* told this Deponent they had gone to *Davis's*, and to ſome other Houſe further off, (he does not remember the Name) and were there acquainted that the Mob being apprehenſive a Party might purſue them and retake the Priſoners, had moved off with them from that Place, thinking it unſafe to ſtay longer;——that Juſtice *Byers* having heard of the Matter, met them here, and Colonel *Armſtrong* ſent a Meſſenger, with a few Lines, after the Mob, ſetting forth to them the Danger they were in, and the miſchievous Conſequences of ſuch a Conuduct, and adviſing them to return and ſurrender the Priſoners to Juſtice;———that the Deponent was told the Names of the Rioters above-mentioned either by Colonel *Armſtrong*, Mr. *Miller*, Mr *Lyon*, or the Sheriff, but he is not certain which of them; and that after the Reſcue, he heard a Company of Lads ſay they ſaw the Mob going along with the Priſoners, and carrying a Smith with them (named *M'Gonongal)* with a Piſtol held to his Breaſt;—that three Men from *Carliſle*, to wit, *Ephraim Blain*, *Ralph Nailor* and *Joſeph Hunter*, told the Deponent they had followed the Mob to one *Ferguſon's*, near the Foot of the North Mountain, ſix or ſeven Miles from *Carliſle*, and coming up with them, endeavoured to convince them they had done wrong, and ought to give up the Priſoners to the Government; that ſome appeared concerned, as if convicted of Miſconduct, and thereupon told theſe Men, that if they could have any Security that the Priſoners ſhould not be carried to *Philadelphia* for Trial, they would take Care of them, and engage they ſhould be delivered up to Juſtice; —— that the ſaid *Blain*, *Nailor* and *Hunter*, however, gave them no Encouragement to expect the Security they wanted, but acquainted them they would mention it to the Magiſtrates and Sheriff; — that after this, the Deponent heard ſome Talk of the Magiſtrates and Sheriff's intending to go out to the Mob, but they were not gone when he left *Carliſle*; — that the Deponent heard on the *Wedneſday* before the Reſcue, the Magiſtrates met to conſult on ſome Matter, he ſuppoſes it might be about ſending the Priſoners to *Philadelphia*, when a Party of armed Men appeared in Sight of *Carliſle*, from whom two Perſons, *John Davis* and *John M'Clure*, came to Town, and, he was told, informed the Magiſtrates that this Party were coming to reſcue the Priſoners from Gaol, underſtanding the Sheriff was to take them to *Philadelphia* that Day;———that two young Men came alſo from the ſaid Party to Town, to ſpeak to the Sheriff, having heard the Priſoners were cruelly treated, and were to be ſent to *Philadelphia* for Trial; that upon talking with the Sheriff, and being convinced the Priſoners were not ill uſed, nor to be carried to *Philadelphia* to be tried, but only for Examination, they ſeemed ſatisfied and returned to their Party, who fired their Muſkets and moved off;—that the Sheriff told this to the Magiſtrates, and the Deponent heard they adviſed the Sheriff to be careful of the Gaol Doors, but he does not know that the Magiſtrates placed a Guard or took any other Method for ſtrengthening and ſecuring the Priſon;—that on the Morning of the Reſcue, before the Mob appeared, two Men, as the Deponent was informed, went into the Gaol, the Door being open, called for ſome Liquor, and were talking with the Gaoler, when a Party of armed Men ruſhing in, the two that firſt entered, ſeized the Gaoler and hurried him to a back Apartment, where the Debtors are kept, one drew a Piſtol and put to his Breaſt, the other a Cutlaſs or Hanger, and ſwore that he was a dead Man if he made any Noiſe or Reſiſtance;—that a Part of the Mob, in the mean time, got into the Dungeon, a Girl hired by the Gaoler having, the Deponent knows not whether by Threats or Perſuaſion, furniſhed them with the Keys and a Candle, or (as he once heard) the Door being broke open by Force;—that the Deponent was in the Dungeon when the Priſoners were committed, at which Time their Legs, he thinks, were ironed and chained to the Floor;—that the Day before the Reſcue he went down again with Parſon *Bogart*, and then the Servant Lad being ſick and his Hands much ſwelled with the tying, when brought to *Carliſle*, he found all the Irons had been taken off the Lad, and thoſe alſo upon the Legs of *Stump*, but that *Stump* yet continued handcuffed;—that the Deponent being about to go to *Lancaſter* County, where he lives, was deſired by the Gaoler, who had heard that *Stump's* Friends in that County would oppoſe his going to *Philadelphia*, to uſe his Influence with them to quiet their Minds and diſcourage them from ſo raſh an Attempt; —— but that he was informed, and believes, the principal Part of the Reſcuers were Inhabitants of *Schearman's* Valley, about twelve Miles from *Carliſle*.——— Here the Deponent being aſked if he knew the Reaſon why the Sheriff did not, agreeable to the Chief-Juſtice's Writ, immediately bring the Priſoners to *Philadelphia?* Anſwered, that *Stump* and his Servant were brought into *Carliſle* late on *Saturday* Night, when they were put into Goal, and the next Day the Sheriff endeavoured to procure a Guard to ſet out with them on *Monday* Morning for *Philadelphia*;—that the Guard were accordingly ready on *Monday* Morning, and the Deponent, intending at that Time to go homewards,

homewards, was desired by the Sheriff to make one of the Party, and provided himself with Arms for that Purpose;——that the Sheriff, being thus prepared, determined to set off, and had the Irons taken from the Prisoners, and theirs Arms bound;—— that just at this Juncture Mr. *Miller* and Mr. *Pollock*, going to Colonel *Armstrong's*, mentioned some Uneasiness the People were under, on Account of *Stump's* Removal to *Philadelphia*, alleging, that it would not be proper to set off with the Prisoners that Day, the Weather being bad, and the *Susquehanna* supposed to be dangerous, as it had been stopped by Ice the Week before, and that in case they should proceed to the River and find it impassable, an Attempt might be made there to rescue the Prisoners, which would probably be attended with dangerous Consequences to the Sheriff and his Guard;——that Colonel *Armstrong*, upon these Suggestions, sent for the Sheriff from the Gaol, who, with a Number of the Town's People, met at the Colonel's House, when some were of Opinion that it was not adviseable to set out that Day; others encouraged the Attempt; but, in fine, it was concluded best to defer it;———Colonel *Armstrong* and the Sheriff were for going; Messrs. *Miller* and *Lyon* objected to it, for the Reasons above-mentioned, without assigning any others that the Deponent remembers;——— Mr. *Pollock*, Mr. *Sweeny*, a Lawyer, and some others, thought it improper, because illegal, to remove the Prisoners from the County;—that Mr. *Tea* and Mr. *Campbell*, a Lawyer, urged strenuously for bringing them down, and further the Deponent saith not.

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JAMES CUNNINGHAM."

Sworn before me the Fourth Day of
*February*, 1768.
*WILLIAM ALLEN*, Chief-Justice.

The House adjourned to Five o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by several Acts of Assembly of this Province, sundry Sums of Money, in Bills of Credit, were heretofore emitted on Loan, which by Experience have been found very useful for the carrying on the Trade as well as the Cultivation and Improvement of the Province;—that in Pursuance of other Acts of Assembly, by which Bills of Credit were emitted in this Province, a great Part of the same hath been sunk and destroyed, from which, and through the great Scarcity of Silver and Gold, occasioned by constantly remitting them to *Great-Britain*, for the Manufactures of that Kingdom, and from the Encrease of the Inhabitants of this Province, the Money now current among us, appears to fall far short of a proper Medium for the Purposes of Commerce; wherefore the Petitioners pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and present to the Governor a Bill for emitting on Loan such a Sum, in Bills of Credit, as to them may seem reasonable and expedient.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appro-*
"*priating a Sum of Money for building the Middle-house, on the West Side of the Barracks,*
"*in the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia;" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 5.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Answer to the Governor's Message of the Twenty-fifth *ult.* being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

THE first Intelligence received by this House, of the Persons settling on the *Indian* Lands within the Bounds of this Province, was communicated in your Message of *January* the Fifth, and his Excellency General *Gage's* Letter. The Removal of these obstinate People, who have violated the Faith of Treaties, and disregarded his Majesty's Proclamation, appeared to us so immediately necessary to the Safety of the Colony, that we complied, with all possible Dispatch, with the Measure recommended by the General for that Purpose: And we are pleased that this Part of our Conduct has met with your Approbation.

But, at the same Time, it gives us much Concern to find, that in another Respect we do not seem to have been so fortunate. From good Information we are convinced, that the barbarous Massacre committed on the *Indians* at *Conestogoe* and *Lancaster*, was one of the Causes of the *Indian* Discontent. To remove which, by satisfying the Natives of the Justice of the Government, and to support that Authority which can alone ensure Safety to the People, by deterring the Wicked from the Perpetration of the like heinous Offences, we entreated your Honour, "that diligent and speedy Inquisition "should be made after the atrocious Offenders."—In Answer to which, you are pleased to tell us, "that in your Station, you conceive nothing more can be done, without "doing an Act of Violence to the Constitution, which commits the immediate Admi-

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miniſtration of Juſtice to the Magiſtracy."—We well know that the immediate Adminiſtration of Juſtice, by the Conſtitution, is veſted in the Magiſtracy; and we aſſure your Honour, that you are not miſtaken, in thinking, "that we are the laſt Perſons "who would adviſe you to extend your Power, in any Caſe, beyond the Bounds pre-"ſcribed by Law." But while we wiſh to have your Authority properly confined, we ſhould be wanting in our Duty to the People, if we were not equally deſirous to ſee it exerted to its legal Extent, whenever their Security demands it; which we are perſuaded has not been done on this important Occaſion. Murders have been long ſince committed, and the Offenders are not yet apprehended, nor, as we have ever underſtood, has a ſingle Warrant been iſſued for the Purpoſe: Murders perpetrated at Noon-Day, in a populous Borough, before a Number of Spectators, and yet, as 'tis ſaid, the Names of the Criminals remain undiſcovered. There is a manifeſt Failure of Juſtice ſomewhere. From whence can it ariſe?——Not from the Laws—they are adequate to the Offence. It muſt then be either from a *Debility*, or inexcuſable Neglect in the executive Part of Government, to put thoſe Laws in Execution. And we hope your Honour will excuſe us, when we ſay that it is the peculiar Province of a Ruler, and, "without Violence "to the Conſtitution," he may and ought to ſuperintend the Adminiſtration of the Laws, ſo far, at leaſt, as to ſee that the Magiſtracy faithfully diſcharge their Duty, and to remove thoſe who are neglectful thereof.

But you are pleaſed to tell us, that "you did not loſe a Moment's Time in Writing to the Magiſtrates of *Lancaſter*, *York* and *Cumberland*, commanding them to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to diſcover and apprehend the Offenders; and, by your Proclamation, high Rewards were offered to thoſe who ſhould make ſuch Diſcoveries." Thus much we believe was done, and no more, as we have ever heard of. But were not thoſe Letters altogether diſregarded, and your Proclamation treated with the utmoſt Contempt?——For did even thoſe Magiſtrates, who reſided in the Borough, at that Time, iſſue a Subpœna, or ſend for a Perſon, among the numerous Spectators, to give Information of the Offenders? Was the Sheriff then dwelling in the Borough, and whoſe particular Duty ſhould have led him to have given Oppoſition to the horrid Act, or the Workhouſe-Keeper, under whoſe Care the unhappy Victims were placed by the Magiſtrates, ever examined or called on to diſcover them? Or has an Inqueſt been held on the Bodies, or the leaſt judicial Inquiry made by the Coroner into the Cauſe, or after the Authors of this unfortunate Cataſtrophe? And although there was a Number of his Majeſty's Troops quartered in the Borough at this *very Time*, and ready to lend their Aſſiſtance, did the Officers of Juſtice call on them to give their Aid in protecting the miſerable Sufferers? Under theſe Circumſtances, can it appear poſſible to a rational Mind, if the Magiſtrates had exerted their Authority, when the Offence was committed, or at any Time ſince, that the Perpetrators of ſo flagrant a Crime, *in ſo public a Manner*, could remain undiſcovered and elude the Efforts of Juſtice?

Your Honour adds, "that every Meaſure was taken by you, on that melancholy Oc-"caſion, which the Law would warrant." You wrote Letters indeed, and iſſued a Proclamation—But we apprehend, on an Occaſion ſo intereſting to the public Safety and Reputation of the Government, more might and ought to have been done. The Aſſembly then ſitting requeſted that you would "order the Sheriff, Coroner and Ma-"giſtrates of the Borough to come down and give you the beſt Information that could "be obtained, of the Perſons concerned in theſe Violences." Were thoſe Officers ever called on to give you the "Information," or to account for their *indolent* Conduct? If they were, did they ever aſſign good and ſufficient Reaſons in their Juſtification? And if they did not, ſhould not they have been *immediately* removed from thoſe Places of public Truſt, which they had ſo groſsly abuſed, and more worthy Men placed in their Stations? Thus far, at leaſt, the *Law would have warranted* your Conduct; nor would you have been juſtly chargeable with not having performed your Duty, or "doing an "Act of Violence to the Conſtitution."

We lament with your Honour, "that the Meaſures you perſued to diſcover the Of-"fenders, were not attended with Succeſs." But we cannot think that it was owing ſo much to a Want of "Virtue or Reſolution" in the People, as to a Neglect of Duty in the Officers of Government. Many Motives might induce the former to be inactive, and very probably, the unparalleled Inactivity of the Magiſtrates, was not the leaſt. But nothing ought or can vindicate the latter, who were under the moſt ſolemn Obligations for the Performance of their Truſt.

Your Honour is pleaſed further to obſerve, "that the Orders you then gave, and the "Rewards offered, were not limited to any Time, but ſtill carry with them the ſame "Obligations and Inducements they ever had." The Contempt with which your Proclamations were treated, without the leaſt Notice taken of that Treatment, and the unpardonable Diſobedience in the Magiſtracy to theſe Orders ever ſince, convince us of the Truth of your Aſſertion. And yet could we be ſo happy, as to perſuade you to exert your Power and Influence with the Magiſtracy, who hold their Commiſſions *during your Pleaſure*

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*Pleasure*, by commanding them to send for and examine the Witnesses who were present at the bloody Scene, and at the same Time assuring them, that nothing less than a faithful Discharge of their Duty, should skreen them from your Resentment, and secure to them a Continuance in their Offices; and moreover, to renew your Proclamation, offering a generous Reward, of not less than *Five Hundred Pounds*, to the Informers, which this House will most chearfully enable you to pay, and assure them of your Protection, we have not the least Doubt, but that those Murderers will be discovered and apprehended.

We trust, your Honour will not think us too importunate in this momentous Affair, in which, we conceive, the future Safety of the People, and the Honour of the Government, are most intimately concerned; for you will be pleased to consider of how much Consequence to both it is, that the Authors of Crimes of so "black a Dye" should be strictly punished. It is, in all Probability, owing to the Encouragement, arising from the Impunity with which those Criminals have been permitted to escape, that the subsequent Murders in this Province have been committed. Had exemplary Punishment been inflicted on the Offenders in the first Instance, it is more than probable, that the Transgressors in the second, would have been deterred from the Perpetration of the like Offences. But should Men, who have bid Defiance to the *executive Powers of Government*, and so audaciously trampled on its *Authority*, be allowed to remain in the Province *longer* unpunished; we are very apprehensive, that the Persons of the Inhabitants will not be safe from their violent Attempts, the Transition being easy from the Murder of *Indians*, under the Protection of Government, to the Murder of the *Subject*, nor will the Colony be secured from the Calamities attending a War with the Natives, occasioned by these repeated Insults offered to the Persons of their People.

Besides, it is undoubtedly the soundest Policy to do Justice to the *Indians*, without which the Government can never, with any Propriety, demand a Satisfaction from them for the Murders we have Reason to believe they have lately committed on several of our People. It therefore behoves the Government to exert itself in a Matter so interesting to the Province; and having done that Right to the *Indians*, which they expect from us, we request your Honour would take the necessary Steps to obtain the like Justice from them, for the Outrages they have committed, in Violation of the Treaties of Friendship subsisting between us.

We are obliged to the Governor for his Intention "to take the earliest Opportunity "of communicating our Sentiments to his Excellency General *Gage* and Sir *William* "*Johnson*," relative to the Boundary. But, at the same Time, we beg Leave to assure you, that we never entertained the least Thought, that it was "owing to those "worthy Gentlemen, that the Cause of Complaint and Uneasiness in the *Indians* has "not been long ago removed." And we hope, there is nothing in our Message that could give you any Reason to suspect it. On the contrary, the steady and uniform Attention ever discovered by them to the Peace and Safety of the Colonies, convinces us that nothing in their Power has been, or will be wanting, to remove every Foundation of *Indian* Discontent.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*February* 5, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Answer to his Message, and request his Honour will be pleased to favour the House with a second View of Colonel *Armstrong's* Letter sent down to them a Day or two ago.

The Members return and report they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would lay before the House Colonel *Armstrong's* Letter, as requested.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Governor, by the Secretary, sent down the Letter from Colonel *Armstrong*, and the House taking the same, with the Deposition of *James Cunningham*, and other Intelligence before them, into Consideration, after some Time spent therein, agreed that a Message be sent to the Governor, which was drawn at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.* *Post Meridiem*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

WE have taken into our Consideration the Letters laid before us giving an Account of the Rescue of *Frederick Stump*, and his Servant, from the Gaol of *Cumberland* County, who were apprehended for the Murder of the *Indians* on *Middle* Creek. This further audacious Insult on the Authority of Government, cannot but affect us with the deepest Concern, as it encreases the melancholy Prospect of future Insecurity to the Lives and Estates of the People of this Province. In order therefore to our immediate Deliberation on this important Subject, we request your Honour would be pleased to communicate to us the Steps you have taken in Consequence of these lawless and riotous Proceedings. A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

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*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*February* 5, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Hillegas* wait on the Governor and deliver the foregoing Meſſage.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 6. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and the Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported, they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appropriating a Sum of Money, for building the Middle-houſe, on the Weſt Side of the Barracks, in the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved,* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Browne* and Mr. *Taylor* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M*

*February* 8. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appropriating a Sum of Money, for building the Middle-houſe, on the Weſt Side of the Barracks, in the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia," reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſame into immediate Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confining Lunaticks and other inſane Perſons,*" &c. which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated, the Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*February* 9. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Five Thouſand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds," *&c.* with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which being read by Order, were agreed to by the Houſe, and the ſaid Bill ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appropriating a Sum of Money, for building the Middle-houſe on the Weſt Side of the Barracks, in the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia," and acquainted the Houſe that his Honour would be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered,* That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

With the Bills above-mentioned, the Secretary likewiſe delivered a written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe, with Copies of his Honour's Letters to Colonel *Armſtrong* and the ſeveral Sheriffs of *Cheſter, Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Counties, both before and ſince the Reſcue of *Frederick Stump* and his Servant from the Gaol of *Carliſle,* and the ſaid Meſſage being read, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'FROM a Senſe of the great Inconvenience attending Differences between the Branches of a legiſlative Body, I have, ever ſince I had the Honour to preſide in this Government, carefully avoided doing any Thing to interrupt a good Underſtanding with the Aſſemblies of this Province. And it is not without great Concern, Gentlemen, I am now reduced to the Neceſſity of telling you, that the Strain of your Meſſage of the Fifth Inſtant, is not only indecent and unbecoming, but indicates a Spirit prevailing among you, very ill ſuited to the preſent critical Situation of our public Affairs, which particularly demands Unanimity in our Councils, and the joint Exerciſe of the greateſt Wiſdom and Prudence.

'The averting an *Indian* War, and the ſad Effects of it, were agreed to be our principal Object at the Opening of this Seſſions. I laid before you the Cauſes of *Indian* Diſcontents, communicated to me by Letters from his Excellency General *Gage* and Sir *William Johnſon,* in order that adequate legal Remedies might be applied to remove them.

'The two only Cauſes of Complaint I find mentioned in theſe Letters, are the Intruſion of our People on the *Indian* Lands, "not only without their Conſent, but in "Contradiction to their warmeſt Remonſtrances, and the Endeavours that have been "uſed to remove them, and the Inſults and hoſtile Acts they have received from the "Frontier People, chiefly from thoſe of *Virginia.*" Yet not content with the Cauſes pointed out by thoſe Gentlemen, who are certainly beſt acquainted with *Indian* Affairs,

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'you proceeded, it ſeems to inveſtigate others.——I would charitably hope, that theſe 'Inquiries were not taken up rather with a View to diſtract our Councils, than 'to remove the preſent Cauſes of *Indian* Diſſatisfactions.

'The Murder of the *Indians* at *Lancaſter*, in the Year 1763, (of which no Man has 'a greater Deteſtation than myſelf) was inſiſted on, in your Meſſage of the Thirteenth 'of *January*, as one of the principal Cauſes of the preſent Diſcontent among the *In-* 'dians.——I muſt confeſs, I am at a Loſs to conjecture on what Intelligence you found 'your Opinion in this Particular; but this I well know, that the *Six Nations*, upon 'Sir *William Johnſon's* laying before and explaining to them this Affair, at my Requeſt, 'in the Year 1764, were ſo far ſatisfied, that they received Belts from him on the Oc- 'caſion, and ſuffered him to cover the Graves of their deceaſed Brethren, according to 'their Cuſtom, ſince which I have never heard that they have expreſſed any Diſſatis- 'faction to him on that Account.——Taking it for granted, however, that this is one 'Cauſe of *Indian* Complaint, you go on in your Meſſage to adviſe my ordering ſpeedy 'and diligent Inquiſition to be made after thoſe Murderers, from an Opinion, that the 'preſent Tranquility of the Province afforded a more favourable Opportunity of diſco- 'vering and bringing them to Juſtice, than the tumultuous State of it at the Time of 'the Tranſaction. Before I could anſwer that Meſſage, I received the melancholy Tidings 'of the Murder of the *Indians* on *Middle* Creek, committed by *Frederick Stump*, and his 'Servant, the Tenth of *January*. This laſt inhuman Butchery, perpetrated at a Time when 'the Minds of the *Indians* were already inflamed with the Injuries complained of in the 'above Letters, appeared very likely to be attended with immediate Acts of Hoſtility 'on their Part.———My Duty, therefore, required that I ſhould give that ſpeedy and 'cloſe Attention to this unhappy Caſe, which ſo important a Matter demanded, to 'avert, if poſſible, the impending Miſchief; and I contented myſelf with returning you 'a ſhort Anſwer to your firſt Meſſage, letting you know, in general, what Steps I had 'taken to diſcover and bring to Juſtice thoſe who had been concerned in the *Lancaſter* 'Murders.

'The late audacious Reſcue of *Stump* and his Servant from *Carliſle* Gaol, has in- 'volved us in new Difficulties and Diſtreſs—Yet in the midſt of my Solicitude on theſe 'intereſting Matters, and whilſt I am earneſtly engaged in taking the beſt Meaſures my 'own Judgment, or that of my Council, can ſuggeſt, to extricate the Public from 'theſe accumulated Evils, and to regain the Priſoners, which is moſt certainly our firſt 'Object and principal Concern, I am, it ſeems, called upon by you in a Manner the 'moſt extraordinary, to vindicate myſelf, and as it were arraigned by you, for neglect- 'ing the Duties of my Station, relative to the Murders committed upwards of four 'Years ago; and you again preſs upon me the iſſuing new Proclamations, offering 'higher Rewards for apprehending the Authors of them.—This Conduct of yours, in 'my Opinion, Gentlemen, is not leſs unkind and indecent towards me, than impru- 'dent with reſpect to our preſent Purſuit, for Reaſons, which muſt occur to you on 'cool and diſpaſſionate Reflection, though they are ſuch as are altogether improper to 'be made public at this particular Juncture. — From Motives, founded in the public 'Good, I was induced to defer the giving you, at firſt, an immediate Anſwer to the 'Requiſition made with Regard to the Renewal of Inquiries after the Perpetrators of 'the *Lancaſter* Murder, and indeed to poſtpone, at leaſt, the Conſideration of that 'Matter to a more proper Seaſon.

'Should what I have ſaid, remove any Prejudices you may too precipitately have taken 'up againſt me in the Courſe of this Seſſions, it will give me Pleaſure; be that as it 'may, Gentlemen, I ſhall have that Satisfaction which attends every Man conſcious 'of his own Integrity and good Intentions—I ſhall be glad of your Advice and Aſſiſtance 'whenever the public Intereſt, and the Exigency of Affairs, require it; but at the ſame 'Time, I ſhall expect that you will not dictate to me in Matters which relate to the 'executive Powers of Government.

*February* 8, 1768. *JOHN PENN.*"

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Copy of a Letter wrote by him to Sir *William Johnſon*, with that Gentleman's Anſwer, which were read by Order, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

*To the Honourable Sir WILLIAM JOHNSON, Baronet.*

*SIR,*

Letter from the Speaker to Sir *William Johnſon.*

THE General Aſſembly of this Province, a few Days ago, having taken into their Conſideration the preſent critical Situation of *Indian* Affairs, communicated to them by his Excellency General *Gage*, have addreſſed the Governor on this important Occaſion;—their Addreſs I beg Leave to incloſe for your Peruſal; from whence, I truſt, you will perceive that there is a firm Diſpoſition in the Houſe to remove, as far as in

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their Power, every Cauſe of the *Indian* Diſcontent, which has taken its Riſe in this Province, and, if poſſible, to regain the good Opinion and Friendſhip of thoſe People: But, as the General in his Letter has not been explicit as to the particular Motives which have produced the Diſquietude among them, and as I am perſuaded, from your known Zeal for his Majeſty's Service, and perfect Knowledge of *Indian* Affairs, that you will chearfully impart any Information neceſſary to their Deliberation on this Subject, I take the Liberty to requeſt the Favour of your Opinion before the Riſing of the Houſe, what are the Cauſes of the *Indian* Complaints againſt this Province, and what Meaſures will be the moſt proper to be adopted, in order as well to remove any Diſguſt they may entertain againſt us, as to reſtore the Government to its antient Friendſhip and Reputation with them.

Be aſſured, Sir, I ſhall be happy, if either in my public or private Character, I can be inſtrumental in promoting his Majeſty's Intereſt under your Superintendence, and therefore I beg Leave, with much Sincerity, to tender you at all Times my beſt Services. I am, Sir, with great Truth and Regard,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

*Philadelphia, January* 13, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY."

*Sir WILLIAM's Anſwer to the Speaker.*

*SIR,* *Johnſon-Hall, January* 22, 1768.

Sir *William's* Anſwer to the foregoing Letter.

I HAD the Favour of your Letter of the Thirteenth Inſtant with the Addreſs of your General Aſſembly to Governor *Penn*, both which I have peruſed, and find great Satisfaction in the Zeal expreſſed by the Houſe for removing the Cauſe of the *Indians* Diſcontent.

Governor *Penn* had before acquainted me with his having laid that important Affair before the Houſe, and of his Intentions to do every Thing in his Power for applying a Remedy to theſe Evils, and therefore, and from the Addreſs, I have great Reaſon to hope that ſuch Meaſures will be adopted as may anſwer the deſired End, and prevent the like Evils for the future, to effect which, (as you are pleaſed to think it neceſſary) I ſhould gladly contribute any additional Information.

The Nature of the *Indians*, their Ideas and Politics are ſuch, that they are very rarely found to bring particular Charges in Matters of this Nature, and we muſt content ourſelves from their general Cauſes of Complaint, to diſcover in what Manner they affect particular Provinces; for, as in an *Indian* War, they make but little Diſtinction between the Innocent and the Guilty, ſo, in reciting their Grievances, they do not always confine them to particulars, but to the Nation in general to whom the Aggreſſors belong, and therefore all are concerned, though thoſe who have firſt irritated them, may firſt feel the Effects of their Reſentment.

By the Reduction of *Canada* a Door was opened to many numerous Nations, with whom before we had ſcarcely any Intercourſe; theſe *Indians* had received the worſt of Characters of the whole *Britiſh* Nation from the *French*, whoſe Intereſt amongſt them was much greater than ours, from the different Syſtems they purſued to acquire it. Thoſe Nations who were our Neighbours, and more immediately concerned in the War between *England* and *France*, received many Aſſurances, during its Courſe, of the Advantages they ſhould derive from our Acquiſitions, and the Government has ſince given them Promiſes of ſpeedy Redreſs, and of the Eſtabliſhment of ſuch a Syſtem as would render them happy and ſecure in their Perſons and Properties; but ſome unforeſeen Cauſes have hitherto obſtructed the Eſtabliſhment of ſuch Meaſures as were beſt conducive to theſe Ends, and the *Indians* uneaſy thereat, have hitherto remonſtrated to no Purpoſe. The Nature of our Laws, with the various Forms and Uſages of Courts, bar all their Hopes from that Quarter, eſpecially if we conſider that our own private Intereſts are too often affected by a Deciſion in their Favour. The lower Order of People ſettled about the Frontiers imagining, I preſume, that they had nothing to apprehend ſince the Removal of our *European* Enemies, began by over-reaching and defrauding the *Indians*, then proceeded to perſonal Inſults and Murders in Time of Peace, under Pretence of Retaliation for Injuries ſuſtained during the Heat of a furious War. Many unjuſt Practices were made uſe of in different Quarters to deprive them of their Properties, and a Number of Perſons in Defiance of Juſtice and Policy, and contrary to the expreſs Orders of Government, eſtabliſhed themſelves on the *Indian* Lands within and about the Frontiers of *Pennſylvania*, &c. and although many Steps were taken for their Removal, they have hitherto proved ineffectual. In the mean Time, the *Indians*, irritated at the Murders committed on the Frontiers, at the Inſults their Parties repeatedly met with, the ill Treatment of the *Tuſcaroras*, who were called to join them from *Carolina*, and the Barbarity exerciſed on the unhappy *Coneſtogoe Indians*, as well as the unjuſtifiable Settlements formed within their Country, without the leaſt Colour of Right, unleſs the Seduction of a few drunken *Delawares*, whoſe Nation have no Pretenſions thereto, can be admitted

admitted as such, began to consider among themselves what was best to be done, and from an Apprehension that such Conduct would not have been permitted by us who are governed by Laws, unless we intended to put in Practice a Plan for surrounding and destroying them, of which they have been long suspicious, and which they are still taught to believe by many interested *French* among them, they resolved to commit Acts of Hostility, and by beginning a War against us, to check those Settlements, of which they became so apprehensive. 1768. February 9.

The Discovery of these their Measures produced the Application to *Pennsylvania* and the neighbouring Governments, for the Redress of such Grievances as they had any Concern in; and although I took and still practise every Means in my Power for retarding their Measures, removing their Apprehensions, and assuring them of Redress, yet I have the greatest Reason to fear that all will be ineffectual, unless by a Redress of past Grievances and the Prevention of those in future, they become convinced of our Sincerity and pacific Sentiments; and this I fear cannot be effected, unless Provision be made soon for using Force against those who disregard the mild Exertion of the Laws, and are either insensible or indifferent concerning the Effects which their Conduct may produce.

The Murder of the *Conestogoes*, still fresh in their Memories, gives the *Indians* much Pain.——When it happened, I endeavoured to reconcile them and make up the Breach, on the Part of the Crown and the Public in general, and gave them a Present; and as I am shortly to have a Congress with the Whole, I think it would have a good Appearance, if your Province made them some Consideration on their particular Part; at which Time something further can be said to them regarding the Boundary Line, which they were told was intended, they having expressed some Concern that it has not yet been settled, and being promised a very handsome Consideration for what Lands they might then cede to the Province, they are very desirous to conclude it, which I have several Times signified to his Majesty's Ministers;——for the Rest, the Judgment of the House will naturally lead them to the establishing such Laws as may be most speedy in removing all Grievances, Intrusions, *&c.* and bringing Delinquents to Justice by as short a Process as possible. I should be very happy if any Thing that I have said should in any Degree elucidate these Matters, and thereby contribute to render more effectual the Provision against these Dangers, but the ardent Desire, expressed by Governor *Penn*, and the Legislature of your Province, to correct these Abuses, renders any further Recommendation of these Matters from me superfluous.

I have only, Sir, to add my sincere Regards for the Interests and Security of *Pennsylvania*, and my particular Acknowledgments for the polite Tender you have made me of your Services, and my Assurances of being with perfect Esteem,

*SIR, Your most obedient and very humble Servant,*

*To* Joseph Galloway, *Esq; Speaker of the Assembly of the Province of* Pennsylvania.

W. JOHNSON."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Papers, the House resolved that it will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on *Thursday* Morning next, to deliberate more fully on the Importance of their Contents.

The Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment for the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, presented to the Chair a Representation, and Paper of Remarks on the Petitions from the District of *Southwark* and the *Northern Liberties* for a Separation in the Maintenance of their respective Poor, which were read by Order, and are as follow, *viz.*

*To the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in General Assembly met,*

The Representation of the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment for the Poor, in the City of *Philadelphia*,

*Respectfully sheweth,*

Representation of the Managers of the Alms-house, &c.

THAT from the great Encrease of Poor in the City and Suburbs of *Philadelphia*, the Burden thereby brought on the Inhabitants, and the Prospect of that Burden becoming insupportable, without affording the Poor a comfortable Subsistence, the Legislature did pass an Act, entituled, "*An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *the Townships of* Moyamensing *and* Passyunk, *and the* Northern Liberties,"—that the principal Objects of this Act are,

*First*, The uniting and incorporating the City, District, and Townships aforesaid in one common Interest and Concern in the Support of their Poor, in order to prevent Disputes

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Diſputes about Reſidences and Removals, which might embarraſs them and diſtreſs many of the Poor, who by ſhifting from Place to Place may have no legal Settlement in either, and yet have an equitable Right to a common Support from all.

*Secondly*, To promote Induſtry and Frugality amongſt all the Poor, by affording Employment and Wages to the diligent, and by compelling the idle and ſlothful to perform ſuch Labour as might be beſt adapted to their Circumſtances; and that the Whole might be rendered as cheap and convenient to the Inhabitants as poſſible, the Poor are to be collected together under the Direction and Management of one Set of Officers.

*Thirdly*, A Corporation to take the Management and Superintendency of the Poor, when collected together.

*Fourthly*, To eſtabliſh a Juriſdiction, where the Power of confining certain diſorderly Perſons, and compelling them to work, might be lodged with Safety.

That theſe are the Objects of the late Law, and on this Baſis the Inſtitution for the Support and Employment of the Poor is founded, appears evident from the general Tenor, Spirit and Purport of the Act, notwithſtanding the Inconſiſtency of a ſingle Expreſſion therein.

That theſe Objects were deſirable, and the Benefits reſulting from this Union of the City and Suburbs obvious and acceptable to all Parties, is evident from the liberal Contributions of the Inhabitants of each Place, towards the Buildings to be erected for the general Reception of the Poor.

That, in Conſequence of this Union, and by the Encouragement and Influence of the Inhabitants of the Suburbs, large and commodious Buildings, ſufficient for the Reception of all the Poor, are now erected, much larger and (by ſeveral *Thouſand Pounds*) more coſtly than they would have been, had not this Union been premiſed, and approved by the ſubſtantial Part of the Inhabitants of the Suburbs.

That notwithſtanding this Proviſion for their Poor, and the Benefits accruing to the Suburbs from this Union (Benefits acknowledged by the principal Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Diſtrict of *Southwark* and Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties*, in their Remonſtrance preſented to the Houſe) we find two Petitions from many Inhabitants of the *Northern Liberties*, and ſome Perſons from *Southwark*, complaining of divers Grievances from the Managers and City Overſeers, reſpecting the Execution of the ſaid Act, and praying for a total Separation, have likewiſe been preſented; on which Petitions we have taken the Liberty to make ſome Remarks, and herewith lay thoſe Remarks, with an Account of the Conduct of the Managers and State of the Poor, before the Honourable Houſe, that they may proceed thereon, as to them ſhall appear juſt and moſt conducive to the general Intereſt of the Community, and the Benefit of the Poor.

The Managers in full Confidence that the Houſe will be ſatisfied of the Utility of this Inſtitution, on the Principles of its Eſtabliſhment, beg Leave to make a further Repreſentation.

That at the paſſing the aforeſaid Act of Aſſembly, the Legiſlature has omitted ſeveral neceſſary Proviſions for the full Execution thereof, intending, as we conceive, by a ſubſequent one leſs incumbered, to provide for its Defects when the Buildings ſhould be finiſhed, and the Circumſtances of the Inſtitution require it.

*Firſt*, No Support is provided for the Alms-houſe or Houſe of Employment, but ſuch only as depends on the Will and Pleaſure of the Overſeers, excepting the Profits on Labour, which Profits, however great in the End, muſt, in the Beginning, be inconſiderable.

*Secondly*, That the Overſeers not acting conjunctly, are liable to be influenced by the Humours or Caprice of the People of their reſpective Diſtricts or Townſhips, without any Controul of the Managers or uniform Direction of the Magiſtrates, and may tax unequally, or not tax when neceſſary, as ſuch Humour or Caprice may prevail, the Conſequences of which are too obvious to need any Remark.

*Thirdly*, Taxation and Overſeerſhip are not neceſſarily connected in the ſame Perſons for the Support of this Inſtitution, but the Taxes may be laid with more Propriety by Perſons choſen for that Purpoſe, *viz.* the Aſſeſſors of the City, Diſtrict and Townſhips, and the Overſeers being diſcharged from that Service, may be more attentive to their other Duties.

*Fourthly*, There is no Proviſion for ſupplying the Places of Managers who refuſe to ſerve when elected, die, or who depart the Province during the Year.

That however difficult it might be to inſert in the firſt Act all the requiſite Proviſions for the regular Support and Employment of the Poor under this Eſtabliſhment, the Managers humbly hope that the Honourable Houſe will now take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and make ſuch further Proviſion as to them in their Judgment ſhall appear reaſonable and neceſſary." *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Repreſentation of the Conduct of the Managers and ſome Account of the Poor in the City of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, the Townſhips of *Moyamenſing* and the

the *Northern Liberties*, with Remarks on two Petitions, to the House of Assembly, from *Southwark* and the *Northern Liberties*. 1768. *February* 9.

Representation of the Conduct of the Managers, and some Account of the Poor in the City of *Philadelphia*, &c.

THE present Managers were chosen the Eleventh of *May* last, when they found the Lots purchased and the Buildings nearly finished, which they have had completed in the most plain and frugal Manner. At present there are but two Managers, who do not reside in the City, and all of them hold Estates in the District or Townships, and several of them Estates of more Value than those they hold in the City. When the Lots were purchased and the Buildings erected, there were three Managers chosen from the District and Townships, who, from all the present Managers can learn, heartily concurred in purchasing the Lots and nearly finishing the Buildings, though two of them now desire a Separation.

The Alms-house was open for the Reception of the Poor about the sixteenth of *October* last, when, or within a few Days, the Poor from the old Alms-house went in, and about the same Time those from *Moyamensing*, and several from the *Northern Liberties*; those from *Southwark* came in at several Times, and the Overseers there, being convinced of the Mischiefs of a Separation, have lately brought most of the rest, and intend to bring all who are suitable Objects.

By an Account taken of the Number of People in the Alms-house and House of Employment, the Fifth of *February*, 1768, it appears there are — — 284

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| Of which there are about 60 Persons employed in spinning, washing, cooking, and sewing for the People in the House, taking the necessary Care of the Aged, Infirm, and Children, and nursing the Lying-in Women and other sick Persons, whose Services the Managers apprehend are generally nearly, if not quite equal to the Expence of their Cloathing and Food, and many of them they believe will be an Advantage to the Institution, although every Person amongst them must have been relieved, if they had not been taken in — — — | 60 |
| That there are at least 60 more, who already do something towards their Support, in picking Oacum, mending Shoes, Cloaths, and other Services about the House, and the Managers expect in a little Time the Oeconomy of the House will be well settled, when their Labour will be of more Worth. — — — — | 60 |
| Of the remaining Number there are blind, — — — | 7 or 8 |
| Children about 44—Lying-in Women, or soon will be, 12 — — | 56 |
| Poor Objects belonging to the City, District, and Townships, or fell in Distress with them, — — — — — | 100 |
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That there are in the House above fifty Persons who have either gained a Residence, or come to Distress in the District and Townships, and, from all that we can learn, their Pensioners are more numerous and larger in Proportion than in the City, as great Part of the latter have been taken into the House of Employment.

That the Managers have purchased and procured, chiefly with ready Money, (without which the Articles could not be bought to the best Advantage) upwards of *One Thousand Pounds* Value in Flax, Wool, Junk, Wheels, Looms, the necessary Implements and Materials for carrying on Manufacturies to Advantage, and Bedsteads, Beds, Bed-cloaths, Tables, and various Kinds of Houshold and Kitchen Furniture, necessary for such a Number of People, to keep them in a clean and decent Manner.

The Managers are well assured by many of the Citizens, and some of the Inhabitants of the Townships, that (though there are yet too many for Want of Relief in the District and Townships trouble the Inhabitants) they are less burdened with Beggars and Contributions for the distressed this Winter, than for many past, although the Navigation has been greatly obstructed by the Ice, and Employment for labouring People and Money uncommonly scarce.

That the Managers believe the Overseers of the Poor for the City, the *Northern Liberties*, *Southwark* and *Moyamensing* have usually levied the following Taxes in the Course of a Year for the Support of their Poor respectively.

For the City about *Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds* per Annum, by a *Three-penny* and *Two-penny* Tax.

For the *Northern Liberties*, by a *Three-penny* Tax, we are informed, they raise about *Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds*—about One-fourth of which falls on the Inhabitants of the City, Owners of Estates there; but this Tax we have understood hath been frequently found insufficient for the Year, which rendered it necessary for the Overseers to levy a second Tax.

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*Southwark*, near *One Hundred and Twenty Pounds*, by a *Three-penny* Tax, and ſometimes an additional Tax.

For *Moyamenſing*, the Managers are informed, near *Forty Pounds* have been raiſed by a *Three-penny* Tax for the Support of their Poor during the Year, and they conceive it to be very inſufficient for the Purpoſe, as there are now five aged Perſons in the Houſe of their Poor, whom the Managers have been obliged to clothe, *&c.*

From *Paſſyunk* the Managers have not received any Account of their Poor or their Taxes, although there is one Perſon to ſupport in the Houſe, who ſays that he became blind and in Diſtreſs in that Townſhip.

The Managers may further obſerve, that the Number of Perſons who become diſtreſſed and Objects of the Care of the Overſeers of the Poor, and this charitable Inſtitution, are more numerous, in Proportion, in the Diſtrict and Townſhips, than in this City, as the Poor ſettle more in the Suburbs, where Rents are lower, than within the Limits of the City.

And from hence the Managers apprehend the Poor Rates in the Diſtrict and Townſhips muſt neceſſarily (if ſeparated) become in a few Years much greater than they will be in the City.

From the foregoing Account of the Conduct and Obſervations of the Managers and State of the Poor, they are to remark on the two Petitions lately delivered into the Houſe by ſome of the Inhabitants of *Southwark*, and the Inhabitants of the *Northern Liberties*.

*Firſt*, That although the Managers, as it was their Duty, did acquaint the ſeveral Overſeers of the City and Townſhips, that the Treaſurer ought to be furniſhed with Money to anſwer the Draughts of the Managers, that the neceſſary Proviſion might be made for the Support and Employment of the Poor, yet never directed the Overſeers to lay Taxes, or refuſed to receive and keep the Poor, or uſed any Threats, as is aſſerted, nor are they conſcious that the Overſeers of the Poor of the City, or themſelves, have made Stretches of Power of any Sort.

*Secondly*, That there has been, from the firſt, two Inhabitants of *Southwark* choſen Managers of the Nomination of Contributors reſiding there.

*Thirdly*, That the Managers are at a Loſs to know how the Petitioners for a Separation could ſay, that there were none of the Poor of *Southwark* in the Houſe at the Time they aſſerted it, whether they conſider the Law or the Fact, as they alſo are to find that there either were before the Act paſſed for incorporating, or now are a great Part of the (ſubſtantial) Inhabitants againſt being included in the Act;—their Property muſt be trifling to the Whole, when we conſider that about One-fourth of the Tax is paid by the Citizens, and of the remaining Three-fourths, we are informed that the Inhabitants, who have preſented a Petition to the Honourable Houſe againſt a Separation, pay above Three-fourths of the Remainder. And the Managers can inform the Houſe that ſeveral of the Freeholders, who did ſign the Petition for a Seperation, have aſſured them that they did uſe Endeavours to have their Names eraſed, and are againſt it; and that the Managers find the Subſcribers to that Petition who have paid, or are able to pay, and deſire to have their Monies returned (excluſive of ſuch who have aſſured their neighbouring Manager that they deſire no ſuch Thing) are not ſo great a Proportion of the *Six Hundred Pounds* mentioned as they are to pay of the Tax.

To the ſecond Paragraph of the Petition from the *Northern Liberties*.

That the Overſeers thereof did, on the Sixteenth of *October*, deliver the Managers the following Account of the Poor they then had, and their Situation; ſince which they have paid *Twenty Pounds*, and no more, into the Treaſury, though there have been many for ſome Time poor and diſtreſſed in the Houſe which belong to them, from all which the Honourable Houſe can judge of the Probability of their having but five Poor in the Houſe.

The Account is as follows, *viz.*

*Henry Gray* in *Fourth-Street*, with his Daughter, at *Four Shillings and Six-pence* per Week, and *Eight Shillings and Four-pence* per Quarter Rent, very old.

*Henry Newmire*, near *Norris's*, in a Houſe of *William Maſters*, *Six Shillings* per Week, very old and unable to get out.

*Catherine Willing*, at *William Pearſon's*, in *Kenſington*, at *Two Shillings and Six-pence* per Week——ſhe can ſpin.

*Elizabeth Rickin*, *Two Shillings* per Week, her Reſidence unknown.

*John Lowrow*, in *Woodrow's Alley*, *Two Shillings and Six-pence* per Week, *Twenty Shillings* per Quarter Rent, has a Stocking-Loom, very old and infirm.

*Luke Sutton*, *Six Shillings* per Week, an Idiot.

*Michael Mending*, *Six Shillings* per Week, with old *Scanlin*, on the Hill, very old, debauched.

*Margaret Curfas*, *Two Shillings* per Week.

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*John Collins*, *Four Shillings* per Week, *Ten Shillings* per Quarter Rent, in *Race-Street*, dropsical, is orderly, can do many Things, and has a Wife.

*Barbary Seely*, *Two Shillings* per Week, in the Country with her Son-in-Law, can spin and knit.

*Conrad Daniel Walter*, *Two Shillings and Six-pence* per Week, lives in *Germantown*, old, helpless, has a Wife industrious.

*Isaac Milnor*, *Two Shillings and Six-pence* per Week, very near-sighted, a Boy fifteen Years old.

*Margaret Killweather*, *One Shilling and Six-pence* per Week, old, and picks up Rags.

*Michael Brumeck*, *Two Shillings and Six-pence* per Week, with *Lewis Treichel* near the Barracks, a Taylor, has a hearty old Wife—he can do some Business.

To the third Paragraph.

Although the Act directs that all Monies raised by the several Overseers of the Poor shall be paid to the Treasurer, yet it has been uniformly the Conduct of the Managers to request the Overseers of the City and Townships to hand such immediate Relief to the Distressed, as should be necessary and reasonable, and pay such Pensioners who could not, with Propriety, be removed into the House, and whose Situation and Circumstances would not permit, with Convenience, their calling on the Managers.

To the fourth Paragraph.

The Managers need not point out to the House the great Care that should be taken to avoid depriving any Freeman of his Liberty.

On the fifth Paragraph,

We have to observe, that before Managers were chose, the Lots could not be purchased, nor the Buildings carried forward, and that as soon as about *Three Thousand Pounds* were subscribed, Managers were chosen, and then the Matter rested much with them, who were so closely employed in the procuring Materials and Erectings, *&c.* that they had not Time to solicit Subscriptions; from whence and no other Cause it has been neglected——but the Managers hope will be resumed shortly, and the well disposed who can afford to give to this benevolent Institution will be waited on, and such as become Contributors, will have an equal Right of voting with the first Contributors, and can have no Reason to complain, if they don't intitle themselves to vote for Managers or be voted for; though the present Managers are at a Loss to discover how the Signers of that Petition can make it appear that those who are not Contributors pay much more by a yearly Charge on their Estates than those who have contributed, as Contribution does not exempt from Taxation.

In the sixth Paragraph

They say that the District and Townships have about thirty-seven Poor in common, and of course the City must have Two Hundred and Sixty-five, which, from the best State of the Matter the Managers can obtain, is not candid, but that they have given the Number they have in a favourable Season of the Year, and that of the City at a more severe Season; and from this wrong Representation they assert they ought to pay but One-eighth of the Amount of all the Poor Taxes raised in the City, District and Townships, when what they acknowledge they have usually paid is above One-sixth; but the Managers are persuaded that if many of their Poor had not been taken into the House, One-fourth of the whole Tax would not have supported the District and Township's Poor, and relieved those who came to Distress amongst them, in such Manner as it ought to be done.

As to the Proportion to be paid for the Lots, and Cost of Building the Alms-house and House of Employment, by the District and Townships, or of the Money which the old Alms-house Square may sell for, we agree with the Petitioners that the Citizens are too just and generous to desire an unequal Burden on others: But inasmuch as the Money to be paid by the District and Townships on that Account, is not to be completed until five Years after the Sale of the said Lot and Buildings, whether it is an Object which calls for the immediate Determination of the Honourable House, or may not with Propriety be postponed to a future Time, when the due Proportions to be raised, may be ascertained with greater Precision than can now be done, the Managers submit to the Honourable House of Assembly."

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confining "Lunaticks and other insane Persons*," &c. and after some Time spent therein, some Objections arising to the said Bill, the same was re-committed to the Committee that brought it in for Amendment.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 10.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Brandywine," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

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1768. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

*February* 10. *Poſt Meridiem* The Petition from the *Northern Liberties* and the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, againſt the Support of their Poor at the Houſe of Employment, together with the Remarks of the Managers of the ſaid Houſe, in Anſwer to thoſe Petitions, were read the ſecond time, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *M'Pherſon* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to hear the Allegations of the Parties, and report thereon to the Houſe.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 11. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and the Order of *Tueſday* being read, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Subject of the Governor's Meſſage and the preſent State of the Province, in reſpect to *Indian* Affairs, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Buſineſs before them, but not having come to a full Reſult thereon, he was directed to requeſt Leave for the Committee to ſit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to by the Houſe, they

Adjournment adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Purſuant to the Reſolution of the Forenoon, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the State of *Indian* Affairs in this Province, and after ſome Debate thereon, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that they had made a further Progreſs in the Buſineſs before them, but not having concluded their Deliberations thereon, he was ordered to requeſt Leave for the Committee to ſit again, which being granted, the Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock

Adjournment To-morrow Morning.

*February* 12. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Memorial from *Samuel Preſton Moore*, Eſq; Provincial Treaſurer, concerning public Money in the Hands of certain Perſons, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Cocks*, Eſq; of *Winchester*, employed in the Year 1755, by the Governments of *Virginia*, *Maryland* and *Pennſylvania*, to receive and forward Diſpatches to and from the ſaid Provinces to General *Braddock's* Army, was preſented to the Houſe, together with an Account of his Services, which were read by Order, and referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Accounts.

An Account of £ 26 12 6 due from this Province to Sir *William Johnſon*, Baronet, ſince the Year 1756, for Diſburſements in *Indian* Affairs, was alſo preſented to the Houſe, and being read and allowed,

*Ordered*, That a Certificate for the ſaid Sum, payable to *Joſeph Shippen*, Eſq; Provincial Secretary, for the Uſe of Sir *William*, be made out by the Clerk, which being done accordingly at the Table, the ſame was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to the Secretary.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the Houſe a Letter received from Colonel *John Armſtrong*, dated at *Carliſle* the ſeventh Inſtant, acquainting his Honour that the Reſcuers of *Frederick Stump* and his Servant, have not yet returned them to the Gaol of *Carliſle*, and that he (the Colonel) propoſes to ſet out the Day following, to go over the Mountains in Purſuit of the Priſoners.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Purſuant to the Reſolution of laſt Night, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Subject of *Indian* Affairs, and after further Debate thereon, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committe that they had gone through the Buſineſs before them, and come to ſome Reſolves, which they had directed him to report whenever the Houſe may be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Reſolves be received immediately.

Mr. *Fox* then (according to Order) reported the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which he firſt read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read, and being agreed to by the Houſe, follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Governor's Meſſage to the Houſe, of the Eighth Inſtant, contains Charges and other Matters of ſuch a Nature, as require that the Houſe, in Juſtification of itſelf, ſhould maturely conſider the ſame, and give them a full Anſwer.

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that Proviſion be made for raiſing a Sum of Money not exceeding *Three Thouſand Pounds*, for defraying the Expences of apprehending *Frederick Stump*, the Murderer of the *Indians* at *Middle* Creek, and of a Preſent of Condolence to the *Indians*, for the ſeveral Murders which have been committed within this Province, and other Expences attending *Indian* Affairs.

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee that a Bill ſhould be prepared by the Houſe for appropriating the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds* to the Purpoſe aforeſaid,

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out of the Monies arising by the Excise, and directed to be sunk by the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising the Sum of* Twenty Thousand Pounds, *for the Support of Govern-* "*ment and Payment of the public Debts,*" and that the said Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* be replaced by an Extention of the Excise Act for one Year longer than the Time limited by the said first mentioned Act. 1768. *February* 12.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commissioners be appointed on Behalf of this Province to attend the Conferences to be held under the Superintendency of Sir *William Johnson*, at which the said Present of Condolence is to be made to the *Indians*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for appropriating the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* to the Payment of *Indian* Expences.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 13.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raising and applying the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* towards removing the present Discontent of the *Indians*, &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was again read by special Order, and directed to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 15.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising and applying the Sum of* Three Thousand *Post Meridiem* "Pounds, *towards removing the present Discontent of the* Indians, *regaining their Friend-* "*ship, and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*" and the Bill for regulating the Fishery in the River *Brandywine*, being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Pemberton* wait on the Governor with the same, and deliver the following Message from the House.

*May it please your* HONOUR,

THE House anxiously desirous of doing every Thing in their Power to remove the present Discontent of the *Indians*, and, if possible, to prevent a War with them, have prepared a Bill for raising the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* for the Purposes therein mentioned, among which the principal one is for defraying the Expence of Presents of Condolence for the Number of *Indians* who have been killed within this Province, and other Gifts for removing their Discontent and regaining their Friendship——From our Calculation at the Time of forming the Bill, we supposed a Sum not exceeding *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds* might answer these Purposes. A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

We are informed a general Treaty is shortly to be held with those People by the Honourable Sir *William Johnson*, in the *Indian* Country, at which Time we could wish those Presents might be given, and the proper Endeavours used to pacify and reconcile them to this Province.——We therefore think, should your Honour concur with us in this important Matter, that no Time should be lost in communicating our Resolution to that Gentleman.

It would give us Pleasure, would the Time between this and the Treaty allow of transmitting the Money and sending Commissioners to attend it, if both were done, and should he advise you upon Request made by your Honour, of the Practicability of the Measure, we think it will be right and necessary;—but otherwise, we have so perfect a Confidence in that Gentleman's good Disposition towards this Province, and great Knowledge in *Indian* Affairs, that we have no Doubt but he will do every Thing on the best Terms, that is necessary, in making those Gifts and Presents, and reconciling, as far as in his Power, the Natives to their former Alliance and Friendship with the Government, as the Money will be in the Hands of your Honour and the Commissioners named in the Bill, to repay the Sum he may expend on this necessary Business.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*February* 15, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment. *February* 16.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed last Night, and the Message of the House, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester*, concerning the striking a Sum in Bills of Credit for a public Loan, was presented to the House, read, and referred to further Consideration.

1768. Upon Motion,

*February* 16. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *M'Pherſon* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of the Eighth Inſtant.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow Land therein deſcribed, ſituate in the County of* Cheſter, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fiſhery in the River* Brandywine," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The Secretary likewiſe returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing and applying the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards removing the preſent Diſcontent of the* Indians, *regaining their Friendſhip, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and informed the Houſe, that his Honour was ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bills be engroſſed.

With the afore-mentioned Bills the Secretary alſo delivered a written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN*,

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly. 'I RETURN you the Bill ſent up to me this Morning, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing and applying the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds," *&c.* for the Purpoſes 'therein mentioned, which I am willing to paſs into a Law immediately, as I think 'no Time ſhould be loſt in communicating to Sir *William Johnſon*, by Expreſs, the 'Meaſures we have agreed on for conciliating the Affections of the *Indians*, at the Treaty 'it is ſaid he is ſoon to hold with them.

*February* 16, 1768. *JOHN PENN.*"

*Ordered*, That *M'Pherſon* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the Houſe requeſt to know at what Hour To-morrow they ſhall attend his Honour to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Aſſent, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing and applying the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *for removing the preſent Diſcontent of the* Indians," *&c.*

The Committee appointed to hear the Allegations of the Managers of the Houſe of Employment, and the ſeveral Petitions of the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, the Townſhips of *Moyamenſing*, *Paſſyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, concerning their reſpective Poor, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. PURSUANT to the Order of the Houſe, your Committee have heard the Allegations of the Managers of the Houſe of Employment, and the ſeveral Overſeers of the Poor of the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, the Townſhips of *Moyamenſing*, *Paſſyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, and report,

That the Overſeers of the Poor of *Southwark* declared their Willingneſs to remain united with the City; that their Poor are in the Houſe of Employment, and they were raiſing Money to be paid into the Treaſury for their Support.

That one of the Overſeers of the Poor of *Moyamenſing* appeared, and informed the Committee that their Poor were all in the Houſe of Employment, but that they had paid no Money into the Treaſury, and as his Time was near expiring, choſe to refer the raiſing any to the next Overſeers.

That one of the Overſeers of the Poor of *Paſſyunk* informed, that they had no Poor, nor had been called on for any Money, and that they deſired a Separation.

The Overſeers of the Poor of the *Northern Liberties* informed your Committee, that they had ſome Poor in the Houſe of Employment, had paid *Twenty Pounds* into the Treaſury, and had more Money in Hand, but apprehended they were charged with more Poor than properly belonged to them, and that they were fully convinced the Proportion allotted to be paid by the Diſtrict and Townſhips of the Money ariſing from the Sale of the Alms-houſe and Lot thereunto belonging is conſiderably too high, and if this Matter was properly regulated, they ſhould have little Objection to being joined with the City.

The Managers of the Houſe of Employment ſay, that a Separation will be attended with great Difficulty in aſcertaining the Number of the reſpective Poor of the City, Diſtrict and Townſhips, and the Sums neceſſary for the Support of each, as well as in ſettling the Accounts; and that unleſs ſome proper Perſons be veſted with ſufficient

Authority

Authority to oblige the ſeveral Overſeers to raiſe Money for Support of the Poor, they muſt ſoon be diſcharged from the ſaid Houſe, and the Benefit intended by that Inſtitution in a great Meaſure loſt; which is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe, by 1768. February 16.

EMANUEL CARPENTER, ROWLAND EVANS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOSEPH WATSON,
ROBERT M'PHERSON, ISAAC PEARSON."
THOMAS LIVEZEY,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Aſhbridge* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *the Townſhips of* Moyamenſing *and* Paſſyunk, *and the* Northern Liberties."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be in the Council Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, to enact into a Law the Bill for raiſing and applying the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds* to the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. *February* 17.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing and applying the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards removing the preſent Diſcontent of the* Indians, *regaining their Friendſhip, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," being engroſſed according to Order, was again read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Fox* aſſiſt the Secretary in comparing the ſaid engroſſed Bill with its Original, and that Mr. *Rodman* ſee the Great Seal affixed thereto, after it ſhall be paſſed into a Law, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary:

*SIR*,

"The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Speaker and the Houſe, to enact into a Law the Bill to which he hath given his "Aſſent.

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that they had waited on the Governor, and preſented a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing and "applying the Sum of* Three Thouſand Pounds, *towards removing the preſent Diſcontent "of the* Indians, *regaining their Friendſhip, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," to which Bill his Honour had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into a Law.

Mr. *Rodman* reported, that in Purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, he had ſeen the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Law, and depoſited the ſame in the Rolls Office.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act "for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* repreſenting that they found ſome further Inſtructions neceſſary in preparing a Draught thereof, the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Object of the ſaid Bill, and after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put, Whether there ſhall be laid and levied a general and equal Tax on the Eſtates of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, the Townſhips of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamenſing* and *Paſſyunk*, for the Support of ſuch of the Poor as ſhall be received into the Houſe of Employment for one Year?——Reſolved in the Affirmative, by a great Majority.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Committee appointed to prepare a Bill to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act "for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor, in the City of* Philadelphia, *&c.* reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was by ſpecial Order again read, and directed to be tranſcribed for a third Reading. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment. *February* 18.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better "Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Pemberton* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Committee appointed to hear the Allegations of the Petitioners for and againſt damming

1768. damming out *Hollanders* Creek, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*February* 18.

Report of the Committee. PURSUANT to an Order of the Houſe, we your Committe appointed to hear the Reaſons offered by the Petitioners for ſtopping out *Hollanders* Creek, and the Allegations of the Remonſtrants againſt it, beg Leave to report, that having at the Requeſt of the Parties viewed the ſaid Creek with the Banks, Meadows and Lands, affected thereby, and fully heard the ſaid Parties reſpectively, for and againſt the Regulation propoſed, we are of Opinion, that thoſe large Tracts of Land, called the *Wicacoa* and *Moyamenſing* Meadows, are greatly damaged by the ſaid Creek, which cannot we conceive be remedied by any other Means than by ſtopping out the ſame, with proper Sluices laid, and Channels cut, to draw off the ſtagnated Waters from the ſaid Lands, which, when done, we apprehend will render the Settlements of the Remonſtrants, and others in that Neighbourhood, more healthy, beſides other Advantages accruing to them, or ſome of them, thereby.

*February* 18, 1768. CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JOHN SELLERS, ROWLAND EVANS, SAMUEL FOULKE, ISAAC PEARSON."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report, ordered, that the Petitioners for ſtopping out the ſaid *Hollanders* Creek have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed in the Forenoon, reported they delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſame into Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of the Eighth Inſtant, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read, and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 19. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Reynold Keen* and *Samuel Wheeler*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have heard a Bill has been ordered by the Houſe for the damming off a Part of *Hollanders* Creek in *Moyamenſing* Townſhip, by which the Eſtate of the Petitioners and of ſeveral other Perſons will be prejudiced and affected; wherefore they pray the Houſe will be pleaſed to indulge them with Time to the next Seſſions to have a Copy of the ſaid Bill, and lay it before Council for Peruſal, as the near Approach of the Courts render it impracticable for Council to give that Attention to the Matter which it may require. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe an Account of *Twenty-ſeven Pounds Eight Shillings and Six-pence*, paid by him to the Serjeant at Arms, for purchaſing a Stock of Wood for the Uſe of the Aſſembly.

*Ordered*, That a Certificate for the ſaid Sum be filled up and ſigned by the Clerk, which was done accordingly at the Table, and delivered to the Speaker.

The Committee appointed to examine the Journals, and conſider the Right of the Houſe to appoint a Printer of the Laws of this Province, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. IN Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, your Committee do report that they have carefully examined and inſpected the Votes and Proceedings of the Aſſemblies of this Province, and find the firſt Reſolve of the Aſſembly for Printing the Laws was made in the Year 1712, and continued from Year to Year, appointing Committees to treat and agree upon the eaſieſt and beſt Terms they could with Perſons to print the Laws; —— they likewiſe find Reports of the Committees made thereon, and the firſt Agreement about Printing the Laws, was made with *Andrew Bradford*;——— the Laws were accordingly by him printed, and paid for by Order of Aſſembly, and ordered to be brought into the Houſe.

Thus Matters continued until the Year 1729, when we find *Benjamin Franklin* and *Hugh Meredith* were appointed by the Aſſembly to print the Laws of this Province, and ſo continued until the Death of *Meredith*, and from the firſt Reſolve of Aſſembly for printing the Laws down to the Year 1767, to wit, for the Space of Fifty-five Years, the Committee find no Inſtance of any Claim made by any former Governor of a Right to appoint, or ſhare in the Appointment of, a Printer of our Laws; —— ſo that upon the Whole, from the conſtant, uniform, and uninterrupted Courſe of the Proceedings in

in this Province, it appears the Assemblies have ordered and agreed with the Printers for printing, not only the Votes of Assembly, but also the Laws, which is humbly submitted. 1768. February 19.

ARCHIBALD M'GREW, JOSEPH FOX,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOSEPH WATSON,
EDWARD BIDDLE, JOHN JACOBS."
JOHN ROSS,

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow Land therein described, situate in the County of* Chester, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expence thereof,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Richard Jackson*, Esq; one of the Agents for this Province, in *London*, dated at the *Inner-Temple, December* 9, 1767, concerning public Affairs, which was read by Order.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee concerning their Right of appointing a Printer of the Laws of the Province, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being put, Whether the House have a Right to order the printing of the Laws of this Province?—the same was resolved in the Affirmative, by a great Majority.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Minshall* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the House incline to adjourn to the Ninth of *May* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto, and that they should be glad to know his Result on the Bills before him, as soon as conveniently may be.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment. *February* 20.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour, having no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House, was pleased to say, that he would give all the Dispatch in his Power to the Bills under his Consideration.

The several engrossed Copies of the Bills agreed on, being brought in by the Clerk, were again read, compared at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, by Order of the House.

The Governor, by the Secretary, sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Marsh or Meadow Land therein described, situate in the County of* Chester," *&c.* with some Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and agreed to by the House.

The Secretary also delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor in the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *the Townships of* Moyamensing *and* Passyunk *and the* Northern Liberties," and acquainted the House that his Honour would be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor, to inquire at what Hour To-day the House shall attend him to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he hath given his Assent, and acquaint him that they have agreed to his Amendments on the two Bills sent down this Morning, they will pass them in the transcribed Copies, if his Honour will be pleased to appoint some Members of Council to compare the others already engrossed.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Hillegas* join with the Members of Council in comparing the said engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Committee of Correspondence, pursuant to Order, reported a Draught of a Letter to the Agents in *London*, which was read by Order, and being agreed to by the House, was transcribed, and is as follows, *viz.*

Letter to the Agents from the Committee of Correspondence.

*GENTLEMEN,*

WE are particularly enjoined by the House of Assembly, now sitting, to request that you would co-operate with the Agents of the other Colonies in any decent

1768. *February* 20. and reſpectful Application to Parliament, in Caſe ſuch Application is made by them for a Repeal of the late Act impoſing Duties on the Importation of Paper, Glaſs, *&c.* into the *American* Provinces, which Act is looked upon highly injurious to the Rights of the People, and our commercial Intereſt. We are likewiſe directed to tranſmit you Copies of the ſeveral Meſſages which have paſſed between the two Branches of the Legiſlature, with the other Papers and Proofs taken and laid before the Houſe during the preſent Sitting, which demonſtrate the preſent unhappy State of the Province, and the Neceſſity of your fulfilling the Inſtructions you have received from the ſeveral late Aſſemblies, confirmed by this Houſe in our Letter of the Seventeenth of *October* laſt, to proſecute to an Iſſue the Petitions now before his Majeſty, with the moſt careful Attention to thoſe Inſtructions, that all the Charter and legal Rights and Privileges are preſerved and ſecured to the Inhabitants of this Province, and not otherwiſe. Mr. *Jackſon's* Letter of the Ninth of *December*, was Yeſterday read in the Houſe, and we are ordered again to requeſt that you would not miſs any Opportunity of endeavouring to obtain a Repeal of the Act reſtraining the legal Tender of Paper Bills of Credit, for ſhould a Rupture with the *Indians* unhappily take Place, which we have too much Reaſon to dread, the Aſſemblies muſt find it attended with the greateſt Difficulty, if not impracticable, to raiſe the neceſſary Supplies.

*We are your reſpectful Friends,*

WILLIAM RODMAN, JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
ISAAC PEARSON, JAMES PEMBERTON,
JOSEPH FOX, JOHN ROSS,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON, THOMAS LIVEZEY."

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Governor's Support for the current Year, after ſome Debate,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable JOHN PENN, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table accordingly, and ſigned by the Speaker,

*Ordered*, That the ſame be preſented to his Honour by the Speaker, when the Houſe ſhall attend him to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills that have been agreed on.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Hillegas* ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills after they are paſſed into Laws, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

*S I R*,

" The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the " Houſe, to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills to which he has given his Aſſent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that they had waited on his Honour, and preſented ſeveral Bills, reſpectively entituled as follow, *viz.* " *An Act for incorporating the Society known by the Name and Style of* The " Philadelphia Contributionſhip for the inſuring Houſes from Loſs by Fire, *to ratify* " *and confirm the Articles of Agreement of the Contributors, and to enable them to make* " *ſuitable By-Laws for the better Management and Proſecution of their ſaid Deſign.*"—— " *An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* "*An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *and* Mu- " latto *Slaves imported into this Province; and another Act, entituled,* " *A Supplement* " *to an Act, entituled,* " *An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *and* Mulatto *Slaves im-* " *ported into this Province.*"—" *An Act for appropriating a Sum of Money for building* " *the Middle-houſe on the Weſt Side of the Barracks, in the* Northern Liberties *of the City* " *of* Philadelphia."——" *An Act for raiſing, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Five Thou- " ſand Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, *for the purchaſing a public Landing in the* " Northern Liberties, *and paving the Streets of the City of* Philadelphia."——" *An Act* " *for regulating the Fiſhery in the River* Brandywine." —" *An Act to enable the Owners* " *and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow Land therein deſcribed, ſituate in* " *the County of* Cheſter, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and* " *to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof.*"—" *An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* " *An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor of the City of* Phila- " delphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *the Townſhips of* Moyamenſing *and* Paſſyunk, *and* " *the* Northern Liberties."——To which Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into Laws:——The Speaker alſo reported, that he had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the Houſe, preſented their Certificate for *Five Hundred Pounds* to his Honour, for which he was pleaſed to ſay he was obliged to the Houſe.

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage of the Eighth Inſtant being tranſcribed according to Order, was again read, ſigned by the Speaker, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May*

1768.

*May it please your* HONOUR,

*February* 20. A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

WE met at this Sitting, sincerely disposed to preserve that Harmony which ought to subsist between "the Branches of a legislative Body:" And, although your Message of the Eighth Instant, appears to us evidently calculated to disturb it, yet we were resolved that it should not divert us from the important Objects before us; but as the public Business is nearly concluded, and that Message contains a Number of severe Insinuations and groundless Charges against us, we are obliged to take particular Notice of them.

We entertain as just a Sense of the "great Inconvenience attending Differences be-"tween those Branches," as you possibly can do. Ever since we have had the Honour of holding these Seats, we have carefully avoided them; unless they were necessary to obtain some Act of Justice, to regain some Right invaded, to support his Majesty's Authority, or procure Safety to ourselves and those we represent. And even in these Instances, we think we may safely call on your Honour to shew that we have conducted them otherwise, than by a plain Representation of Facts, and decent, though firm Arguments. Could we, on a Retrospection of your Conduct, persuade ourselves to believe, that "you have carefully avoided doing any Thing to interrupt a good Under-"standing with the Assemblies of this Province," it would give us real Pleasure, as it would afford us a Prospect of an easy Accommodation of our present Differences.

We have carefully re-considered our Message of the Fifth Instant, which you are pleased to say, is "not only indecent and unbecoming, but indicates a Spirit prevail-"ing among us, very ill suited to the present critical Situation of our public Af-"fairs," *&c.* From what Part of this Message you could collect any Thing that justifies these Charges, we are at a Loss to judge. The Manner of Expression is plain, accompanied with Arguments deduced from a fair Representation of Facts, which your Honour has, however, chose wholly to pass over unanswered, from a Conviction, we suspect, that it was much easier to pronounce them "indecent and unbecoming" than to refute our Reasoning, or disprove the Truth of our Representation.

We remonstrated to your Honour, that most atrocious Offences had been long since committed in the Province; we requested that you would take the proper Measures to bring the Offenders to Justice, and we pointed out the Means by which this most necessary Business might be effected, without "your doing Violence to the Constitution." ——We endeavoured to delineate the unhappy Consequences that have resulted from permitting Men who have bid Defiance to the Powers of Government, and audaciously trampled on its Authority, to remain longer unpunished: And we presumed to intimate the present Debility of the Government, under the late Administration of the Laws. If the pointing out those Truths to your Honour, can be esteemed "indecent and unbe-"coming," we justly merit your Censure. But if to advise and intreat your Honour to support the King's Authority committed to your Care, for the Protection of his People, is an indispensable Obligation, which we owe both to his Majesty and our Constituents; and if, in the Discharge of this Trust, we have incurred your Displeasure, we can the more chearfully bear it, as we are conscious we were actuated by no Motives but our Duty, and the good of the Country. This is the "Spirit" which prevails among us. If you suspected us of any other, you did us great Injustice. And had more of this Spirit been exerted by your Honour, we are persuaded the Murderers of the *Indians* at *Conestogoe* and *Lancaster* would, long ere now, have suffered the Punishment they deserved; numerous Offenders would have been deterred from the Perpetration of the most heinous Offences; the Honour of the Government would have been maintained, and that Order supported which only can ensure Safety and Happiness to the Subject.

That "the averting an *Indian* War, and the sad Effects of it, were the principal "Objects at the Opening of the Sessions," we agree, and we hope we have demonstrated, by our Conduct, a faithful Discharge of our Duty herein, so far as our Power extended. We, at your Instance, prepared a Bill, with all possible Dispatch, for removeing the lawless Intruders from the *Indian* Lands. And to leave nothing undone which could possibly tend to remove the *Indians* Discontent, we voted and granted a Sum of Money to be expended in Presents of Condolence for the Number of *Indians* who have been cruelly murdered in, and on the Frontiers of this Province; and other Gifts for regaining their Friendship. These Things we were more especially induced to do, as we despaired, from your Declaration, that the Offenders were likely to be apprehended, or public Justice satisfied; which the Laws and Policy of all civilized Nations strictly require.

But you are pleased to tell us, that "the two only Causes of Complaint you find "mentioned in his Excellency General *Gage's*, and Sir *William Johnson's* Letters, are "the Intrusion of our People on the *Indian* Lands——and the Insults and hostile Acts "they have received from the Frontier People, chiefly from *Virginia*;" and you charge us that, "not being content with the Causes pointed out by those Gentlemen," "we "have proceeded to investigate others:"——Your Letter from Sir *William*, laid before

us,

1768. *February* 20. us, we did not receive until the Twenty-first *ultimo*.——Our Meſſage upon which you found the Charge againſt us of unneceſſarily "inveſtigating other" "Cauſes" than thoſe pointed out by him, was ſent up to your Honour on the Thirteenth *ultimo*. —— With what Propriety then could you aſſert, that we were not content with the Cauſes pointed out by Sir *William*, when we had not ſeen his Letter? But had this Letter come to your Hands, and been earlier laid before us, we muſt have been blind indeed not to have diſcovered that there are other Cauſes than thoſe you aſſign; becauſe after mentioning them, this Gentleman adds the Words [*&c.*] which to a Perſon deſirous of inveſtigating all, for the Public Good, might have ſhewn there were "others" than thoſe particularly ſpecified.

The Copy of the General's Letter is now before us, and we cannot help expreſſing our Surpriſe, that you ſhould refer us to that Letter to find that "the two Cauſes" recited in your Meſſage, are the only Cauſes of the *Indians* Complaint: Had your Honour attended to a few Words juſt preceding thoſe you have been pleaſed to ſelect, you would have found your Miſtake, and plainly diſcovered, that the General, in very explicit Terms, aſſigns other Cauſes.—— That the whole Truth may, however, appear, we beg Leave to quote the very Words of his Letter, not tranſpoſed, as they are in your Meſſage, but in the Order they ſtand. They are theſe; that although "ſeveral Cauſes "for their preſent ill Temper are ſuggeſted, yet the Inſults they have received from the "Frontier People, chiefly from thoſe of *Virginia*, and the Obſtinacy of the People, who "perſiſt to ſettle on their Lands, not only without their Conſent, but in Contradiction "to their warmeſt Remonſtrances, and the Endeavours that have been uſed to remove "them, I perceive to be the moſt immediate Cauſes of their preſent Diſcontent." Hence it appears very contrary to what you have alleged, that the Matters aſſerted by you as the only two Cauſes of *Indian* Complaint, are ſtyled by the General "the moſt immediate Cauſe," and of Conſequence that there remain other "Cauſes for their preſent "ill Temper." Indeed had his Excellency omitted to mention any other Reaſons for the *Indian* Diſquietude, than thoſe your Honour ſeems ſo remarkably attached to, we apprehend it requires but a ſmall Knowledge of the Diſpoſitions and Policy of the Natives, and of what has unhappily paſſed in this Province, to diſcover many others. The *Indians* have ſtrong Ideas of Juſtice, and retain a warm Reſentment for Injuries. The Murder of their People they eſteem not only a private Loſs to their Relatives, but a public one to their Nation; and they ſeldom forget or forgive Inſults of this Nature, without obtaining Satisfaction from the Government where they were committed; and therefore when we conſider the Number of their People who have been cruelly maſſacred by a lawleſs Part of the Inhabitants of this Province, we cannot conceive that your Honour can be at a Loſs to find out ſome of the other "Cauſes" intimated, though not expreſsly enumerated, by the General. And if in the Inveſtigation of thoſe Cauſes we have unfortunately given your Honour Offence, it is an Offence, we aſſure you, we could not well avoid.———His Excellency's Letter, and the ſeeming Sincerity with which you declared your Readineſs, in your firſt Meſſage on this Subject, "to remove "the juſt Cauſes of *Indian* Complaints of paſt Injuries," and an anxious Deſire of uniteing with you in a Meaſure ſo neceſſary to the future Safety of the Province, led us into the Inquiry, which we conceived to be our indiſpenſable Duty, as it appeared neceſſary to avert the Calamities of an *Indian* War.

The oblique Inſinuation, thrown out by your Honour, that thoſe Inquiries were "taken up rather with a view to diſtract your Councils, than to remove the preſent "Cauſes of *Indian* Diſſatisfactions," though of a high Nature, gives us no Concern. Our Innocence and Actions, we truſt, will not only vindicate us againſt this intended Aſperſion, but againſt any others which you may think proper to caſt upon us: Nor are we to be thus diverted from firmly diſcharging our Duty to the Crown and our Conſtituents.———Thoſe Inquiries were entered into and made before we knew of the Murders committed by *Frederick Stump* and his Servant. On the 7th of *January* Mr. *Croghan* was examined on thoſe Matters before this Houſe: On the 13th, our Meſſage mentioning this Inquiry, was ſent to you, and the Letter from Colonel *Armſtrong*, giving you the firſt Account of the Reſcue of *Stump* and his Servant, (which ſeems to have thrown your Councils into ſo much Confuſion) was not wrote before the Twenty-ninth of the ſame Month.——How then was it poſſible that the Houſe could intend to "diſtract your Councils," at the Time thoſe Inquiries were taken up? — They could not ſuſpect that a Requeſt, made to your Honour, to bring Murderers to Juſtice, would have that Effect, when they knew of no other Matters before them. If your Councils are diſtracted, we diſclaim all Share in the Cauſes of that Diſtraction: And we think you might, with much greater Propriety and Juſtice have derived it from another Source.——Councils muſt undoubtedly be involved in Perplexities and Confuſion, when the Execution of Laws, for a Series of Time, has been groſsly neglected; Murders and other Offences permitted to eſcape with Impunity; and the Government thereby brought into the utmoſt Contempt.——To theſe Cauſes the preſent Difficulties attending your

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Councils are only to be ascribed; and not to any Thing which we have done, or ever thought of doing; And, therefore, this most unkind Insinuation against us, is the more ungenerous and unjustifiable. 1768. February 20.

Your Honour is pleased to repeat your "Detestation" of "the Murder of the *Indians* "at *Conestogoe* and *Lancaster*," and yet you are extremely unwilling to believe it "one "of the Causes of the present Discontent among the *Indians*," and you confess yourself "at a Loss to conjecture on what Intelligence we found our Opinion in this par- "ticular."——We will candidly inform your Honour, upon what our Opinion is founded.——It is upon the very Nature of those tragical Scenes, and their apparent Consequences.——Those *Indians* were chiefly Descendants from one of the most powerful Tribes of the *Six Nations*:——They had Relations among them, who have long since heard of their inhospitable and barbarous Treatment, while under the Protection of the Government.—To suppose then, that such Acts of Inhumanity had not created Uneasiness and Resentment, not only in those Relations, but in the Nation generally, would be to flatter ourselves, that they were void of all Passion and Policy;——the contrary of which every Day's Experience fully manifests. And when we further considered, that not one of these atrocious Murderers has been brought to Punishment, in order to remove the Prejudices of the Natives against the Government; nor that the usual Present of Condolence has been made by this Province, to the Relatives for the Loss of their Brethren, we were greatly confirmed in our Opinion, that those Murders were one of the Causes of *Indian* Discontent.—But we did not depend on those Reasons solely;—we found from the Examination of *George Croghan*, Esq; Deputy-Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs, that the *Senecas* had complained, among others, of those Murders: And we have been so happy since, as to have our Opinion further corroborated by another Authority, which we think, your Honour will not dispute, as you have fully acknowledged it in your Message now before us;—we mean, from an impartial and full State of all the Causes of the present *Indian* Discontent, communicated in a Letter during this Session to our Speaker, by the Honourable Sir *William Johnson*, his Majesty's Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs.—In this Letter Sir *William* expresly mentions "the Barba- "rity exercised on the unhappy *Conestogoe*, *Indians*," as one of the Causes, among others, of the intended *Indian* Hostilities against the Colonies. And in another Part thereof he says, "the Murder of the *Conestogoes* still fresh in their Memories, gives them much "Pain."—Thus your Honour may perceive that we have not "taken it for granted" that the Murder of the *Conestogoe Indians* "is one Cause of *Indian* Complaint;" but that we are supported by good Information, and on the very Authority which you so strongly recommend in your Message.

In order, however, to divert us from examining into this Cause of *Indian* Complaint, and from pressing you to put the Laws in Execution against the Offenders, you inform us, "that the *Six Nations*, upon Sir *William Johnson's* laying before them, and explain- "ing to them this Affair, at your Request, in the Year 1764, were so far satisfied, that "they received Belts from him on the Occasion, and suffered him to cover the Graves "of their deceased Brethren."—And can your Honour believe, that such uncommon Injuries can be atoned for, and the Resentment of the *Indians* so easily eradicated under those Circumstances? We are at a Loss to conjecture upon what Motives you act, when you attempt to persuade us, that "the Barbarity exercised on the unhappy *Conestogoe* "*Indians*," was not one of the Causes of the *Indian* Discontent.—We would charitably hope, that "this Measure" was not taken up rather with a View to cast a Veil over the inexcusable Conduct of the Magistracy under your Superintendence, and to avoid a speedy and diligent Inquisition after the Murderers, than to restore the lost Authority and Dignity of the Government. But indeed the bad Policy of treating such important Matters with Neglect, or very little Regard, appears now fatally evident;—as it is too clear to be denied, that those Murders, of which so little Notice has been taken, are one of the Causes which threaten the Colonies with an *Indian* War. And we must say, that the Situation of the Province in our Apprehension is truly most deplorable, when the late Murder in the County of *Cumberland*, can "involve" you in such "Difficul- "ties," as to render it necessary to postpone, to "a more proper Season," a Matter of equal, if not greater, Importance to the Safety of the Colony.—The proper Time for punishing Offenders, is as soon as possible after the Offence is committed; every Neglect or Delay does but encourage them, and others, to the Perpetration of the like, or other Crimes. And as those Offenders have too long already eluded the Hands of Justice, "no Season," in our Opinion, can be more "proper" than that which demands their Conviction, to avert the impending Calamities of a general Rupture with the *Indians*.

You are further pleased to allege, that "you are called upon by us in a Manner the "most extraordinary, to vindicate yourself, and, as it were, arraigned by us for ne- "glecting the Duties of your Station, relative to Murders committed upwards of four "Years ago."—We do not pretend to "dictate," or to have any Power over your Honour;

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but we conceive we have a Right, as the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, to inquire into every Cauſe that threatens the Public Safety; — to point out the Failures in the Adminiſtration of Juſtice; to adviſe and requeſt you would enforce a due Execution of the Laws, and make Examples of the delinquent Officers;—and we think it is alſo our Right to know how far thoſe reaſonable Requeſts are complied with:—— And ſhould we obſerve any Omiſſion or Neglect in a Governor, which is likely to bring the Authority of Government into Contempt, and thereby to endanger the Lives of his Majeſty's Subjects, we cannot but think we ought with Plainneſs, Firmneſs and Reſolution to remonſtrate againſt ſuch Omiſſions or Neglects.—For your Honour will be pleaſed to conſider, that herein the Lives, Eſtates and every Thing the People of this Province hold dear and valuable, are intimately concerned; and if we were, as idle Spectators, to ſee the Province we repreſent precipitating into a State of Anarchy, with all its attendant Miſchiefs, we ſhould not only be chargeable with a Breach of Duty to the Crown, but to the People we repreſent.

But why your Honour mentions the Time ſince thoſe Offences were committed, we cannot conceive.—Was it to perſuade us, that the Puniſhment of Murders would be now out of "Seaſon?" Theſe Criminals, you acknowledge, have eluded the Force of our Laws upwards of "four Years," and yet many of them remain in the Province, and may be eaſily diſcovered and apprehended.—As diſtreſſing as this Conſideration muſt be to every ſober Inhabitant, it is greatly aggravated by the Number of Crimes, of the ſame Nature, ſince committed.—Will your Honour permit us to place them in one View before you, that the dangerous Effects of delaying Juſtice in Government, may fully appear, and incite you to do your Duty.—In the Year 1763, the cruel Maſſacres of twenty *Indians*, chiefly of the *Six Nations*, were perpetrated at *Coneſtogoe* and *Lancaſter*. In the ſame Year a *Delaware* Chief met with the ſame Fate, between *Shearman's Valley* and *Juniata*. In 1765, a Chief of the *Six Nations* was murdered near *Bedford*. In the Year 1766, a principal Warrior of the *Delawares* was killed between *Redſtone* Creek and *Cheat* River; and three *Delaware* Chiefs were robbed and murdered near Fort *Pitt*, by two Inhabitants of this Province.—An *Indian* was lately murdered in *Northampton* County:—Beſides the late Barbarity committed by *Frederick Stump*, and his Servant, on ten *Indians* on *Middle* Creek:—And not one of thoſe Murderers has been brought to Puniſhment.—The laſt mentioned have, indeed, been apprehended, through the virtuous Activity of Captain *Patterſon*, aided by a few of his Neighbours, without any Authority from the Magiſtracy: But when taken into Cuſtody by the Sheriff, under the Chief-Juſtice's Warrant, and ready to be brought by a Guard to this City, for Examination, did not two of the inferior Magiſtrates inſolently preſume to ſuperſede the Power of that Warrant, and commit the Priſoners, by their own Authority, to the County Gaol, and one of them to diſcharge the Guard raiſed by the Sheriff? Thereby affording an Opportunity to the lawleſs Part of the County of reſcuing them.—This Reſcue has ſince taken Place by a Number of armed Men; and not a ſingle Offender apprehended, that we have heard of, though many of them are well known, and reſiding in the County.—— Where can theſe Things terminate, but in Tumults, and a total Abolition of the Powers of Government? For can we reaſonably expect that thoſe avowed Violators of the Faith of Treaties, and the Laws of GOD and their Country, will ſtop here, and not exerciſe the ſame Acts of Inhumanity on the good People of the Province.—Their Numbers and Connexions are continually encreaſing by the Perpetration of new Offences, and freſh Difficulties occurring with them, to oppoſe the Execution of the Laws, while the Powers of Government, which ought in all good Policy to check the Growth of Crimes in their Bud, are either not exerciſed at all, or with ſo little Effect, as to incite neither Fear or Reſpect.

But our preſſing theſe Matters on your Honour, you are pleaſed to term "no leſs unkind and indecent towards you, than imprudent with reſpect to your preſent Purſuit, for Reaſons which muſt occur to us on cool and diſpaſſionate Reflection, though they are altogether improper to be made public at this particular Juncture." — We truſt that after ſo full an Explanation of our Motives, as is mentioned in this Meſſage, you will readily alter your Sentiments with reſpect to the Indecency of our Conduct. And, as to the "Imprudence" of the Meaſure, though we have "coolly and diſpaſſionately" ſought for the Reaſons which you ſay "muſt occur to us," we aſſure you, we are at a Loſs to diſcover them; unleſs they ariſe from an Apprehenſion in your Honour that it is impracticable, under the preſent debilitated Adminiſtration of Government, to puniſh the Authors of Crimes committed at different Periods.

You are pleaſed to tell us, that you "contented yourſelf with returning a ſhort Anſwer to our firſt Meſſage, letting us know what Steps you had taken to diſcover and bring to Juſtice thoſe who had been concerned in the *Lancaſter* Murders." Your Anſwer was indeed ſhort, but truly alarming to us. The very extraordinary Declaration made in that Meſſage, that "in your Station, you conceived nothing more can be done without doing an Act of Violence to the Conſtitution," afforded us a melancholy

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Prospect of future Insecurity.——And as it seems nothing more can be done, in your Opinion, by the Supreme Magistrate of *Pennsylvania*, towards bringing the most capital Offenders "to Justice," than writing a few Letters to the inferior Officers (who have contumaciously disobeyed them) and issuing a Proclamation, which has been treated with the utmost Indignity, every impartial Person must be convinced that the Powers of Government, vested in the feeble Hands of a Proprietary Governor, are too weak to support Order in the Province, or give Safety to the People. 1768. *February* 20.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*February* 20, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and deliver the foregoing Answer from the House to his Message of the Eighth Instant.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker be requested to employ a Person to print the Laws passed at this Sitting of the House.

*Ordered*, That the Answer of the House to the Governor's Message of the Eighth Instant be printed in the next Week's News-Papers.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Laws passed this Afternoon, reported the same had been done according to Order, and that the said Laws were deposited in the Rolls Office.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to attend the Treaty, to be held by Sir *William Johnson*, with the Northern *Indians*.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message of the Eighth Instant, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he thought the House should not adjourn till he had an Opportunity of making a Reply to it.

The House then adjourned to *Monday* the Ninth Day of *May* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

THE House met pursuant to their Adjournment. *May* 9. *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Members being met pursuant to their Adjournment, are ready to receive any Business which he may be pleased to lay before them.

The Members return and report they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had nothing at present to lay before them for their Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *May* 10.

Petitions from *George Donat* and *James Green*, Prisoners for Debt, in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, praying Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Philip Miller*, of *Shippensburg*, in *Cumberland* County, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1756, the Petitioner's Servant Man, named *John Michael Bemer*, inlisted into his Majesty's Service, under Ensign *Hart*, and at the Time of Inlistment had three Years and one Week to serve, as will appear by his Indenture, now in the Hands of Mr. *Moore*, the Clerk of Assembly;—that the Petitioner sent the said Indenture to Mr. *West*, then a Representative for this County;—but when Provision was made by the Honourable House for the Payment of Servants that had inlisted as aforesaid, the above Indenture was mislaid, and could not be found until all the Money appropriated for this Purpose, was expended;—that the Petitioner being poor, and having a Charge of Children, could not attend in *Philadelphia* at the proper Time for settling this Business, though he has paid Interest for *Twenty-eight Pounds*, the Price of said Servant, ever since; he therefore humbly prays the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them in their Wisdom shall seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House Letters from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; dated in *London*, the 17th of *February*, and 13th of *March* last, concerning the Affairs of this Province, which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Watson* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to revise the Minutes of the last Sitting of Assembly, and report such Matters as were then left unfinished, and recommended to Consideration at the present Meeting.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter, received in their Recess, from the Ho- *Post Meridiem*

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1768. *May* 10. nourable *Thomas Cuſhing*, Speaker of the *Maſſachuſetts* Aſſembly, dated the Eleventh of *February* laſt, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Letter from the Speaker of the *Maſſachuſetts*, to the Speaker of the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*.

*SIR*,

THE Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province have taken into their ſerious Conſideration the great Difficulties that muſt accrue to themſelves and their Conſtituents, by the Operation of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament, impoſing Duties and Taxes on the *American* Colonies.

As it is a Subject in which every Colony is deeply intereſted, they have no Reaſon to doubt but your Aſſembly is duly impreſſed with its Importance, and that ſuch conſtitutional Meaſures will be taken by them as are proper. It ſeems to be neceſſary, that all poſſible Care ſhould be taken, that the Repreſentations of the ſeveral Aſſemblies upon ſo delicate a Point ſhould harmonize with each other: The Houſe therefore hope that this Letter will be candidly conſidered in no other Light than as expreſſing a Diſpoſition freely to communicate their Mind to a Siſter Colony, upon a common Concern, in the ſame Manner as they would be glad to receive the Sentiments of your or any other Houſe of Aſſembly on the Continent.

This Houſe have humbly repreſented to the Miniſtry their own Sentiments, that his Majeſty's high Court of Parliament is the ſupreme Legiſlative Power over the whole Empire;——that in all free States the Conſtitution is fixed; and as the ſupreme Legiſlature derives its Power and Authority from the Conſtitution, it cannot overleap the Bounds of it without deſtroying its own Foundation;—that the Conſtitution aſcertains and limits both Sovereignty and Allegiance;——and therefore his Majeſty's *American* Subjects, who acknowledge themſelves bound by the Ties of Allegiance, have an equitable Claim to the full Enjoyment of the fundamental Rules of the *Britiſh* Conſtitution;——that it is an eſſential, unalterable Right in Nature, ingrafted into the *Britiſh* Conſtitution, as a fundamental Law, and ever held ſacred and irrevocable by the Subjects within the Realm, that what a Man has honeſtly acquired, is abſolutely his own, which he may freely give, but cannot be taken from him without his Conſent;—that the *American* Subjects may therefore, excluſive of any Conſideration of Charter Rights, with a decent Firmneſs adapted to the Character of Freemen and Subjects, aſſert this natural conſtitutional Right.

It is moreover their humble Opinion, which they expreſs with the greateſt Deference to the Wiſdom of the Parliament, that the Acts made there, impoſing Duties on the People of this Province, with the ſole and expreſs Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue, are Infringements of their natural conſtitutional Rights, becauſe, as they are not repreſented in the *Britiſh* Parliament, his Majeſty's Commons in *Britain*, by thoſe Acts grant their Property without their Conſent.

This Houſe further are of Opinion, that their Conſtituents, conſidering their local Circumſtances, cannot by any Poſſibility be repreſented in the Parliament, and that it will be forever impracticable that they ſhould be equally repreſented there, and conſequently not at all; being ſeparated by an Ocean of a Thouſand Leagues; and that his Majeſty's Royal Predeceſſors for this Reaſon, were graciouſly pleaſed to form a ſubordinate Legiſlative here, that their Subjects might enjoy the unalienable Right of a Repreſentation; and, that conſidering the utter Impracticability of their being fully and equally repreſented in Parliament, and the great Expence that muſt unavoidably attend even a partial Repreſentation there, this Houſe think that a Taxation of their Conſtituents, even without their Conſent, grievous as it is, would be preferable to any Repreſentation that could be admitted for them there.

Upon theſe Principles, and alſo conſidering that were the Right in the Parliament ever ſo clear, yet for obvious Reaſons it would be beyond the Rules of Equity that their Conſtituents ſhould be taxed on the Manufactures of *Great-Britain* here, in Addition to the Duties they pay for them in *England*, and other Advantages ariſing to *Great-Britain* from the Acts of Trade, this Houſe have preferred an humble, dutiful and loyal Petition to our moſt gracious Sovereign, and made ſuch Repreſentations to his Majeſty's Miniſters as they apprehend will tend to obtain Redreſs.

They have alſo ſubmitted it to Conſideration, Whether any People can be ſaid to enjoy any Degree of Freedom, if the Crown in Addition to its undoubted Authority of conſtituting a Governor, ſhould alſo appoint him ſuch a Stipend as it ſhall judge proper, without the Conſent of the People and at their Expence? And whether while the Judges of the Land, and other civil Officers in the Province hold not their Commiſſions during good Behaviour, their having Salaries appointed for them by the Crown, independent of the People, hath not a Tendency to ſubvert the Principles of Equity, and endanger the Happineſs and Security of the Subject.

In Addition to theſe Meaſures, the Houſe have wrote a Letter to their Agent, Mr. *De Berdt*, the Sentiment of which he is directed to lay before the Miniſtry, wherein they take Notice of the Hardſhip of the Act for preventing Mutiny and Deſertion,

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which requires the Governor and Council to provide enumerated Articles for the King's marching Troops, and the People to pay the Expence; and alſo of the Commiſſion of the Gentlemen appointed Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms to reſide in *America*, which authoriſes them to make as many Appointments as they think fit, and to pay the Appointees what Sum they pleaſe, for whoſe Malconduct they are not accountable; from whence it may happen that Officers of the Crown may be multiplied to ſuch a Degree as to become dangerous to the Liberties of the People, by Virtue of a Commiſſion which does not appear to this Houſe to derive any ſuch Advantages to Trade as many have been led to expect. 1768. May 10.

Theſe are the Sentiments and Proceedings of this Houſe; and as they have too much Reaſon to believe that the Enemies of the Colonies have repreſented them to his Majeſty's Miniſters and the Parliament as factious, diſloyal, and having a Diſpoſition to make themſelves independent of the Mother Country; they have taken Occaſion, in the moſt humble Terms, to aſſure his Majeſty and his Miniſters, that with Regard to the People of this Province, and as they doubt not, of all the Colonies, the Charge is unjuſt.

The Houſe is fully ſatisfied, that your Aſſembly is too generous and enlarged in Sentiment to believe that this Letter proceeds from an Ambition of taking the Lead, or dictating to other Aſſemblies;—they freely ſubmit their Opinion to the Judgment of others, and ſhall take it kind in your Houſe to point out to them any Thing further which may be thought neceſſary.

This Houſe cannot conclude without expreſſing their firm Confidence in the King our common Head and Father, that the united and dutiful Supplications of his diſtreſſed *American* Subjects will meet with his Royal and favourable Acceptance.

In the Name and by Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives,

I am, *SIR*, with great Reſpect,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

THOMAS CUSHING, *Speaker.*"

With the foregoing Mr. Speaker alſo laid before the Houſe a Letter from Sir *William Johnſon*, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*S I R,* *Johnſon-Hall, March* 17, 1768.

THE *Indians* having all aſſembled ſince my laſt, to the Number of Seven Hundred and Sixty, and the Congreſs being now ended, I judge it neceſſary to give you a few Lines on that Subject, though the extraordinary Trouble which they give previous to their Departure, and the neceſſary Packets which muſt be prepared, without Delay, will not permit me to be particular. Letter from Sir *William Johnſon* to the Speaker.

The Northern *Indians* have, at length, given Peace to the *Cherokees*, which occupied ſome Days of the Congreſs;——the Remainder was ſpent in public and private Conferences, and in condoling with them, and reconciling them to the late Murders, *&c.* committed in *Pennſylvania*. My public Tranſactions and private Diſcourſes with the Chiefs have, at length, produced as good an Effect as I had any Reaſon to hope for, and I believe that they will take no raſh Steps in conſequence thereof, provided Care is taken to remove any remaining Grievances, and prevent the like for the Time to come, otherwiſe their Engagements cannot be relied on, as the Spirit of Reſentment will take Fire with the firſt Spark it receives hereafter, from the Diſcontent they diſcovered previous to the late Acts of Cruelty. Such Deeds, though they may be paſſed over, being ſeldom forgotten by Perſons of their ſuſpicious Diſpoſition, who at Bottom apprehend the worſt Things from us. I have with ſome Difficulty, conſidering my preſent Hurry, prepared and ſent an Extract to Lieutenant Governor *Penn*, of the principal Parts of my public Tranſactions relative to the Affairs of that Government, to which I refer you, and have drawn on him for *Thirteen Hundred Pounds*, the Amount of the Preſent which I laid out in the beſt Manner for ſatisfying their greateſt Wants, and convincing them of the Friendſhip and Generoſity of your Province, and I am hopeful that the Pains I have taken on this Subject may anſwer the Deſigns of *Pennſylvania*, and the good Intentions of, S I R,

*Your moſt ſincere Wellwiſher, and very humble Servant,*

W. JOHNSON."

*To* Joſeph Galloway, *Eſq*; *Speaker of the Aſſembly of* Pennſylvania.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the laſt Sitting of Aſſembly, and report ſuch Matters as were then recommended to Conſideration at the preſent Seſſion, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

1768. AGREEABLE to the Order of the Houſe, we have examined the Minutes of the laſt Sitting, and find the following Matters referred, *viz.*

*May* 10. Report of the Committee. The Petition of *Mary Baſtone*, referred to the Committee of Grievances; alſo the Petition of *Edward Lowery*, and ſeveral other Perſons confined in Gaol.

*January* 20.—A Committee appointed to bring in a Bill concerning Bankrupts, alſo a Committee to prepare a Bill for regulating the Aſſize of Loaf Bread, who have not reported thereon.

An Order made that the Record Book and other Papers in the Cuſtody and under the Care of the Executors of *Richard Johnſon*, deceaſed, relating to the Eſtates of the Inhabitants of *Germantown*, be by them produced to the Houſe for their Inſpection and Examination at the next Sitting, and that the Clerk give Notice to the ſaid Executors; which he reports has been done accordingly.

*January* 27.—The Conſideration of the Petition of *Mary Norris*, Widow, relating to a Mill-dam in *Schuylkill*.

The Conſideration of a Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia* relating to public Roads.

The Conſideration of a Bill relating to Lunaticks.

The Conſideration of the Petition of *Reynold Keen* and *Samuel Wheeler*.

*Philadelphia, May* 10, 1768. JOSEPH WATSON, JAMES PEMBERTON, CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JOSEPH RICHARDSON."

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of Mrs. *Mary Norris*, Widow, concerning her being heard by Council in Support of a Mill-dam in the River *Schuylkill*, and, after ſome Debate thereon, referred the ſame to their Meeting in *September* next.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 11. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *David Duncan*, Baker, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed on the Twentieth of *January* laſt, to bring in a Bill concerning Bankrupts, do without fail prepare the ſame, ſo that it be in Readineſs for the Conſideration of the Houſe on the Firſt Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Pemberton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for authenticating the Deeds and other public Papers or Records belonging to the Inhabitants of *Germantown*, and that the Draught of ſuch Bill be in Readineſs for the Conſideration of the Houſe at their Meeting in *September* next.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Philip Miller*, of *Shippenſburg*, for Payment of a Servant inliſted into his Majeſty's Service, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon, referred for Settlement to the Committee of Accounts, when proper Vouchers of the Servant's Inliſtment, and the Sum paid for him, ſhall be produced by the ſaid *Miller*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe having no public Buſineſs before them, which requires their longer Sitting at this Time, incline to adjourn to *Monday* the Twelfth of *September* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto.

The Members return and report they had been at the Governor's, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, and were acquainted that he was not in Town.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Members wait again on his Honour in the Afternoon.

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor and acquaint him with the Inclination of the Houſe to adjourn to *September* next, reported, they delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had no Objection thereto.

The Houſe then adjourned accordingly to *Monday*, the Twelfth of *September* next, at Adjournment Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*September* 12. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment MR. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 13. A Quorum met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor being abſent at a general Treaty to be held with the *Indians*, at Fort *Stanwix*, Mr. Secretary brought down to the Houſe, and delivered a written Meſſage left by his Honour, with a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hillſborough*, his Majeſty's Secretary of State for *America*, incloſing a Copy of the circular Letter from

from the *Massachusetts* Assembly therein referred to, which were read by Order, and the said Message, with his Lordship's Letter, are as they respectively follow, *viz.* 1768. *September* 13.

*A Message from the* GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

'AS I am obliged to attend a Treaty, shortly to be held with the *Indians*, at Fort *Stanwix*, for the important Purpose of settling a general Boundary Line between them and this and the neighbouring Colonies, it will not be in my Power to meet you at the Time to which you last adjourned. But it not being usual at this Season to enter upon any other Business than the Settlement of the public Accounts, I am in Hopes my Absence will not in any Sort prove detrimental to the Interest of the Province.

'I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you a Letter which I received since the last Session from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hillsborough*, his Majesty's Secretary of State for *America*, which I recommend to your most serious Consideration, and doubt not you will conduct yourselves on the Occasion in such a Manner as to confirm our gracious Sovereign in the favourable Opinion he is pleased to entertain of you.

*September the 7th*, 1768. *JOHN PENN.*"

*The Earl of* HILLSBOROUGH's *Letter to the* GOVERNOR.

*SIR,* *Whitehall, April the 21st*, 1768.

Letter from the Earl of *Hillsborough* to the Governor.

I HAVE his Majesty's Commands to transmit to you the inclosed Copy of a Letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Massachusetts-Bay*, addressed by Order of that House to the Speaker of the Assembly of each Colony upon the Continent of *North-America*.

As his Majesty considers this Measure to be of a most dangerous and factious Tendency, calculated to inflame the Minds of his good Subjects in the Colonies, to promote an unwarrantable Combination and to excite and encourage an open Opposition to, and Denial of the Authority of, Parliament, and to subvert the true Principles of the Constitution, it is his Majesty's Pleasure that you should immediately, upon the Receipt thereof exert your utmost Influence to defeat this flagitious Attempt to disturb the public Peace, by prevailing upon the Assembly of your Province to take no Notice of it, which will be treating it with the Contempt it deserves.

The repeated Proofs which have been given by the Assembly of *Pennsylvania* of their Reverence and Respect to the Constitution, leave little Room in his Majesty's Breast to doubt of their shewing a proper Resentment of this unjustifiable Attempt to revive those Distractions which have operated so fatally to the Prejudice of this Kingdom and the Colonies, and accordingly his Majesty has the fullest Confidence in their Affections: But, if notwithstanding these Expectations and your most earnest Endeavours, there should appear in the Assembly of your Province, a Disposition to receive or give any Countenance to this seditious Paper, it will be your Duty to prevent any Proceeding upon it, by an immediate Prorogation or Dissolution.

I am, with great Truth and Regard, SIR,

*Your most obedient humble Servant,*

HILLSBOROUGH."

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter, received in their Recess, from the Speaker of the House of Representatives in *Virginia*, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*SIR,* *Virginia, May* 9, 1768.

Letter from the Speaker of *Virginia* to the Speaker of the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*.

THE House of Burgesses of this Colony, having very attentively considered several late Acts of the *British* Parliament, and being of Opinion that they manifestly tend to deprive the Inhabitants of the Colonies of their essential Rights and Privileges, have thought it their Duty, as Representatives of a free People, to take every regular Step to assert that constitutional Liberty, on the Destruction of which those Laws seem to be erected.

They have therefore thought proper to represent, that they are sensible of the Happiness and Security they derive from their Connexions with, and Dependance on, *Great-Britain*, and are under the greatest Concern that any unlucky Incident should interrupt that salutary Harmony, which they wish ever to subsist; — they lament that the Remoteness of their Situation often exposes them to such Misrepresentations as are apt to involve them in Censures of Disloyalty to their Sovereign, and the Want of a proper Respect to the *British* Parliament; whereas they have indulged themselves in the agree-

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able Perſuaſion, that they ought to be conſidered as inferior to none of their Fellow-Subjects in Loyalty and Affection.

That they do not affect an Independency of their Parent Kingdom, the Proſperity of which they are bound to the utmoſt of their Abilities to promote, but chearfully acquieſce in the Authority of Parliament to make Laws for preſerving a neceſſary Dependance, and for regulating the Trade of the Colonies; yet they cannot conceive, and humbly inſiſt, it is not eſſential to ſupport a proper Relation between a Mother Country and Colonies tranſplanted from her, that ſhe ſhould have a Right to raiſe Money from them without their Conſent; and preſume they do not aſpire to more than the natural Rights of *Britiſh* Subjects, when they aſſert that no Power on Earth has a Right to impoſe Taxes on the People, or to take the ſmalleſt Portion of their Property without their Conſent, given by their Repreſentatives in Parliament. This has ever been conſidered as the chief Pillar of the Conſtitution; without this Support no Man can be ſaid to have the leaſt Shadow of Liberty, ſince they can have no Property in that which another can by Right take from them, when he pleaſes, without their Conſent.

That their Anceſtors brought over with them intire and tranſmitted to their Deſcendants, the natural and conſtitutional Rights they had enjoyed in their native Country; and the firſt Principles of the *Britiſh* Conſtitution were early ingrafted into the Conſtitution of the Colonies.—Hence a Legiſlative Authority, ever eſſential in all free States, was derived, and aſſimilated as nearly as might be to that in *England*; the executive Power and the Right of aſſenting or diſſenting to all Laws reſerved to the Crown, and the Privilege of chooſing their own Repreſentatives continued to the People, and confirmed to them by repeated and expreſs Stipulations. The Government thus eſtabliſhed, they enjoyed the Fruits of their own Labour with a Serenity which Liberty only can impart.——Upon preſſing Occaſions they applied to his Majeſty for Relief, and gratefully acknowledged they have frequently received it from their Mother Country: Whenever their Aſſiſtance was neceſſary, Requiſitions have conſtantly been made from the Crown to the Repreſentatives of the People, who have complied with them to the utmoſt Extent of their Abilities. The ample Proviſion made for the Support of the Civil Government in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, and at his Requeſt, and the large Supplies voted during the laſt War, upon Requiſitions from his Majeſty and his Royal Grandfather, afford early and late Inſtances of the Diſpoſition of the Aſſemblies of this Colony, and are ſufficient Proofs that the Parliament of *Great-Britain* did not till lately aſſume a Power of impoſing Taxes on the People for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue.

To ſay that the Commons of *Great-Britain* have a Right to impoſe internal Taxes on the Inhabitants of this Continent, who are not and cannot be repreſented, is in Effect to bid them prepare for a State of Slavery. What muſt be their Situation ſhould ſuch a Right be eſtabliſhed? The Colonies have no conſtitutional Check on their Liberality in giving away their Money, cannot have an Opportunity of explaining their Grievances or pointing out the eaſieſt Method of Taxation, for their Doom will be determined before they are acquainted that the Subject has been agitated in Parliament; and the Commons bear no Proportion of the Taxes they lay upon them. The Notion of a virtual Repreſentation, which would render all our Rights merely ideal, has been ſo often and ſo clearly refuted, that nothing need be ſaid on that Head.

The oppreſſive Stamp-Act confeſſedly impoſed internal Taxes, and the late Acts of Parliament giving and granting certain Duties in the *Britiſh* Colonies, plainly tend to the ſame Point. Duties have been impoſed to reſtrain the Commerce of one Part of the Empire that was likely to prove injurious to another, and by this Means the Welfare of the Whole promoted; but Duties impoſed on ſuch of the *Britiſh* Exports as are Neceſſaries of Life, to be made by the Colonies on Importation, without any View to the Intereſts of Commerce, but merely to raiſe a Revenue, or in other Words to compel the Coloniſts to part with their Money againſt their Inclinations, they conceive to be a Tax internal to all Intents and Purpoſes. And can it be thought juſt or reaſonable, reſtricted as they are in their Trade, confined as they are in their Exports, obliged to purchaſe theſe very Neceſſaries at the *Britiſh* Market, that they ſhould now be told they ſhall not have them without paying a Duty for them.

The Act ſuſpending the Legiſlative Power of *New-York*, they conſider as ſtill more alarming to the Colonies, though it has had that ſingle Province in View. If the Parliament can compel them to furniſh a ſingle Article to the Troops ſent over, they may, by the ſame Rule, oblige them to furniſh Cloaths, Arms and every other Neceſſary, even the Pay of the Officers and Soldiers, a Doctrine replete with every Miſchief, and utterly ſubverſive of all that's dear and valuable; for what Advantage can the People of the Colonies derive from their Right of chooſing their own Repreſentatives, if thoſe Repreſentatives when choſen, not permitted to exerciſe their own Judgments, were under a Neceſſity (on Pain of being deprived of their legiſlative Authority) of enforcing the Mandates of a *Britiſh* Parliament.

This, Sir, is a Sketch of their Sentiments, as they are expreſſed in a Petition to his Majeſty

jesty, a Memorial to the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament assembled, and in a Remonstrance to the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses of *Great-Britain* in Parliament assembled. In all these Proceedings the Council of this Colony have concurred, and have directed their Agent *James Abercrombie*, Esq; to join *Edward Montague*, Esq; the Agent for this Colony, in applying for Redress of the Grievances they so justly complain of. Copies were delivered to the President, who is desired to transmit them to the Secretary of State appointed by his Majesty to manage the Affairs of *North-America*; and Mr. *Montague* is enjoined to consult the Agents of the other Colonies, and to co-operate with them in every Measure that shall be thought necessary on this delicate Point. 1768. *September* 13.

This House hope they have expressed themselves on this Occasion with a Firmness that becomes Freemen pleading for fundamental Rights, and with a Decency that will exempt them from any Imputation of Faction or Disloyalty. They have made known their Proceedings on this Subject with a View that the Representatives of your Province, being acquainted with them, may go Hand-in-Hand in their Opposition to Measures which they think have an immediate Tendency to enslave them; and are persuaded that the Candor of your respectable House will consider it in no other Light. They are not without Hopes that by a hearty Union of the Colonies the Constitution may be again established on its genuine Principles; an End equally to be desired both by the Mother Country and her Colonies.

In the Name and by Order of the House of Burgesses, I am, with the greatest Respect,

*Your most obedient humble Servant,*

PEYTON RANDOLPH, *Speaker.*"

Three Petitions from different Townships in the County of *Cumberland* were presented to the House and read, setting forth sundry Grievances and Hardships sustained by the Inhabitants of said Townships in the late March of the Regiment through the said County, in their Way to Fort *Pitt*; and that the Pay allowed by Act of Parliament is not sufficient for Carriages transporting the Baggage of the King's Troops from *Philadelphia* to Fort *Pitt* through a very mountainous and uninhabited Country for one Hundred and Fifty Miles, even though they should receive the full Pay for every Day they are in the Service; especially as the Drivers are detained on the Way by frequent Incampments without any Allowance for such Detention, and are obliged to support themselves and their Teams at their own Expence; wherefore they pray the House would be pleased to take their Case into Consideration, and grant such Relief as to them in their Wisdom shall seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Joseph Junkin*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House and read, complaining of the Inlistment of his Servant in the Regiment under the Command of Colonel *Wilkins*, at *Shippensburgh*, when marching through the said County to Fort *Pitt*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to examine and report to the House the several Accounts of incidental Expences for the current Year.

The Accounts of *Lewis Weiss* and *Edward Duffield*, were presented to the House, read, and referred to the Committee for incidental Charges.

The Account of *Peter Bard*, Commissary of Stores, with a Certificate from the Provincial Commissioners, was laid before the House, read, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the late Act of Parliament, imposing Duties on Paper, Glass, and other Articles of Commerce imported from *Great-Britain* into the Colonies, and having spent some Time therein, *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Yardley*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Wright*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare Draughts of Petitions to his Majesty, the Right Honourable the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and to the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses of *Great-Britain* in Parliament assembled, for obtaining a Repeal of the said Act of Parliament.

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the Accounts of the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office from the Year 1751, made their Report in writing of

A STATE of the Accounts of the several Sums of Money granted by the Assemblies for the King's Use, and put into the Hands of the said Trustees, including the Sums allotted to this Province by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*.

A State of the Accounts of Bills of Credit put into the Hands of the said Trustees, and lent out on Mortgage: And,

A State of the Accounts of Bills of Credit put into the Hands of the said Trustees, to exchange torn and ragged Bills, of the *Five Thousand Pounds*, granted for the King's Use in the Year 1746; of the *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* appropriated by a Resolve of the Assembly in the Year 1755; also of the Provincial Tax Money, paid into the Hands of the said Trustees;"—which Report was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

# *The* REPORT *of the* COMMITTEE *appointed by the* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *to audit and settle the Accounts of the late Trustees of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, *from the Year* 1751.

## *State of the Accounts of the several Sums granted by the* ASSEMBLIES, *for the* KING'S *Use, and put into the Hands of the Trustees of the* LOAN-OFFICE, *including the Sums of Money allotted to this Province, by the* Parliament *of* Great-Britain.

*** *Those Articles in Italicks in the following Accounts are either Omissions in the Settlement of the Year* 1766, *or Sums paid by the Trustees since that Time.*

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| 1756. | TO Amount of Provincial Commissioners Orders, paid by Charles Norris, as per printed Account in the Votes of Assembly, 1756, | £ | 54,982 | 7 | 9 | 1755. BY Bills of Credit struck by Act of Assembly and put into the Hands of the Trustees, | £ | 55,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Balance due the Province, carried to Balance Account Page 69. | | 17 | 12 | 3 | | | | | |
| | [No. 1.] | £ | 55,000 | 0 | 0 | | £ | 55,000 | 0 | 0 |

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| 1756. | TO Amount of Provincial Commissioners Orders, paid by Charles Norris, as per printed Account in the Votes of Assembly, 1756, | £ | 30,000 | 0 | 0 | 1756. BY Bills of Credit, struck by Act of Assembly, and put into the Hands of the Trustees, | £ | 30,000 | 0 | 0 |
| *Nov.* 25. | *To Cash, short charged, paid Samuel Neave, for Goods for Indian Treaty at Easton, per Receipt,* | | 3 | 0 | 0 | Balance due the Trustees, carried to Balance Account Page 69. | | 1,023 | 4 | 0 |
| *Dec.* 28. | *To an Order, in Favour of Jacob Earnhart, in full for Meal and a Cask of Salt delivered at Fort Norris,* | | 7 | 4 | 0 | | | | | |
| Ditto. | *To an Order, in Favour of John Croker, for Carpenter's Work at Fort Augusta,* | | 13 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| | *To Cash, paid James Young, Esq; Paymaster, the 1st of October,* 1756, *(as appears from the Credit of his Account settled by the Provincial Commissioners,)* | | 1000 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| | [No. 2.] | £ | 31,023 | 4 | 0 | | £ | 31,023 | 4 | 0 |

N. B. *Though no Order or Receipt is produced for Payment of the £* 1000 *to Capt. James Young, yet we find it credited by him in an Account exhibited to us, and in his Memorandum Book; upon which he was also examined.*

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| 1757. | TO Amount of Provincial Commissioners Orders, paid by Charles Norris, as per printed Account in the Votes of Assembly, 1758, | £ | 99,991 | 10 | 10 | 1757. BY Bills of Credit, struck by Act of Assembly, and put into the Hands of the Trustees, | £ | 100,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | *To the Trustees Commission, allowed by Law on the £* 30,000 *Grant, and this Grant of £* 100,000 *(short charged)* | | 75 | 0 | 0 | By Balance due to the Trustees, carried to Balance Account Page 69. | | 66 | 10 | 10 |
| | [No. 3.] | £ | 100,066 | 10 | 10 | | £ | 100,066 | 10 | 10 |

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| 1758. | TO Amount of Provincial Commissioners Orders, paid by Charles Norris, as per printed Account in the Votes of Assembly, 1759, | £ | 100,001 | 8 | 8½ | 1758. BY Bills of Credit struck by Act of Assembly, and put into the Hands of the Trustees, | £ | 100,000 | 0 | 0 |
| *July* 21. | *To an Order, in Favour of William Rush, in full of his Account for Nails for Use of the Artillery Houses,* | | 1 | 8 | 6 | By Balance due the Trustees, carried to Balance Account Page 69. | | 8 | 17 | 2½ |
| *Aug.* 18. | *To an Order, in Favour of John Robeson, in full for Waggonage from Philadelphia to Carlisle, for the Use of the Province Troops,* | | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| | [No. 4.] | £ | 100,008 | 17 | 2½ | | £ | 100,008 | 17 | 2½ |

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| 1759. | TO Amount of Provincial Commissioners Orders, paid by Charles Norris, as per printed Account in the Votes of Assembly, 1760, | £ | 100,000 | 0 | 0 | 1759. BY Bills of Credit, struck by Act of Assembly and put into the Hands of the Trustees, | £ | 100,000 | 0 | 0 |
| *Feb.* 7. | *To Cash, paid Joseph Fox, Esq; Commissioners Order, towards defraying his Account of Indian Expences, as per Receipt of this Date,* | | 8 | 9 | 2 | *By an Error in the Amount of Certificates for Officers and Soldiers Pay; which by the Report of the former Committee, is called £ 8,548 13 2. But on re-examining the said Certificates, with the particular Entries in the Book kept for that Purpose, the Amount is but £ 8,448 13 2, so that the Error of £ 100 is to the Credit of the Province,* | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £ | 100,008 | 9 | 2 | | | | | |
| | To Balance due the Province, carried to Balance Account Page 69. | | 91 | 10 | 10 | | | | | |
| | [No. 5.] | £ | 100,100 | 0 | 0 | | £ | 100,100 | 0 | 0 |

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| 1760 to 1763. | TO Amount of Provincial Commissioners Orders, paid, as per printed Account in the Votes of Assembly, 1764, by Charles Norris, | £ | 102,594 | 14 | 6¾ | 1760. BY Bills of Credit, struck by Act of Assembly, and put into the Hands of the Trustees, | £ | 100,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | By Cash, what Capt. James Young lent General Monckton, at Pittsburgh; for which he drew on John Nelson, in Favour of Joseph Fox, Esq; who paid it to the Trustees, | | 2,500 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | By Balance due to the Trustees, per the Votes of Assembly, 1764, | | 94 | 14 | 6¾ |
| | | £ | 102,594 | 14 | 6¾ | | £ | 102,594 | 14 | 6¾ |

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| | TO Balance of the above Account, | £ | 94 | 14 | 6¾ | BY Balance due to the Trustees, carried to Balance Account Page 69. | £ | 265 | 14 | 6¾ |
| 1762. | *To Commissions allowed the Trustees on this Grant, per Act passed the 33d of George II. at 3s. per Cent,* | | 150 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| *Jan.* 7. 1763. | *To an Order in Favour of Wharton and Story, in full of their Account of Sundries, for Fort Augusta,* | | 4 | 5 | 0 | | | | | |
| *Oct.* 10. | *To an Order in Favour of Thomas Smith, in full of his Account of Shot for the Use of the Troops,* | | 5 | 10 | 0 | | | | | |
| | *To an Order to James Irwin, in full for Carriage, per Receipt, July* 14, 1763, | | 11 | 5 | 0 | | | | | |
| | [No. 6.] | £ | 265 | 14 | 6¾ | | £ | 265 | 14 | 6¾ |

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| 1764. | TO Amount of Provincial Commissioners Orders, paid by Charles Norris, as per Account printed in the Votes of Assembly, 1766, | £ | 54,843 | 4 | 6 | 1764. BY Bills of Credit struck by Act of Assembly, and put into the Hands of the Trustees, | £ | 55,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | Balance due to the Province, per Report of the Committee, September 18, 1766, Now carried to Page 68. | | 156 | 15 | 6 | | | | | |
| | [No. 7.] | £ | 55,000 | 0 | 0 | | £ | 55,000 | 0 | 0 |

1768. *September* 13.

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| 1764. Sept. 19. | TO *Caſh, paid John Montgomery, for William Orr, in full of the remaining Time of a Servant inliſted in the King's Service, and taken out of the Province; per Order of the Provincial Commiſſioners, dated September 15th, 1764,* —— | £ | 8 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| 21. | *To Caſh, paid John Blackburne, for Charles Coulſon, for a Servant inliſted; per Order of the Provincial Commiſſioners, dated the 19th Inſtant,* —— —— | | 11 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 1767. June 22. | *To Caſh, paid Neave and Harman, per Order of the Provincial Commiſſioners, dated May 29th, 1765, in full of their Account, for Shot delivered at the Barracks in the Time of the Paxton Riot,* —— —— —— | | 3 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| July 7. | *To Caſh, paid James Young, Eſq; the Balance of his Account ſettled with the Provincial Commiſſioners, per their Certificate, dated 29th of October, 1766.* —— | | 26 | 11 | 9 | | | |
| | | £ | 49 | 11 | 9 | | | |
| | Balance due the Province, carried to Balance Account Page 69. —— | | 107 | 3 | 9 | | | |
| | [No. 7.] | £ | 156 | 15 | 6 | | | |

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| 1766. Sept. 18. | BY Balance of the foregoing Account, —— —— | £ | 156 | 15 | 6 |
| | | £ | 156 | 15 | 6 |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, *on Account of* Bills *of* Exchange *drawn for the* Parliamentary Grants. Cr.

TO Amount of Paper Bills of Credit, paid the Committee of Aſſembly, as per Receipts from October 16, 1761, to July 9, 1762—Forty-two Thouſand, Five Hundred Pounds, which were burnt according to Law, —— £ 42,500 0 0

*N. B.* Although the Committee, per their Report the 25th of September, 1762, ſay they burnt but £ 42,393 15, yet by their Receipts and other Proofs, it appears they burnt the whole Sum of £ 42,500; ſo that the Commiſſions allowed by Law being £ 106 5, were charged in Account ſettled per Committee, September 18, 1766, and appears in their Report.

BY Amount of Bills drawn on Benjamin Franklin, Eſq; in London, Part of which were diſcharged by him, and Part by Sargent, Aufree and Company, the Sum being £ 25,000 Sterling, ſold at 70 per Cent, Exchange, from October 12, to November 25, 1761, —— —— £ 42,500 0 0

TO Amount of ſundry Sums, paid by Virtue of ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly from May 17, 1762, to May 12, 1764, as per Particulars in the Report of the Committee of Aſſembly, dated the 18th of September 1766, entered in the Votes of that Year; the divers Articles of which, and the Vouchers for the ſame, have been re-examined by the preſent Committee, amounting to Seventy-ſeven Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Seven-pence Three Farthings, —— —— £ 77,721 17 7¾

Balance in the Hands of the Truſtees, per Report of the Committee, September 18, 1766—Carried to new Account, — 11,159 10 3

£ 88,881 7 10¾

BY Caſh, received for Bills of Exchange drawn on Sargent, Aufree, and others, in London, for the Amount of the two laſt Parliamentary Grants, being £ 51,863 2 7 Sterling, viz.

On £ 23,300 Sterling —— at 70 per Cent, —— £ 39,610 0 0
On 28,563 2 7 Sterling, at 72 10 per Cent, — 49,271 7 10¾
(As per Report of the Committee, Sept. 18, 1766.) —— £ 88,881 7 10¾

£ 88,881 7 10¾

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *with the* TRUSTEES

Dr. *The Province of* Pennsylvania *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE *on Account of* Bills *of* Exchange *drawn for the* Parliamentary Grants. Cr.

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| | *TO a Bill of Exchange for £ 2,500 Sterling, remitted to John Sargent and Company, (to reimburse them the Sum they advanced to discharge what the Draughts of the Trustees on Benjamin Franklin, Agent, in London, for the first Parliamentary Grant amounted to more than it neated, upon selling out the Shares, purchased for Account of the Province, in the Public Stocks in London) as per Sargent and Company's Account Current, dated July 22, 1762; which said Sum of £ 2,500 Sterling, being the Trustees own Draught, is accounted for to the Province in the Amount of Bills of Exchange for the second Parliamentary Grant, sold by them per Report, September 18, 1766, but was omitted to be charged to the Province in the Account exhibited to the Committee at that Time; the Circumstance of which has been carefully inspected by the present Committee,* | | | | | | | |
| | £ 2,500 Sterling at 70 per Cent, | | | | £ | 4,250 | 0 | 0 |
| 1764. July 22. | *To Cash, paid Isaac Saunders, per his Receipt of this Date, for a Servant inlisted in the King's Service; per Order of the Provincial Commissioners, dated September 22, 1763,* | | | | | 7 | 18 | 4 |
| 1767. May 27. | *To Cash, paid John Chappell, per Order of the Trustees of the State House, towards purchasing Lots of Ground contiguous to the State House,* | | | | | 750 | 0 | 0 |
| 1768. Feb. 27. | *To Cash, paid Joseph Shippen, jun. Esq; per Order of the Commissioners appointed by the Act, passed* 1768, *entituled,* "An Act to remove the Persons now settled, and to "prevent others from settling on any Lands in this Province, not purchased of "the Indians," *towards defraying the Expence of giving Notice to the said Settlers at Redstone Creek, to remove,* | | | £ | 60 | 0 | 0 | |
| May 10. | *To Cash, paid Will. Allen, Esq; said Commissioners Order for the like Purpose,* | | | | 144 | 3 | 7 | |
| | | | | | | 204 | 3 | 7 |
| | | | | £ | 5,212 | 1 | 11 | |
| | Balance due to the Province, carried to Balance Account below, | | | | 6,042 | 2 | 10¾ | |
| | | | | £ | 11,254 | 4 | 9¾ | |

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| 1766. Sept. 18. | BY Balance of the foregoing Account due to the Province, | | | | £ | 11,159 | 10 | 3 |
| | By Balance charged to the Province, Anno 1764, at the Settlement, published in the Votes of Assembly of that Year, of the £ 100,000 Grant for the Year 1760, and brought to the Debit of this Account, September 18, 1766, being included in the £ 77,721 17 2½ per Contra, and is now properly adjusted in the foregoing Settlement of the said Grant, per Account No. 6. | | | | | 94 | 14 | 6¼ |
| | | | | | £ | 11,254 | 4 | 9¼ |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennsylvania *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE *on Account of the* Balances *adjusted on the foregoing respective Accounts.* Cr.

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| | TO Balance due to the Trustees per Account of the £ 30,000 Grant, 1756, | | | | £ | 1,023 | 4 | 0 |
| | To ditto ——— ditto per Account of the — 100,000 Grant, 1757, | | | | — | 66 | 10 | 10 |
| | To ditto ——— ——— ditto per Account of the — 100,000 Grant, 1758, | | | | ——— | 8 | 17 | 2½ |
| | To ditto ——— ——— ditto per Account of the — 100,000 Grant, 1760, | | | | — | 265 | 14 | 6¾ |
| | | | | | £ | 1,364 | 6 | 7¼ |
| | Remains due to the Province, carried to Page 91. | | | | ——— | 4,894 | 3 | 1½ |
| | | | | | £ | 6,258 | 9 | 8¾ |

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| | BY Balance due to the Province per Account of the £ 55,000 Grant, 1755, | | | | £ | 17 | 12 | 3 |
| | By Balance due to ditto ——— ——— per 100,000 Grant, 1759, | | | | ——— | 91 | 10 | 10 |
| | By ditto ——— ——— ditto ——— ——— per 55,000 Grant, 1764, | | | | ——— | 107 | 3 | 9 |
| | By ditto ——— ——— ditto on the two last Parliamentary Grants, for which Bills of Exchange were drawn | | | | ——— | 6,042 | 2 | 10¾ |
| | | | | | £ | 6,258 | 9 | 8¾ |



1768. September 13.

*State of the Accounts of* Bills *of* Credit *put into the Hands of the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE *and lent out on Mortgage.*

First Year.——Settlement of 1751.

Dr. *The Province of* Pennsylvania *in Account with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE. Cr.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1750-1. *March* 7. | To Bills of Credit, received in Exchange, delivered the Committee, per Receipt, and by them burnt, | | | | £ | 1,548 | 19 | 10 |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for Exchanging £ 1,548 19 10 at 55 *s.* per Thousand, | | | | | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| 14. | To Cash, paid Charles Brockden, on Account, | | | | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 1751. *June* 3. | To ditto, paid Thomas Leech, towards the new Addition to the State-House, | | | | | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto paid, lent to sundry Persons on Mortgage, from February 13, 1750-1, to July 19, 1751, | | | | | 8,590 | 0 | 0 |
| 12. | To ditto, paid Abraham Chapman, (one of the Trustees) in full, to the 16th of May, 1751, | | £ | 46 | 2 | 6 | | |
| | —— paid Francis Yarnall, —— (ditto) ditto, —— | | | 30 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | 76 | 2 | 6 |
| | To the Trustees Salary, from February 1, 1750-1, to May 1751, | | | | | | 51 | 0 | 0 |
| *Aug.* 16. | To Bills of Credit, received in Exchange, paid to the Committee, per Receipt, and by them burnt, | | £ | 1,081 | 10 | 11 | | |
| | To an Allowance, per Law, for Exchanging £ 1,081 10 11, at 55 *s.* per Thousand, | | | 2 | 19 | 2 | | |
| | | | | | | | 1,084 | 10 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | £ 11,654 | 17 | 6 |
| | Balance due to the Province, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | | | | | | 9,119 | 7 | 3 |
| | | | | | | | £ 20,774 | 4 | 9 |

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| 1750-1. *Feb.* 14. | By Cash, received of the Executors of James Morris, late Acting Trustee; the Balance of Account at the Time of his Decease, | | | | | | | |
| | In Exchange Money, —— | | | | £ | 10,062 | 5 | 3 |
| | In Quotas, and Interest Money, —— | | | | | 3,804 | 6 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | £ 13,866 | 11 | 10 |
| | By Cash, received on sundry Mortgages, from February 8, 1750-1, to July 4, 1751, Quotas, | | £ | 2,897 | 18 | 4 | | |
| | Remaining Principal, | | | 1,822 | 5 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | 4,720 | 3 | 4 |
| | Interest, | £ | 1,382 | 5 | 1 | | | |
| | Broken Interest, | | 758 | 17 | 3 | | | |
| | Interest at Discharge, | | 46 | 7 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 2,187 | 9 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | £ 6,907 | 12 | 11 |
| | | | | | | | £ 20,774 | 4 | 9 |

Second Year.——Settlement of 1752.

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| 1751. *July* 27. | To Cash, paid Charles Brockden, per Receipt, —— | | £ | 150 | 0 | 0 | | |
| *Aug.* 22. | To ditto, paid —— ditto, —— per Receipt-Book, —— | | | 112 | 10 | 0 | | |
| | To ditto, paid —— ditto, —— ditto, April 7, 1752, —— | | | 30 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | £ 292 | 10 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid the Trustees of the Province Island, per Receipt, dated the 6th of August, 1751, —— —— | | £ | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| *Sept.* 24. | To ditto, paid ditto, —— ditto, —— —— | | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| 30. | To ditto, paid John Reynell, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, —— | | | | | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| *Oct.* 19. | To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood and Charges, —— —— | | | | | | 10 | 8 | 0 |
| 30. | *To ditto, paid Lynford Lardner, for the Honourable Proprietaries, per Receipt,* —— | | | | | | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| | Carried forward, | | | | | | £ 1,832 | 18 | 0 |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennsylvania *in Account with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE. Cr.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1751. | | The Settlement of 1752, brought forward, | | | £ 1,832 | 18 | 0 | 1752. | BY Cash, received on sundry Mortgages, from July 15, 1751, to June 22, 1752, —— Quotas, | £ 5,616 | 8 | 8 | | | |
| *Nov.* 6. | To Cash, paid Thomas Leech, towards the new Addition to the State-House, —— —— —— —— | £ 300 | 0 | 0 | | | | | Remaining Principal, | 2,139 | 18 | 4 | | | |
| | To ditto, paid ditto, —— ditto, per Receipt, April 10, 1752, | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | £ 7,756 | 7 | 0 |
| | | | | | 600 | 0 | 0 | | Interest, | 2,502 | 11 | 9 | | | |
| 9. | To ditto, paid Isaac Norris, Esq; to purchase a Bell, —— | £ 198 | 0 | 0 | | | | | Broken Interest, | 1,086 | 5 | 9 | | | |
| 1752. *Ap.* 14. | — paid ditto, towards purchasing Books, —— | 68 | 0 | 0 | | | | | Interest at Discharge, | 33 | 17 | 3 | | | |
| *June* 12. | — paid ditto, towards purchasing Window Glass for the State-House, and Law Books, —— —— —— | 102 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | 3,622 | 14 | 9 |
| | | | | | 368 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | £ 11,379 | 1 | 9 |
| | To Cash, paid the Members of Assembly, for their Attendance, per Receipts, | | | | 417 | 3 | 0 | | By Cash, received of the Administrators of John Kinsey, deceased, the 1st of February, 1752, —— —— —— —— | | | | 1,122 | 5 | 7 |
| | To ditto paid, lent to sundry Persons on Mortgage, from July 24, 1751, to June 20, 1752, —— —— —— —— —— —— | | | | 8,895 | 15 | 0 | | | | | | £ 12,501 | 7 | 4 |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, —— —— | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 | | By Balance due to the Trustees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. —— | | | | 2,365 | 10 | 8 |
| *July* 13. | To old Bills, received in Exchange, paid to the Committee, per Receipt, and by them burnt, —— —— | £ 2,246 | 18 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £ 2,246 18 3 at 55*s.* per Thousand, —— —— —— | 6 | 3 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 2,253 | 2 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | £ 14,866 | 18 | 0 | | | | | | £ 14,866 | 18 | 0 |

## Third Year.——Settlement of 1753.

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| 1752. *Aug.* 27. | TO Cash, paid Thomas Leech, towards the new Addition to the State-House, —— —— —— | £ 300 | 0 | 0 | | | | 1753. | BY Cash, received on sundry Mortgages, from July 15, 1752, to July 26, 1753, —— Quotas, | £ 6,215 | 1 | 8 | | | |
| | To Cash, paid ditto, —— —— ditto, per Receipt, Nov. 20, 1752, | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | | | Remaining Principal, | 2,393 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| | —— paid ditto, —— —— ditto, per Receipt, March 17, 1753, | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | | £ 8,608 | 16 | 8 |
| | | | | | £ 700 | 0 | 0 | | Interest, | 2,613 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| *Nov.* 2. | To Cash, paid Lynford Lardner, for the Honourable Proprietaries, —— —— | | | | 130 | 0 | 0 | | Broken Interest, | 1,193 | 11 | 7 | | | |
| 9. | To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood and Charges, —— —— | | | | 14 | 1 | 9 | | Interest at Discharge, | 49 | 11 | 1 | | | |
| 1753. *Jan.* 1. | To ditto, paid Charles Brockden, on Account, —— —— | | | | 80 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | 3,856 | 10 | 8 |
| *June* 1. | To ditto, paid Isaac Norris, Esq; to purchase Law Books for Use of the Assembly, | | | | 850 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | £ 12,465 | 7 | 4 |
| | To ditto, paid Arthur Buchannan, per Order of the Speaker, —— | | | | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| *July* 11. | To ditto, paid Pass and Stow, for re-casting the Bell, —— —— | | | | 60 | 13 | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, —— —— | | | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, —— —— | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | To Cash, paid sundry Members of Assembly, for their Attendance, per Receipts, | | | | 506 | 3 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | To ditto paid, lent sundry Persons on Mortgage, from August 12, 1752, to July 25, 1753, —— —— —— —— | | | | 6,735 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | To old Bills, received in Exchange, paid to the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | | 1,366 | 3 | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £ 1,366 3 9, at 55*s.* per Thousand, | | | | 3 | 15 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | £ 11,935 | 17 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | Balance due to the Province, carried to Balance Account Page 85. —— | | | | 509 | 10 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | £ 12,465 | 7 | 4 | | | | | | £ 12,465 | 7 | 4 |

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Fourth Year.——Settlement of 1754.

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| 1753. | | | | | | | | | |
| *Nov.* 8. | TO Caſh, paid Richard Hockley, for the Honourable Proprietaries, —— | | | | | £ | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| 17. | To ditto, paid Thomas Leech, towards the new Addition to the State- | | | | | | | | |
| 1754. | Houſe, —— —— —— —— | | | £ | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| *Mar.* 14. | To ditto, paid ditto, —— ditto, —— —— | | | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| 19. | To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood, —— —— —— —— | | | | | | 3 | 18 | 6 |
| *May* 31. | To ditto, paid Iſaac Norris, Eſq; for Glaſs for the State-Houſe, —— | | | | | | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid Iſaac Norris, Benjamin Franklin and Richard Peters, Eſquires, for the Preſents and Charges at Carliſle Treaty, —— —— | | | | | | 1,179 | 19 | 6 |
| | To ditto, paid ditto, —— —— ditto, —— ditto, for the Preſents and Charges at Albany Treaty, —— —— —— | | | | | | 670 | 6 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid Benjamin Franklin, for printing the Second Volume of the Votes, (April 27.) —— —— —— —— —— | | | | | | 300 | 5 | 0 |
| Ditto 23. | To ditto, paid Anthony Benezet, allowed by the Houſe, for 4 Frenchmen, —— | | | | | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid Jabez Evans, per Order of the Houſe, (November 15, 1753) —— | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| *June* 1. | To ditto, paid Iſaac Norris, for Robert Charles, towards a Bell, —— | | | | | | 170 | 0 | 0 |
| *July* 30. | To ditto, paid Charles Brockden, in full for Mortgages, —— —— | | | | | | 221 | 10 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid ſundry Members of Aſſembly, for their Attendance, per Receipts, | | | | | | 453 | 13 | 0 |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, —— —— | | | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Caſh paid, lent to ſundry Perſons on Mortgage, from Auguſt 15, 1753, to July 15, 1754, —— —— —— —— | | | | | | 7,722 | 10 | 0 |
| | To old Bills, received in Exchange, paid to the Committee, and by them burnt, —— | | | | | | 516 | 5 | 10 |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £ 516 5 10, at 55 *ſ.* per Thouſand, | | | | | | 1 | 11 | 6 |
| | | | | | | £ | 12,314 | 19 | 4 |

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| | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 1, 1753, to July 15, 1754, —— Quotas, | | £ | 5,729 | 11 | 8 | | | |
| | Remaining Principal, | | | 2,336 | 18 | 4 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £ 8,066 | 10 | 0 |
| | Intereſt, | £ | 2,243 | 8 | 8 | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | | 1,082 | 9 | 7 | | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | | 45 | 1 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 3,370 | 19 | 7 |
| | | | | | | £ | 11,437 | 9 | 7 |
| | By Balance due to the Truſtees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. —— | | | | | | 877 | 9 | 9 |
| | | | | | | £ | 12,314 | 19 | 4 |

Fifth Year.——Settlement of 1755.

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| 1754. | TO Caſh, paid Thomas Leech, towards the new Addition to | | | | | | | | |
| *Aug.* 5. | the State-Houſe, —— —— —— | | | £ | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 14. | —— paid ditto, —— —— ditto, —— —— | | | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | —— paid ditto, —— —— ditto, (January 15, 1755) | | | | 300 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | —— paid ditto, —— —— ditto, (Auguſt 9, 1755) | | | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | £ | 760 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Caſh, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood, at ſundry Times, per Receipts, | | | | 19 | 4 | 4 | | |
| | —— paid Edward Kelly, for ditto, —— ditto —— ditto | | | | 5 | 0 | 8 | | |
| | | | | | | | | 24 | 5 | 0 |
| *Nov.* 29. | To ditto, paid Richard Hockley, for the Honourable Proprietaries, —— | | | | | | | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| 1755. | To ditto, paid Joſeph Armſtrong and John Smith, towards purchaſing Proviſions | | | | | | | | | |
| *Jan.* 10. | for the King's Uſe, per Receipts, —— —— —— | | | | | | | 450 | 9 | 8 |
| | Carried forward, | | | | | | £ | 1,364 | 14 | 8 |

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| 1755. | | The Settlement of 1755, brought forward, | £ | 1,364 14 8 | |
| | | To Caſh, ſent to James Wright, (March 19) to purchaſe Proviſions for the King's Uſe, | | 940 0 0 | |
| *Jan.* 20. | | To ditto, paid Hendrick, and ſundry Indians, on their Departure, | | 37 10 0 | |
| *March* 21. | | To ditto, paid Ezekiel Rankin, for Maintenance of Indians at Auchwick, | | 31 0 0 | |
| *April* 11. | | To ditto, paid Joſeph Fox, Eſq; to defray Indians Expences on their Return Home, | | 12 0 0 | |
| | | To ditto, paid Anthony Benezet, towards the Support and Paſſages of ſundry French Deſerters, at ſeveral Times, per Receipts, | | 30 0 0 | |
| | | To ditto, for £ 150 Sterling, remitted to the Agents, by a Reſolve of the Houſe, of the 9th of January laſt; at 67½ per Cent Exchange, | | 251 5 0 | |
| *May* 10. | | To Caſh, paid Edward Kelly's Daughter, for Victuals for Indians, | | 1 0 0 | |
| 22. | | To ditto paid, ſent to the Governor, by Order of the Houſe, for Relief of ſundry Indians lately removed on Suſquehanna, | | 50 0 0 | |
| *July* 9. | | To ditto paid the Overſeers of the Poor, Subſiſtence of Soldiers Wives, ſent down by General Braddock, | | 50 0 0 | |
| | | To ditto, paid ſundry Members of Aſſembly, for their Attendance, per Receipts, | | 738 6 0 | |
| | | To ditto, paid Charles Brockden, on Account of drawing and recording Mortgage-Deeds, &c. | | 71 5 0 | |
| | | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | 500 0 0 | |
| | | To Caſh paid, lent to ſundry Perſons on Mortgage, from Auguſt 13, 1754, to Auguſt 20, 1755, | | 7,418 15 0 | |
| | | To old Bills, received in Exchange, paid to the Committee, and by them burnt, £ 1,600 0 0 | | | |
| | | To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £1600, at 55 *ſ.* per Thouſand, 4 8 0 | | | |
| | | | | 1,604 8 0 | |
| *Sept.* 12. | | *To Caſh, paid William Weſt, John Smith's Order in Favour of John Potter, per Receipt,* £ 26 9 7 | | | |
| Ditto. | | *To ditto, paid ditto, John Smith's Order, in Favour of Francis Weſt, per Receipt,* 100 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | 126 9 7 | |
| | | | £ | 13,226 13 3 | |

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| 1755. | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 3, 1754, to Auguſt 20, 1755, Quotas, | £ | 7,303 13 4 | | |
| | Remaining Principal, | | 1,872 3 4 | | |
| | | | | £ 9,175 16 8 | |
| | Intereſt, | £ | 2,635 18 8 | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | | 1,333 5 0 | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | | 33 7 3 | | |
| | | | | 4,002 10 11 | |
| | | | | £ 13,178 7 7 | |
| | By Balance due to the Truſtees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | | | 48 5 8 | |
| | | | | £ 13,226 13 3 | |

JOHN PENN, Eſq; Governor.

## Sixth Year.——Settlement of 1756.

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| 1755. | TO Caſh, paid Benjamin Franklin, Eſq; for his Advance to Enoch Williams | | | |
| *Aug.* 15. | and Company, | £ | 18 15 0 | |
| *Sept.* 15. | To ditto, paid Townſend White, for Colden and Kelly's Draught on B. Franklin, £ 709 19 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, paid Evan Morgan, to ſupply Back Inhabitants, per Receipt, 290 1 0 | | | |
| | | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| 30. | To ditto, paid George Aſhbridge, what he advanced to Joſeph Armſtrong, | | 102 17 6 | |
| *Octo.* 20. | To ditto paid Samuel Neave, for Goods furniſhed the Indians, | | 114 2 10 | |
| | Carried forward, | £ | 1,235 15 4 | |





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| 1755. | | Settlement of 1756, brought forward, | £ 1,235 | 15 | 4 |
| | To Caſh, paid John Guy, for hauling Sand, | | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| *Nov.* 4. | To ditto, paid William De Nyce, for Guns and Powder, | | 258 | 0 | 0 |
| 14. | To ditto, paid Conrad Weiſer, for Indians, | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| *Dec.* 3. | To ditto, paid James Wright, Proviſions for General Braddock, | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. | To ditto, paid Joſeph Fox, Eſq; what he advanced, ſundry Captain's Expences, | | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 16. | To ditto, paid Richard Hockley, for the Honourable Proprietaries, | | 130 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid Iſaac Norris, Eſq; for the Agent's Salaries, £ 200 Sterling, at 72½ per Cent, | | 345 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid John Harris, for Maintenance of Indians, (October 6, 1755) | | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| 1756. | To ditto, paid Charles Brockden, on Account, | | 66 | 12 | 0 |
| *Feb.* 10. | To ditto, paid William Griffitts, what he advanced Capt. Joſiah, for Diſpatches, | | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| 13. | To ditto, paid John Harris, his Account for Indian Expences, | | 10 | 9 | 2 |
| | To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, and others, for Wood, | | 27 | 13 | 10 |
| | To ditto, paid Sundries for Andrew Montour, his Wife and Children, | | 74 | 12 | 11 |
| *March* 4. | To ditto, paid George Croghan, the Amount of two Errors in a former Account, | | 124 | 15 | 0 |
| *May* 4. | To ditto, paid Jonathan Carmalt, for ſundries for Indian Moſes, | | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| | To ditto, paid George Hitner and Thomas Webſter, for ſundries for Jonathan and Philip Unity, | | 17 | 11 | 8 |
| *July* 23. | To ditto, paid Joſeph Fox, Eſq; for Indian Treaty at Eaſton, | | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| *Aug.* 5. | To ditto, paid Hugh Roberts, Treaſurer of the Pennſylvania Hoſpital, per Order of the Signers of the £ 10,000 Bills of Credit, | | 160 | 13 | 9 |
| 9. | To Caſh, paid James Pemberton, Eſq; for the Agent's Draughts, £ 300 Sterling, at 72½ per Cent, | | 517 | 10 | 0 |
| 21. | To ditto, paid S. Gwin, S. Morrow, James Ferguſon and Matthias Ganford, for their diſtreſſed Circumſtances, | | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Caſh, paid J. Blackwood, A. Weaver, and W. Henry, for maintaining Soldiers Wives, | | 66 | 15 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid for a Silk Map, and Boxes, to incloſe Papers ſent to the Agents, | | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| | To ditto, paid ſundry Members of Aſſembly, for their Attendance, per Receipts, | | 1,203 | 6 | 6 |
| | To ditto, paid Thomas Leech, towards the new Addition to the State Houſe, Nov. 17, 1755, £ 100 0 0 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid ditto ditto, Nov. 25, 1755, 31 0 0 | | | | |
| | — — paid ditto, ditto, Feb. 5, 1756, 200 0 0 | | | | |
| | — — paid ditto, ditto, April 12, 1756, 200 0 0 | | | | |
| | — — paid ditto, ditto, July 16, 1756, 200 0 0 | | 731 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Caſh, paid ſundry Perſons, cutting a Road towards Ohio, | | 2,649 | 7 | 2 |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Caſh paid, lent on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 23, 1755, to June 12, 1756, | | 1,829 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid One Year's Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, £ 1,455, at 5 per Cent, | | 72 | 15 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, £ 3,490 0 0 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid for Intereſt on ditto, 184 11 0 | | 3,674 | 11 | 0 |
| | | Carried forward, | £ 14,164 | 10 | 1 |

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| | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 23, 1755, to Auguſt 18, 1756, Quotas, £ 7,940 15 10 | | | | |
| | Remaining Principal, 1,380 0 0 | £ 9,320 | 15 | 10 | |
| | Intereſt, £ 2,593 17 9 | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, 1,483 15 7 | | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, 36 0 0 | 4,113 | 13 | 4 | |
| | | | | | £ 13,434 9 2 |
| | By Caſh, received the Balance of the firſt Sum lent the City, £ 156 0 0 | | | | |
| | By ditto, received the Balance of what lent the City to build Alms-Houſes, 187 10 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 343 10 0 |
| | By an Order, drawn in Favour of Samuel Smith, twice charged in the Ohio Road Account, | | | | 122 3 10 |
| | Carried forward, | | | | £ 13,900 3 0 |

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| | The Settlement of 1756, brought forward, | | | £ 14,164 | 10 | 1 | By Amount brought forward, | | £ 13,900 | 3 0 |
| | To old Bills, received in Exchange, paid to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 1,151 | 17 6 | | | | Balance due to the Truſtees, Carried to Balance Account Page 85. | | 1,433 | 3 4 |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £ 1,151 17 6, at 55*s.* per Thouſand, | | 3 4 3 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1,155 | 1 | 9 | | | | |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £ 4,571 16 6, New Exchange, at 60*s.* per Thouſand, | | | 13 | 14 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | £ 15,333 | 6 | 4 | | | £ 15,333 | 6 4 |

Seventh Year.———Settlement of 1757.

TO Caſh, paid Sundries, viz.

INDIAN EXPENCES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1756. *Sept.* 2. | Paid Leonard Weiſer, by William Parſons, | £ 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| 7. | Paid Jacob Peplee, for his Diſtreſſes, | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 9. | Paid John Cox, for ditto, | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 22. | Paid Michael Taaf, per Order of the Speaker, | 5 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ditto. | Paid Indian Jagrea, for Services, | 4 | 10 | 0 | |
| *Oct.* 28. | Paid John Gueſt, for Andrew Montour's Children, | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| *Nov.* 11. | Paid Rebecca Birchal, for ſchooling ditto, | 2 | 0 | 6 | |
| *Dec.* 6. | Paid Jeremiah Warder, for a Kettle and Halfthicks for Amos Shaw, | 0 | 14 | 0 | |
| Ditto. | Paid Peter Howard, for a Pair of Shoes, for ditto, | 0 | 7 | 6 | |
| 1757. *Feb.* 9. | Paid Thomas Webſter, for boarding and nurſing Jonathan and Philip Unity, per Account No. 1, | 27 | 1 | 6 | |
| | Paid ditto, April 26, 1757, per Account No. 2. | 7 | 11 | 0 | |
| 15. | Paid Samuel Kirke, for Interment of Jonathan Unity, | 1 | 9 | 9 | |
| 23. | Paid Negro Dinah, for laying out the Corps, | 0 | 7 | 6 | |
| *Mar.* 30. | Paid David Barnes, Sundries, as per Account for Funeral, | 2 | 0 | 4 | |
| *May* 31. | Paid David Byers, for bringing Home Andrew Montour's Children, when they went away, | 0 | 7 | 6 | |
| *June* 3. | Paid John Mitchell, Expences on the Road, going for ditto, | 1 | 5 | 0 | |
| 25. | Paid Jonathan Kayeaywerejowa, a Preſent for Services, | 7 | 10 | 0 | |
| 28. | Paid Deborah Franklin, her Account for Sundries, for the Funeral of Jonathan Unity, | 1 | 5 | 6 | |
| *July* 6. | Paid Jeremiah Warder, for a Hat, for John Montour, | 0 | 18 | 0 | |
| 20. | Paid ſundry Indians, at ſundry Times, per Account, | 23 | 11 | 11 | |
| Ditto. | Paid for nurſing Andrew Montour's youngeſt Child, | 15 | 6 | 0 | |
| *Aug.* 18. | Paid James Baily, his Account for making Clothes, &c. | 16 | 6 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 128 | 12 3 |
| | Carried forward, | | | £ 128 | 12 3 |

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| | The Settlement of 1757, brought forward, | | | £ 128 12 3 | |
| | NEW-ENGLAND FORCES. | | | | |
| | Paid Joſ. Morris, per Receipt, per Order of the Houſe, | Oct. 2, 1756, | £ 199 3 9 | | |
| | Paid Benjamin Franklin, per ditto, | Oct. 26, 1756, | 84 17 11 | | |
| | Paid William Fiſher, per ditto | Oct. 26, 1756, | 50 1 0 | | |
| | Paid Iſaac Norris, Eſq; per ditto, | Nov. 11, 1756, | 180 7 5 | | |
| | | | | 514 10 1 | |
| | OHIO ROAD. | | | | |
| | Paid Joſeph Fox, Eſquire's Order to Francis Alliſon, for John Watts, a Labourer, | January 4, 1757, | £ 2 17 6 | | |
| | Paid Lutrick Lycan, per Adam Hoops, | July 12, 1757, | 4 17 6 | | |
| | | | | 7 15 0 | |
| | STATE-HOUSE. | | | | |
| | Paid Edmund Wooley, per Receipt, | October 22, 1756, | £ 60 0 0 | | |
| | Paid ditto, | January 4, 1757, | 50 0 0 | | |
| | Paid ditto, | April 21, 1757, | 100 0 0 | | |
| | Paid ditto, | July 2, 1757, | 80 0 0 | | |
| | | | | 290 0 0 | |
| 1756. *Dec.* 13. | Paid David Edwards, for Wood, &c. | | £ 12 0 0 | | |
| 15. | Paid Andrew Inglehart, for ditto, | | 2 2 0 | | |
| 1757. *Jan.* 8. | Paid Samuel Kirke, for ditto, | | 7 0 7½ | | |
| *Feb.* 8. | Paid David Edwards, for ditto, | | 6 9 0 | | |
| 22. | Paid Samuel Kirke, for ditto, | | 7 3 0 | | |
| *May* 5. | Paid ditto, for ditto, | | 13 12 9 | | |
| | | | | 48 7 4½ | |
| *June* 17. | Paid Samuel Harding, per Receipt, | | £ 35 0 0 | | |
| 1756. *Dec.* 28. | Paid Thomas Leech, for the State-Houſe, | | 100 0 0 | | |
| | | | | 135 0 0 | |
| | GENERAL ACCOUNT. | | | | |
| 1756. *Sep.* 24. | Paid Joſeph Armſtrong, per Order of the Houſe, | | £ 36 18 6 | | |
| *Oct.* 26. | Paid William Weſt, for Carriage of Blankets, &c. to Cumberland County, | | 15 5 6 | | |
| *Dec.* 21. | Paid Richard Hockley, for the Honourable Proprietaries, | | 130 0 0 | | |
| 1757. *Jan.* 28. | Paid Benjamin Franklin, for printing £ 10,000 Exchange Money, | | 180 15 0 | | |
| *March* 17. | Paid ditto, for immediate Services, | | 201 4 3 | | |
| Ditto. | Paid ditto, for eſtabliſhing a Poſt to Wincheſter, &c. | | 210 13 9 | | |
| *April* 14. | Paid ditto, for £ 750 Sterling Bills of Exchange, | | 1,237 10 0 | | |
| Ditto 3. | Paid William Franklin, for Services, as Clerk to the Houſe, &c. | | 90 12 0 | | |
| *May* 21. | Paid Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, per Account, | | 154 0 0 | | |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | 500 0 0 | | |
| | | | | 2,756 19 0 | |
| | To Caſh, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | | £ 2,595 0 0 | | |
| | paid for Intereſt on ditto, | | 187 18 10 | | |
| | | | | 2,782 18 10 | |
| | Carried forward, | | | £ 6,664 2 6½ | |

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| BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 17, 1756, to July 30, 1757, | Quotas, | £ 3,937 16 8 | |
| | Remaining Principal, | 799 15 0 | |
| | | £ 4,737 11 8 | |
| | Intereſt, | £ 1,440 18 10 | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | 661 13 10 | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | 19 15 4 | |
| | | 2,122 8 0 | |
| | | | £ 6,859 19 8 |
| Carried forward, | | | £ 6,859 19 8 |

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| | The Settlement of 1757, brought forward, | | £ | 6,664 | 2 | 6½ | By Amount brought forward, | £ | 6,859 | 19 8 |
| 1757. | To Cash, paid Thomas Leech, for making the Arms, Types, &c. for the £ 10,000 Exchange Money, | | | 25 | 0 | 0 | Balance due to the Trustees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | | 383 | 8 7½ |
| | To old Bills received in Exchange, paid to the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | 550 | 9 | 2 | | | | |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £ 550 9 2, being the Balance of the old Exchange Money, at 55*s.* per Thousand, | | | 1 | 10 | 3 | | | | |
| | To an Allowance per Law, for Exchanging £ 772 18 9 of the New Exchange Money, at 60*s.* per Thousand, | | | 2 | 6 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | £ | 7,243 | 8 | 3½ | | £ | 7,243 | 8 3½ |

## Eighth Year.——Settlement of 1758.

TO Cash, paid Sundries, viz.

1757. INDIAN EXPENCES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Sept.* 9. | Paid John Guest, for Shoes for H. Montour's Children, | £ | 3 | 13 | 9 |
| *Dec.* 7. | Paid Rebecca Burchall, for schooling ditto, | | 3 | 6 | 0 |
| 1758. *Apr.* 1. | Paid John Elliot, for a Coffin, for Jonathan Unity, an Indian Lad, | | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| *May* 12. | Paid William Bromwich, for a Pair of Stays for Polly Montour, | | 1 | 8 | 0 |
| *June* 2. | Paid Doctor Charles Moore, for Medicines and Attendance on H. Montour's Children, | | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| | Paid for nursing H. Montour's youngest Child, | | 11 | 10 | 6 |
| *July* 17. | Paid William Smith, for Shoes, | | 1 | 5 | 6 |
| *Sept.* 1. | Paid for Sundries, for Montour's three Children, per Account, | | 14 | 14 | 3 |
| | | £ | 38 | 13 | 0 |

STATE-HOUSE.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Paid Edmund Wooley, | October 15, 1757, | £ | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | Paid ditto, in full, his Account for Work done at the State-House, March 7, 1758, | | | 31 | 4 | 6 |
| | | | | 81 | 4 | 6 |
| | Paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood, | October 26, 1757, | £ | 19 | 19 | 4 |
| | Paid ditto, for ditto, | Decem. 19, 1757, | | 23 | 1 | 4 |
| | Paid David Edwards, for ditto, | April 10, 1758, | | 3 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | 46 | 10 | 8 |
| | Paid Samuel Harding, at sundry Times, per Receipts, in full for Carved Work done at the State-House, viz. | | | | | |
| | Paid him, per Receipt, | Decem. 30, 1757, | £ | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | Paid ditto, | April 5, 1758, | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | Paid ditto, | July 24, 1758, | | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | Paid ditto, | August 16, 1758, | | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | Paid ditto, in full, | August 23, 1758, | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| | Carried forward, | | £ | 226 | 8 | 2 |

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| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1758. | The Settlement of 1758, brought forward, | | | £ | 226 | 8 | 5 |
| | Paid Hugh Roberts, for Iron-mongery, for the State-Houſe, Oct. 3, 1757, | | | | 74 | 15 | 5 |
| | Paid James Worrell, for Work done at the Rolls-Office, Feb. 15, 1758, | £ | 3 17 7 | | | | |
| | Paid ditto, —— for Sundries, —— ditto, April 13, 1758, | | 0 13 3 | | | | |
| | | | | | 4 | 10 | 10 |
| | GENERAL ACCOUNT. | | | | | | |
| | Paid John Clarkſon, for Services, per Order, —— Oct. 5, 1757, | £ | 10 0 0 | | | | |
| | Paid Samuel Kirke, as Sergeant at Arms, —— Oct. 6, 1757, | | 8 0 0 | | | | |
| | Paid David Edwards, Door-keeper, —— —— Oct. 6, 1757, | | 50 0 0 | | | | |
| | Paid Nich. Scull, towards publiſhing his Map, per Order, Oct. 20, 1757, | | 50 0 0 | | | | |
| | Paid Charles Moore, Clerk to the Houſe, per Order, Oct. 27, 1757, | | 110 7 6 | | | | |
| | | | | | 228 | 7 | 6 |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, —— —— | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Caſh, paid for Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, per Account, —— —— | | | | 283 | 15 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, —— —— —— —— | £ | 1,370 0 0 | | | | |
| | —— — Paid for Intereſt on ditto, —— —— | | 120 3 5 | | | | |
| | | | | | 1,490 | 3 | 5 |
| | *To Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, in Part of Quotas, which they burnt,* —— | | | | 1,650 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | £ | 4,458 | 0 | 4 |
| | To Balance due to the Province, carried to Balance Account Page 85. —— | | | | 10,781 | 9 | 8 |
| | | | | £ | 15,239 | 10 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | BY Caſh received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 4, 1757, to Auguſt 29, 1758, Quotas, | £ | 8,227 1 8 | | | | |
| | Remaining Principal, | | 2,044 5 0 | | | | |
| | | | | £ | 10,271 | 6 | 8 |
| | Intereſt, | £ | 3,091 10 6 | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | | 1,838 18 9 | | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | | 37 14 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | 4,968 | 3 | 4 |
| | | | | £ | 15,239 | 10 | 0 |

## Ninth Year.——Settlement of 1759.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1758. | | | | |
| Oct. 3. | TO Caſh, paid Samuel Kirke, Sergeant at Arms, per Order, | £ | 8 0 0 | |
| Ditto. | To ditto, paid David Edwards, Door-keeper, —— per ditto, —— | | 35 16 6 | |
| 21. | To ditto, paid Joſeph Marſhall, for putting a Window in the Rolls Office, —— —— —— —— | | 1 0 0 | |
| Dec. 4. | To ditto, paid Charles Moore, Clerk to the Houſe, per Order, | | 165 6 6 | |
| 9. | To ditto, paid Content Nicholſon, for a Hat for Philip Unity; had January 7, 1757, —— —— —— —— | | 0 5 0 | |
| 1759. 17. | To ditto, paid Rebecca Birchall, for ſchooling H. Montour's Children, | | 3 16 0 | |
| April 18. | To ditto, paid William Smith, for Shoes for ditto, —— | | 1 6 3 | |
| 23. | To ditto, paid the Honourable William Denny, Eſq; for the current Year, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| June 25. | To ditto, paid — ditto, for his Support the laſt preceeding Year, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| | To ditto, paid Rebecca Burchall, for ſchooling H. Montour's Children, May 17, 1759, —— —— —— | | 1 15 0 | |
| | Carried forward, | £ | 2,217 5 3 | |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | The Settlement of 1759, brought forward, | | | £ 2,217 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| 1759. | To Caſh, paid Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, per Account, | | | 110 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | —— | | 500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £ 2,827 | 15 | 3 |
| | To Caſh, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | —— | —— | £ 340 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | —— paid for Intereſt on ditto, | —— | —— | 49 | 12 | 10 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 389 | 12 | 10 |
| | To Caſh, paid Col. John Hunter, Agent for the Contractors, | —— | —— | | | | 13,350 | 0 | 0 |
| | *To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood, per Receipt, September* 17, 1758, | | | £ 5 | 15 | 6 | | | |
| | —— *Paid ditto,* —— *ditto, - ditto, November* 20, 1758, | | | 17 | 15 | 1 | | | |
| | —— *Paid ditto,* —— *ditto, - ditto, February* 28, 1759, | | | 9 | 13 | 4 | | | |
| | —— *Paid ditto,* —— *ditto, - ditto, April* 10, 1759, | | | 9 | 17 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 43 | 0 | 11 |
| | *To an Allowance per Law, for exchanging £ 5,000 granted to the King's Uſe, in June, 1746, out of the Bills of Credit then remaining in the Loan-Office,* | —— | —— | | | | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | £ 16,637 | 19 | 0 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1759. | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 25, 1758, to Auguſt 6, 1759, —— Quotas, | | | £ 7,900 | 18 | 4 | | | |
| | Remaining Principal, | | | 2,034 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £ 9,934 | 18 | 4 |
| | Intereſt, | | | £ 2,781 | 18 | 11 | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | | | 1,738 | 10 | 5 | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | | | 32 | 12 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 4,553 | 1 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | £ 14,487 | 19 | 11 |
| | By Balance due to the Truſtees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | —— | | | | | 2,149 | 19 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | £ 16,637 | 19 | 0 |

## Tenth Year.——Settlement of 1760.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1759. | TO Caſh, paid Sundries, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| *Octob.* 1. | —— —— Paid Samuel Kirke, as Sergeant at Arms, and in full of his Account, | —— | —— | £ 13 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| *Nov.* 19. | —— —— Paid ditto, for Wood for the State Houſe, | —— | | 12 | 7 | 7 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £ 25 | 7 | 7 |
| 5. | —— —— Paid William Leech, for Painting done at the State-Houſe, | | | £ 32 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 22. | —— —— Paid Charles Moore, as Clerk of Aſſembly, and for tranſcribing and engroſſing Bills, | —— | —— —— —— | 193 | 9 | 6 | | | |
| | —— —— Paid Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, per Receipt, Oct. 8, | | | 33 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 258 | 10 | 7 |
| *Dec.* 3. | To Caſh, paid Edward Cary, for boarding Debby Montour, to May 1, 1759, | —— | —— | £ 12 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 1760. *June* 24. | To ditto, paid ditto, for ditto, to May 1, 1760, | —— | | 12 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 24 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto, paid John Gueſt, for Shoes for Andrew Montour's Children, April 1, 1760, | —— | —— —— | £ 0 | 18 | 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, paid William Smith, for One Pair of Shoes for ditto, April 29, 1760, | —— | —— —— | 0 | 3 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| *Sept.* 16. | To ditto, paid Arthur Patterſon, per his Receipt, an Order of Aſſembly, 1755, | | | —— | | | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| | Carried forward, | | | | | | £ 317 | 1 | 5 |

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| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1760. | | The Settlement of 1760, brought forward, | | | | £ | 317 | 1 | 5 | |
| | To Caſh paid, lent on 107 Mortgages, from October 9, 1759, to April 5, 1760, | | | £ | 7,488 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | To ditto paid, lent on 79 Mortgages, from April 8, 1760, to Sept. 9, 1760, | | | | 5,831 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 13,319 | 5 | 0 | |
| | To ditto, paid Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, per Account, | | | | | | 213 | 0 | 0 | |
| | To ditto, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | | | £ | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | —— Paid for Intereſt on ditto, | | | | 39 | 6 | 9 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 339 | 6 | 9 | |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 | |
| | To Paper Bills of Credit, burnt by the Committee, in Part of £ 35,000, which is Part of the £ 50,000 received from Col. Hunter, | | | | | | 22,047 | 4 | 4 | |
| | | | | | | £ | 36,735 | 17 | 6 | |
| | To Balance due the Province, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | | | | | | 33,204 | 0 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | £ | 69,939 | 18 | 0 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1760. | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 6, 1759, to Auguſt 25, 1760, | Quotas, | £ | 10,004 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| | | Remaining Principal, | | 4,650 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | £ | 14,655 | 0 | 0 |
| | | Intereſt, | £ | 3,210 | 6 | 1 | | | | |
| | | Broken Intereſt, | | 1,988 | 7 | 5 | | | | |
| | | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | | 86 | 4 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 5,284 | 18 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | | £ | 19,939 | 18 | 0 |
| | By Caſh, received of Col. Hunter, what was lent him, | | | | | | | 50,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 69,939 | 18 | 0 |

## Eleventh Year.——Settlement of 1761.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1760. | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Sept.* 5. | TO Caſh, paid Chriſtopher Marſhall for Glaſs for the State-Houſe, | | | | | £ | 6 | 19 | 0 | |
| 30. | To ditto, paid Andrew M'Nair, per Order, | | | | | | 21 | 19 | 3 | |
| *Oct.* 1. | To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, as Sergeant at Arms, | | £ | 8 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| 20. | To ditto, paid ditto, for Wood for the State-Houſe, | | | 14 | 9 | 4 | | | | |
| 22. | To ditto, paid ditto, for ditto, | | | 4 | 4 | 6 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid ditto, for ditto, April 20, 1761, | | | 17 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid ditto, for ditto, omitted laſt Year, the 20th of February, | | | 13 | 14 | 3 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 57 | 9 | 3 | |
| *Nov.* 8. | To ditto, paid Charles Moore, per Order, for Attendance as Clerk to the Houſe, and for tranſcribing and engroſſing, &c. | | | | | | 92 | 13 | 6 | |
| *Dec.* 8. | To ditto, paid Mary Edwards, Sundries for Debby Montour, | | | | | | 1 | 9 | 3 | |
| 1761. 20. | To ditto, paid Thomas Acherly, for Chairs for the State-Houſe, | | | | | | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| *Feb.* 21. | To ditto, paid Nicholas Scull, per Order, | | £ | 71 | 16 | 6 | | | | |
| *Mar.* 2. | To ditto, paid John Shuter, for Carpenter's Work at the State-Houſe, | | | 2 | 8 | 6 | | | | |
| 19 | To ditto, paid Joſeph Galloway, Eſq; drawing Mortgages, | | | 186 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| *May* 13. | To Caſh, paid Edward Cary, for boarding and ſchooling Debby Montour, | | | 12 | 18 | 0 | | | | |
| *Aug.* 29. | To ditto paid Thomas Janvier, for Work done at the State Houſe, | | | 2 | 12 | 4 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, per Account, | | | 465 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 741 | 10 | 4 | |
| | Carried forward, | | | | | £ | 925 | 0 | 7 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1761. | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Sept 1, 1760, to Auguſt 20, 1761, —— | Quotas, | £ | 6,387 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| | | Remaining Principal, | | 1,552 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | £ | 7,939 | 15 | 0 |
| | | Intereſt, | | 1,783 | 12 | 6 | | | | |
| | | Broken Intereſt, | | 1,349 | 1 | 6 | | | | |
| | | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | | 26 | 12 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 3,159 | 6 | 6 | |
| | | | | | | | £ | 11,099 | 1 | 6 |
| | Carried forward, | | | | | | £ | 11,099 | 1 | 6 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1761. | The Settlement of 1761, brought forward, | | | | £ | 925 | 0 | 7 | |
| | To Caſh, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | | | £ | 400 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | — Paid for Intereſt on ditto, | | | | 43 | 3 | 5 | | |
| | | | | | | 443 | 3 | 5 | |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | | | | 500 | 0 | 0 | |
| | To Bills of Credit, burnt by the Committee, being Part of the Quotas received, | | | | | 18,503 | 11 | 10 | |
| | | | | | £ | 20,371 | 15 | 10 | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | By Amount brought forward, | | | | £ | 11,099 | 1 | 6 | |
| | By Balance due to the Truſtees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | | | | | 9,272 | 14 | 4 | |
| | | | | | £ | 20,371 | 15 | 10 | |

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## Twelfth Year.——Settlement of 1762.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1761. | TO Caſh, paid Ann Redman, for ſchooling Debby Montour, per | | | | | | | | |
| *Mar.* 20. | Receipt, | | £ | 1 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, paid Moles Patterſon, for ditto, March 9, 1762, | | | 0 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | £ | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| *Sept.* 29. | To ditto, paid Andrew M'Nair, as Door-keeper, and other Services, per Receipt, | | | | | | | 23 | 13 | 5 |
| *Nov.* 10. | To ditto, paid John Gueſt, for Shoes for Debby Montour, | | | | | | | 0 | 9 | 0 |
| 1762. | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Mar.* 16. | To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood, per Receipt, | | £ | 8 | 18 | 2 | | | | |
| *Sept.* 2. | To ditto, paid ditto, — for ditto, per ditto, | | | 22 | 19 | 8 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid ditto, as Sergeant at Arms, and other Services, per Receipt, September 28, 1761, | | | 23 | 6 | 0 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid ditto, for Wood, per Receipt, December 4, 1761, | | | 15 | 6 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 70 | 10 | 2 |
| | To ditto, paid Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, per Account, | | | | | | | 276 | 5 | 0 |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | | | | | | 450 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Caſh, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | | £ | 1,980 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | — Paid for Intereſt on ditto, | | | 187 | 4 | 1 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2,167 | 4 | 1 |
| | To Paper Bills of Credit, burnt by the Committee, being Part of the Quotas received, | | | | | | | 15,488 | 4 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 18,477 | 19 | 6 |
| | *To Caſh, paid the Speaker's Order, dated the 26th of September, 1761, in Favour of Charles Moore, Eſq; as Clerk of Aſſembly, for his Attendance, tranſcribing and engroſſing Bills, as per Receipts, February 8, and March 3d, 1762,* | | | | | | | 195 | 8 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 18,673 | 8 | 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1762. | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from Auguſt 24, 1761, to September 1, 1762, Quotas, | £ | 6,390 | 15 | 0 | | | | |
| | Remaining Principal, | | 1,081 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 7,472 | 0 | 0 |
| | Intereſt, | £ | 1,548 | 0 | 11 | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | | 1,470 | 1 | 11 | | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | | 22 | 15 | 9 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 3,040 | 18 | 7 |
| | | | | | | £ | 10,512 | 18 | 7 |
| | By Caſh, received of Iſaac Norris, Eſq; agreeable to a Reſolve of the Houſe, October 18, 1760, | | | | | | 1,237 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | | £ | 11,750 | 8 | 7 |
| | By Balance due to the Truſtees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | | | | | | 6,922 | 19 | 5 |
| | | | | | | £ | 18,673 | 8 | 0 |

*JOHN PENN, Eſq; Governor.*

1768. *September* 13.

## Thirteenth Year.——Settlement of 1763.

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| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1762. *June* 9. | To Caſh, paid John Hughes, Eſq; for tranſcribing the Books and Papers in the Secretary's and Surveyor-General's Offices, per Order, | | | | £ 1,354 | 2 0 |
| *Sept.* 27. | To Caſh, paid Samuel Kirke, Sergeant at Arms, per Receipt, | £ 10 | 0 0 | | | |
| | —— Paid ditto, for Wood, per Receipt, March 30, 1763, | —— | 9 6 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 19 | 6 0 |
| Ditto. | To ditto, paid Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, per Receipt, | | | | 20 | 15 5 |
| *Oct.* 27. | To ditto, paid Edmund Wooley, for Work done at the State-houſe, | | | | 2 | 2 3 |
| 1763. *Mar.* 9. | To ditto, paid Charles Moore, as Clerk to the Aſſembly, | | | | 188 | 15 0 |
| | To ditto, paid Edward Cary, for boarding and ſchooling D. Montour, | £ 24 | 12 0 | | | |
| *Sept.* 3. | To ditto, paid Alexander Sage, for Sundries for ditto, | —— | 0 8 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 25 | 0 0 |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | | | 400 | 0 0 |
| | To Caſh, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | | | £ 730 | 0 0 | |
| | —— Paid for Intereſt on ditto, | | | 97 | 12 11 | |
| | | | | | 827 | 12 11 |
| | To Bills of Credit, paid the Committee, and by them burnt, it being the Balance of the £ 35,000, Part of the £ 50,000 received from Col. Hunter, | | | | 12,952 | 15 8 |
| | To Bills of Credit, burnt by the Committee, being Part of the Quotas received, | | | | 22,248 | 5 6 |
| | | | | £ | 38,038 | 14 9 |
| | *To Caſh, paid Henry Miller, January* 19, 1763, *for printing Avertiſements,* | £ 0 | 8 0 | | | |
| | *To ditto, paid ditto,* —— *October* 13, 1763, *for ditto,* | —— | 0 11 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 0 | 19 0 |
| | | | | £ | 38,039 | 13 9 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1763. | By Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, from September 2, 1762, to Septem. 21, 1763, Quotas, | £ 12,633 | 5 0 | | | |
| | Remaining Principal, | 241 | 15 0 | | | |
| | | | | £ | 12,875 | 0 0 |
| | Intereſt, | £ 2,843 | 16 2 | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | 3,448 | 8 8 | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | 18 | 12 9 | | | |
| | | | | | 6,310 | 17 7 |
| | | | | £ | 19,185 | 17 7 |
| | By Balance due to the Truſtees, carrid to Balance Account Page 85. | | | | 18,853 | 16 2 |
| | | | | £ | 38,039 | 13 9 |

## Fourteenth Year.——Settlement of 1764.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1763. *Octob.* 1. | To Caſh, paid Samuel Kirke, as Sergeant at Arms, per Receipt, | £ 11 | 15 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, paid ditto, for Wood, November 4, —— ditto, —— | | 23 14 9 | | | |
| | | | | £ | 35 | 9 9 |
| 3. | To ditto, paid Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, —— ditto, —— | | | | 21 | 18 3 |
| 14. | To ditto, paid Elizabeth Cary, for Schooling and Shoes for Debby Montour, —— | | | | 0 | 12 6 |
| 27. | To ditto, paid Charles Moore, as Clerk of the Houſe, &c. | | | | 174 | 14 0 |
| 1764. *Jan.* 25. | To ditto, paid Rachel Cary, for Debby Montour, per Account, —— | | | | 1 | 6 6 |
| | To ditto, paid for Intereſt on ſundry Provincial Notes, per Account, in the Year 1763, | | | £ 170 | 0 0 | |
| | *To ditto, paid for ditto, ſhort charged at that Time,* —— | | | 3 | 10 0 | |
| | | | | | 173 | 10 0 |
| | Carried forward, | | | £ | 407 | 11 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1764. | By Caſh received on ſundry Mortgages, on the firſt and ſecond £ 80,000 Acts, and the Re-emiſſion from Septem. 23, 1763, to September 1, 1764, —— Quotas, —— | | | £ | 1,361 | 0 0 |
| | Intereſt, | £ 331 | 8 2 | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | 475 | 1 1 | | | |
| | | | | | 806 | 9 3 |
| | | | | £ | 2,167 | 9 3 |
| | Carried forward, | | | £ | 2,167 | 9 3 |

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | The Settlement of 1764, brought forward, | — | | £ 407 | 11 | 0 | | | |
| 1764. | To ditto, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | — | £ 3,675 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | — Paid for Intereſt on ditto, | — | 658 | 14 | 11 | | | | |
| | | | | 4,333 | 14 | 11 | | | |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | — | | 400 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | To Bills of Credit, burnt by the Committee, being Part of the Quotas received, | | | 2,647 | 0 | 3 | | | |
| | | | £ | 7,788 | 6 | 2 | £ | 7,788 | 6 | 2 |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1764. | By Amount brought forward, | — | — | — | | | £ | 2,167 | 9 | 3 |
| | By Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, on the third £ 80,000 Act, from October 11, 1760, to September, 1764, Quotas, | — | £ 2,429 | 5 | 0 | | | | | |
| | Intereſt, | £ 790 10 2 | | | | | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | 56 19 4 | | | | | | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | 27 17 7 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 875 | 7 | 1 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 3,304 | 12 | 1 |
| | By Caſh, received on the firſt Re-emiſſion of the third £ 80,000 Act, from September, 1760, to September, 1764, Quotas, | — | £ 1,438 | 5 | 0 | | | | | |
| | Intereſt, | £ 552 12 1 | | | | | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | 28 1 11 | | | | | | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | 13 15 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 594 | 9 | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2,032 | 14 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 7504 | 15 | 4 |
| | By an Omiſſion of Thomas Ritchee's Quota, received Nov. 1, 1764, | | £ 3 | 10 | 0 | | | | | |
| | By an Omiſſion of ditto, — Intereſt — ditto, | — | 1 | 18 | 6 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 7,510 | 3 | 10 |
| | By Balance due to the Truſtees, carried to Balance Account Page 85. | — | | | | | | 278 | 2 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 7,788 | 6 | 2 |

## Fifteenth Year.——Settlement of 1765.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1764. *May* 2. | TO Caſh, paid Edward Cary, by Iſaac Norris, Eſq; on Account of Debby Montour, | — | £ 13 | 3 | 9 | | | | |
| | To ditto, paid Sophia Edwards, for ſchooling ditto, | — | 0 | 7 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 13 | 11 | 3 |
| *Oct.* 20. | To ditto, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood, per Receipt, | — | £ 2 | 5 | 9 | | | | |
| 30. | To ditto, paid ditto, — for ditto, — ditto, | — | 12 | 17 | 2 | | | | |
| *Nov.* 2. | To ditto, paid ditto, — for ditto, — ditto, | — | 15 | 8 | 11 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 30 | 11 | 10 |
| 1765. | To ditto, paid for ſundry Provincial Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly. | — | £ 55 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | — Paid for Intereſt on ditto, | — | 23 | 6 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 78 | 6 | 4 |
| | Carried forward, | | | | | £ | 122 | 9 | 5 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1765. | BY Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, on the firſt and ſecond £ 80,000 Acts, and the Re-emiſſions, from Septem. 15, 1764, to February 5, 1765, — Quotas, | — | | | | £ | 188 | 10 | 0 |
| | Intereſt, | £ 43 11 6 | | | | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | 68 18 0 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 112 | 9 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 300 | 19 | 6 |
| | By Caſh, received on ſundry Mortgages, on the third £ 80,000 Act, from Sept. 5, 1764, to Sept. 7, 1765, Quotas, | — | £ 405 | 5 | 0 | | | | |
| | Intereſt, | £ 189 17 2 | | | | | | | |
| | Broken Intereſt, | 29 6 1 | | | | | | | |
| | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | 1 12 0 | | | | | | | |
| | | | 220 | 15 | 3 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | 626 | 0 | 3 |
| | Carried forward, | | | | | £ | 926 | 19 | 9 |



1768. *September* 13.

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| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1765. | The Settlement of 1765, brought forward, | | | £ 122 | 9 | 5 | 1765. By Amount brought forward | | £ 926 19 9 |
| | To One Year's Salary of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | | | 400 | 0 | 0 | By Caſh, received on the firſt Re-emiſſion of the third £ 80,000 Act, | | |
| | To Bills of Credit, burnt by the Committee, being Part of the Quotas received, | | | 1,983 | 0 | 3 | from Septem. 5, 1764, to Septem. 7, 1765, Quotas, | £ 420 15 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Intereſt, | £ 162 17 3 | |
| | | | | | | | Broken Intereſt, | 20 2 4 | |
| | | | | | | | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | 4 3 0 | |
| | | | | | | | | 187 2 7 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 607 17 7 |
| | | | | £ 2,505 | 9 | 8 | | | £ 1,534 17 4 |
| | | | | | | | By Balance due to the Truſtees, | | 970 12 4 |
| | | | | | | | | | £ 2,505 9 8 |

Sixteenth and Seventeenth Years.——Settlement of 1766 and 1767.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1765. *Nov.* 19. | To Caſh, paid Samuel Kirke, for Wood, per Receipt, | | | £ 11 | 5 | 2 | 1766. By Caſh, received on the fourth Re-emiſſion of the ſecond £ 80,000 Act, | | |
| 1767. | | | | | | | Quotas, | £ 20 0 0 | |
| *Sept.* 11. | *To Bills of Credit, burnt by the Committee, being Part of the Quotas received,* | | | 1,384 | 15 | 0 | Intereſt, | £ 8 10 0 | |
| *Oct.* 21. | *To Caſh, paid Samuel Preſton Moore, Eſq; the Intereſt,* | | | 747 | 10 | 8 | Broken Intereſt, | 15 19 3 | |
| | | | | | | | | | £ 44 9 3 |
| | | | | | | | By Caſh, received on the third £ 80,000 Act, Quotas, | £ 186 0 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Intereſt, | 112 8 10 | |
| | | | | | | | Broken Intereſt, | 22 4 11 | |
| | | | | | | | Remaining Principal, | 50 0 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Intereſt at Diſcharge, | 0 5 3 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 370 19 0 |
| | | | | | | | By ditto, received on the firſt Re-emiſſion, Quotas, | £ 185 0 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Intereſt, | 111 10 0 | |
| | | | | | | | Broken Intereſt, | 16 4 6 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 312 14 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | £ 728 2 9 |
| 1767. | | | | | | | *By ditto, received on the third £ 80,000 Act, Quotas,* | £ 352 5 0 | |
| | | | | | | | *Intereſt,* | 210 11 0 | |
| | | | | | | | *Broken Intereſt,* | 66 11 9 | |
| | | | | | | | *Remaining Principal,* | 233 5 0 | |
| | | | | | | | *Intereſt at Diſcharge,* | 8 5 9 | |
| | | | | | | | | | £ 870 18 6 |
| | | | | | | | *By ditto, received on the firſt Re-emiſſion, Quotas* | £ 243 10 0 | |
| | | | | | | | *Intereſt,* | 145 15 9 | |
| | | | | | | | *Broken Intereſt,* | 39 12 6 | |
| | | | | | | | *Remaining Principal,* | 114 15 0 | |
| | | | | | | | *Intereſt at Diſcharge,* | 0 16 3 | |
| | | | | | | | | | 544 9 6 |
| | | | | | | | | | £ 1,415 8 0 |
| | | | | £ 2,143 | 10 | 10 | | | £ 2,143 10 9 |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, *on Account of the ſeveral* Balances *for the reſpective Years Settlement in the foregoing Account of* Bills *of* Credit *put into their Hands, and lent out on Mortgage.* Cr.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1752. | To Balance due on this Year's Settlement, | | | £ | 2,365 | 10 | 8 | 1751. By Balance on this Year's Settlement, | £ | 9,119 | 7 | 3 |
| 1754. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 877 | 9 | 9 | 1753. By ditto, ditto, | | 509 | 10 | 4 |
| 1755. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 48 | 5 | 8 | 1758. By ditto, ditto, | | 10,781 | 9 | 8 |
| 1756. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 1,433 | 3 | 4 | 1760. By ditto, ditto, | | 33,204 | 0 | 6 |
| 1757. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 383 | 8 | 7½ | | | | | |
| 1759. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 2,149 | 19 | 1 | | | | | |
| 1761. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 9,272 | 14 | 4 | | | | | |
| 1762. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 6,922 | 19 | 5 | | | | | |
| 1763. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 18,853 | 16 | 2 | | | | | |
| 1764. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 278 | 2 | 4 | | | | | |
| 1765. | To ditto, | ditto, | | | 970 | 12 | 4 | | | | | |
| | | | | £ | 43,556 | 1 | 8½ | | | | | |
| | To Balance due the Province, | | | | 10,058 | 6 | 0½ | | | | | |
| | | | | £ | 53,614 | 7 | 9 | | £ | 53,614 | 7 | 9 |
| | | | | | | | | By Balance due the Province brought down, carried to Page 91. | £ | 10,058 | 6 | 0½ |

*STATE of the Accounts of the* Bills *of* Credit, *put into the Hands of the* TRUSTEES *of the* LOAN-OFFICE, *to exchange torn and ragged Bills: Of the Five Thouſand Pounds granted to the King's Uſe, in the Year* 1746: *Of the Fifteen Thouſand Pounds, appropriated by a Reſolve of the Aſſembly, in the Year* 1755: *Alſo, of the Provincial Tax Money, paid into the Hands of the ſaid* TRUSTEES.

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania, *on Account of* Old Exchange Money, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE. Cr.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1750. Nov. 2. 1750-1. | To Bills of Credit, paid by James Morris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | £ | 1,538 | 8 | 3 | 1751. By Balance in the Hands of the Truſtees, for Exchange for Old Bills of all the Emiſſions, as per Report of the Committee, in the Votes of Aſſembly, 1750, and 1751, | £ | 11,600 | 13 | 6 |
| March 7. | To ditto, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | | 1,548 | 19 | 10 | | | | | |
| Aug. 16. | To ditto, paid by ditto, | ditto, | ditto, | | 1,081 | 10 | 11 | | | | | |
| | | | | £ | 4,168 | 19 | 0 | | | | | |
| | To Balance, agreeable to the Committee's Report, carried to the Credit of 1752, | | | | 7,431 | 14 | 6 | | | | | |
| | | | | £ | 11,600 | 13 | 6 | | £ | 11,600 | 13 | 6 |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *on Account of the* Old Exchange Money, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, continued. Cr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1752. *July* 13. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 2,246 18 3 | 1752. | BY Balance, brought forward, from laſt Year, agreeable to the Committee's Report, | £ | 7,431 14 6 |
| | To Balance, carried to the Credit of 1753, | | 5,184 16 3 | | | | |
| | | £ | 7,431 14 6 | | | | |
| 1753. *Aug.* 29. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 1,366 3 9 | 1753. | BY Balance, brought forward, from laſt Year, agreeable, to the Committee's Report, | £ | 5,184 16 3 |
| | To Balance, carried to the Credit of 1754, | | 3,818 12 6 | | | | |
| | | £ | 5,184 16 3 | | | | |
| 1754. *Aug.* 15. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 516 5 10 | 1754. | BY Balance, brought forward, from laſt Year, agreeable to the Committee's Report, | £ | 3,818 12 6 |
| | To Balance carried to the Credit of 1755, | | 3,302 6 8 | | | | |
| | | £ | 3,818 12 6 | | | | |
| 1755. *Sept.* 20. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 1,600 0 0 | 1755. | BY Balance, brought forward, from laſt Year, agreeable to the Committee's Report, | £ | 3,302 6 8 |
| | To Balance, carried to the Credit of 1756, | | 1,702 6 8 | | | | |
| | | £ | 3,302 6 8 | | | | |
| 1756. *Sept.* 22. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 1,151 17 6 | 1756. | BY Balance, brought forward, from laſt Year agreeable to the Committee's Report, | £ | 1,702 6 8 |
| | To Balance, carried to the Credit of 1757, | | 550 9 2 | | | | |
| | | £ | 1,702 6 8 | | | | |
| 1757. *Sept.* 30. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 550 9 2 | 1757. | BY Balance, brought forward, from laſt Year, agreeable to the Committee's Report, | £ | 550 9 2 |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *on Account of the £* 10,000 New Exchange Money, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE. Cr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1756. *Sept.* 22. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 4,571 | 16 | 6 | | |
| 1757. *Sept.* 30. | To ditto, paid by ditto, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | | 772 | 18 | 9 | | |
| | | £ | 5,344 | 15 | 3 | | |
| | To Balance, remaining in the Hands of the Truſtees, carried to Page 91 | | 4,655 | 4 | 9 | | |
| | | £ | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 1755. | BY Bills of Credit, ſtruck by Act of Aſſembly, to exchange ſuch of thoſe now by Law current within this Province, as are torn and defaced, | | | | | £ | 10,000 0 0 |
| | | | | | | £ | 10,000 0 0 |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania, *on Account of the £* 5,000 *granted to the King's Uſe in the Year* 1746, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OEFICE. Cr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1750. *Aug.* 14. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by James Morris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | | £ | 500 | 0 0 |
| 1751. | To ditto, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 500 | 0 0 | | | |
| 1752. | To ditto, paid by ditto, — ditto, — ditto, | | 500 | 0 0 | | | |
| 1753. | To ditto, paid by ditto, — ditto, — ditto, | | 1,000 | 0 0 | | | |
| 1754. | To ditto, paid by ditto, — ditto, — ditto, | | 1,000 | 0 0 | | | |
| 1755. | To ditto, paid by ditto, — ditto, — ditto, | | 500 | 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | 3,500 | 0 0 |
| 1757. | *To ditto, paid by the Provincial Treaſurer's Account, of Old Exciſe, ditto,* | £ | 658 | 14 10 | | | |
| 1758. | *To ditto, paid by — ditto, — ditto, — ditto,* | | 214 | 13 0 | | | |
| 1759. | *To ditto, paid by — ditto, — ditto, — ditto,* | | 126 | 12 2 | | | |
| | | | | | | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | £ | 5,000 | 0 0 |
| 1746. | BY Bills of Credit, ſtruck by Act of Aſſembly, for granting to the King's Uſe, | | | | | £ | 5,000 0 0 |
| | | | | | | £ | 5,000 0 0 |

Note, *The three laſt Sums above-mentioned, amounting to £* 1000, *were paid by the Provincial Treaſurer, to the Committee of Aſſembly, and by them burnt, and Accounts for that Sum reported in the Votes,* 1766, *to be deficient; it not having been brought into the Truſtees Account, as the Law directed, and as the former Sums were, occaſioned it to appear to remain yet to be burnt, in the Hands of the Truſtees, in the Year* 1766.

1768. *September* 13.

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *on Account of the* £ 15000 Provincial Notes, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE. Cr.

1755. TO Caſh, paid Evan Morgan, Joſeph Fox, and others, Commiſſioners appointed by a Reſolve of the Houſe of Aſſembly, April 1, 1755, to repay the Money borrowed, for victualing the King's Troops in Virginia, —— £ 5,000 0 0
To Caſh, paid Reeſe Meredith, John Mifflin, and Samuel Smith, Commiſſioners, appointed by a Reſolve of Aſſembly as above, April 1, 1755, to lay out for the Uſe of the Army, under the Command of General Shirley, —— 10,000 0 0
£ 15,000 0 0

1755. BY Amount of Provincial Notes, given to the King's Uſe, by a Reſolve of the Houſe of Aſſembly, April 1, 1755, —— —— £ 15,000 0 0
£ 15,000 0 0

| | | Principal. | Intereſt at Diſcharge. | Annual Intereſt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1756. | To Caſh, paid for Prov. Notes, burnt by the Committee of Aſſembly, | £ 3490 0 0 | 184 11 0 | 72 15 0 |
| 1757. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 2595 0 0 | 187 18 10 | 154 0 0 |
| 1758. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 1370 0 0 | 120 3 5 | 283 15 0 |
| 1759. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 340 0 0 | 49 12 10 | 110 10 0 |
| 1760. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 300 0 0 | 39 6 9 | 213 0 0 |
| 1761. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 400 0 0 | 43 3 5 | 465 15 0 |
| 1762. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 1980 0 0 | 187 4 1 | 276 5 0 |
| 1763. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 730 0 0 | 97 12 11 | 173 10 0 |
| 1764. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 3675 0 0 | 658 14 11 | |
| 1765. | To ditto, paid for ditto, —— ditto, —— ditto, —— | 55 0 0 | 23 6 4 | |
| | | £ 14935 0 0 | 1591 14 6 | |
| 1768. | To ditto, paid for ditto, by the Treaſurer, — ditto, —— | 55 0 0 | 23 11 11 | |
| | To Balance, outſtanding, yet to come in, —— | 10 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 15000 0 0 | 1615 6 5 | 1749 10 0 |
| | | | | 1615 6 5 |
| | | | Total Intereſt paid, | £ 3364 16 5 |

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *in Account of the* Provincial Tax, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE. Cr.

1757. TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, —— —— —— —— £ 10,357 13 0½
£ 10,357 13 0½

1757. BY Caſh, received of the Provincial Treaſurer,
Of the Six-penny Tax, £ 7,755 19 3½
Of the Twelve-penny Tax, 2,953 9 2
£ 10,709 8 5½
From which deduct, viz.
For paying out £ 130,000 at 5 ſ. per £ 100, £ 325 0 0
For ſinking — 10,357 13 at 5 ſ. per £ 100, 26 15 5
351 15 5
£ 10,357 13 0½

Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *on Account of* Provincial Tax, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, continued. Cr.

1758. TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, £ 26,736 5 9

£ 26,736 5 9

1758. BY Caſh received of the Provincial Treaſurer,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Of the Six-penny Tax, | £ 361 15 6 | |
| Of the Twelve-penny Tax, | 11,054 16 4 | |
| Of the Eighteen-penny Tax, | 15,524 0 11 | |
| | £ 26,940 12 9 | |
| From which deduct, viz. | | |
| For paying out £ 55,000, at 5 *ſ.* per £ 100, — | £ 137 10 0 | |
| For ſinking — 26,736 5 9, at 5 *ſ.* per £ 100, | 66 17 0 | |
| | 204 7 0 | |
| | | £ 26,736 5 9 |

1759. TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, £ 27,227 1 7

£ 27,227 1 7

1759. BY Caſh, received of the Provincial Treaſurer,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Of the Twelve-penny Tax, — | £ 329 13 0 | |
| Of the Firſt Eighteen-penny Tax, | 6,466 4 10 | |
| Of the Second Eighteen-penny Tax, | 20,649 8 6 | |
| | £ 27,445 6 4 | |
| From which deduct, viz. | | |
| For paying out £ 100,000, granted 31ſt George II. at 3 *ſ.* per £ 100, — — | £ 150 0 0 | |
| For ſinking £ 27,227 1 7, at 5 *ſ.* per £ 100, — | 68 4 9 | |
| | 218 4 9 | |
| | | £ 27,227 1 7 |

1760. TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, £ 21,801 19 0

£ 21,801 19 0

1760. BY Caſh received of the Provincial Treaſurer,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Of the Twelve-penny Tax, | £ 628 3 6 | |
| Of the Firſt Eighteen-penny Tax, | 294 16 1 | |
| Of the Second Eighteen-penny Tax, | 1,541 7 7 | |
| Of the third Eighteen penny Tax, | 19,542 4 4 | |
| | £ 22,006 11 6 | |
| From which deduct, viz. | | |
| For paying out £ 100,000, granted 32d George II. at 3 *ſ.* per £ 100, — — | £ 150 0 0 | |
| For ſinking £ 21,801 19, at 5 *ſ.* per £ 100 | 54 12 6 | |
| | 204 12 6 | |
| | | £ 21,801 19 0 |

JOHN PENN, Eſq; Governor. 89

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Dr. *The Province of* Pennſylvania *on Account of the* Provincial Tax, *with the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, continued. Cr.

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| 1761. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 25,919 15 4 | 1761. | BY Caſh, received from the Provincial Treaſurer, | |
| | | | | Of the Twelve-penny Tax, £ 42 18 10 | |
| | | | | Of the Second Eighteen-penny Tax, 30 19 8 | |
| | | | | Of the Third Eighteen-penny Tax, 3,597 4 1 | |
| | | | | Of the Fourth Eighteen-penny Tax, 22,313 12 3 | |
| | | | | £ 25,984 14 10 | |
| | | | | From which deduct, viz. | |
| | | | | For ſinking £ 25,919 15 4, at 5ſ. per £ 100, — 64 19 6 | |
| | | £ 25,919 15 4 | | | £ 25,919 15 4 |
| 1762. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 25,270 6 0 | 1762. | BY Caſh received from the Provincial Treaſurer, | |
| | | | | Of the Fourth Eighteen-penny Tax, £ 2,117 10 0 | |
| | | | | Of the Fifth Eighteen-penny Tax, 23,216 2 3½ | |
| | | | | £ 25,333 12 3½ | |
| | | | | From which deduct, viz. | |
| | | | | For ſinking £ 25,270 6, at 5ſ. per £ 100, — 63 6 3½ | |
| | | £ 25,270 6 0 | | | £ 25,270 6 0 |
| 1763. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 20,778 15 0 | 1763. | BY Caſh, received from the Provincial Treaſurer, | |
| | | | | Of the Fifth Eighteen-penny Tax, £ 422 19 3 | |
| | | | | Of the Sixth Eighteen-penny Tax, 20,407 17 3 | |
| | | | | £ 20,830 16 6 | |
| | | | | From which deduct, viz. | |
| | | | | For ſinking £ 20,778 15, at 5ſ. per £ 100, — — 52 1 6 | |
| | | £ 20,778 15 0 | | | £ 20,778 15 0 |
| 1764. | TO Bills of Credit, paid by Charles Norris, to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 1,560 12 9 | 1764. | BY Caſh, received from the Provincial Treaſurer, | |
| | | | | Of the Sixth Eighteen-penny Tax, £ 1,564 11 6 | |
| | | | | Deduct, for ſinking £ 1,560 12 9, at 5ſ. per £ 100, — 3 18 9 | |
| | | | | | £ 1,560 12 9 |

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*WE the Committee appointed by the General Assembly of the Province of* Pennsylvania *to audit and settle the Public Accounts, having carefully re-examined the several foregoing Accounts, and the Vouchers to us produced, in Support of the Sums charged, and those credited, find the Balance due from the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office, to be* Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence, *viz.*

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| On the Account of the several Sums granted by the Assemblies for the King's Use, including the Sums of Money allotted to this Province by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, *Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Three Shillings and One Penny Half-penny*, | £ | 4,894 3 | 1½ |
| On the particular Account of the General Loan-Office, of Bills of Credit put into the Hands of the Trustees, and lent out on Mortgage, *Ten Thousand and Fifty eight Pounds Six Shillings and a Half penny*, | | 10,058 6 | 0½ |
| On Account of Bills of Credit issued in the Year 1755, to exchange the torn and ragged Bills of former Emissions, *Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Four Shillings and Nine-pence*, | | 4,655 4 | 9 |
| | £ | 19,607 13 | 11 |

*Which we submit to the House,*

JOSEPH RICHARDSON, ISAAC PEARSON,
*Philadelphia, September* 12, 1768. JAMES PEMBERTON, JOSEPH FOX."
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,

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A Memorial from Mrs. *Mary Norris*, Widow and Administratrix of *Charles Norris*, Esq; late acting Trustee of the General Loan-Office, was presented to the House and read, setting forth——That being informed that the Committee for auditing and settling the Public Accounts, have reported to the Honourable House, that they find a Balance of *Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred and Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence* due from the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office, the Memorialist apprehends that the said Balance should be reduced to *Three Thousand Two Hundred and Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Three-pence*, by allowing to the said Trustees a further Credit of *Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and One Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight-pence*, which Sum arises from three several Articles specified in the Papers hereunto annexed, and to which the Memorialist prays Leave to refer;——that the Memorialist hopes the Reasons, contained in the said Papers, will be sufficient to satisfy the Honourable House that the further Credit above-mentioned ought to be allowed to the said Trustees; but if any Doubt should remain thereupon, the Memorialist represents that there are several other Arguments and Facts, which she believes would have great Weight in convincing the Honourable House that the said Credit ought to allowed, but as the same cannot properly be set forth in a Memorial, and as the Children of the Memorialist and the said *Charles Norris*, her late Husband, who are Infants of a very tender Age, are greatly interested in the Determinations to be made on the Accounts of the said Trustees, the Memorialist prays the Honourable House will be pleased to permit her to heard by her Council before they proceed to any Resolution on the Report of their Committee, and the Memorialist will gratefully acknowledge the Favour.

*Ordered*, That the Memorialist be heard by Council on *Wednesday* the 21st of this Instant, which Day is appointed for that Purpose.

With the foregoing Memorial were delivered some Papers of Remarks on the further Articles of Credit above-mentioned, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment

*September* 14. *Post Meridiem*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders of the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, complaining of sundry Grievances sustained by them from the Regiment commanded by Colonel *Wilkins*, on their March from *Philadelphia* to Fort *Pitt*, and praying Relief. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Petition from *Philip Miller*, of *Cumberland* County, for Payment of a Servant inlisted into the King's Service, and referred by the House to the Committee of Accounts, was presented at the Table by a Member of the Committee, with a Certificate that they are of Opinion the Sum of *Sixteen Pounds* ought to be allowed to the Petitioner for the said Servant; and a Certificate for the said Sum of *Sixteen Pounds* being prepared by the Clerk, was signed by the Speaker, by Order of the House, and delivered to Mr. *Montgomery* for the Petitioner.

An Account from *John Hill*, of *Bucks* County, amounting to *Sixteen Pounds Seven Shillings*, for the Maintenance of *Catherine Smith*, a blind captive Girl, bound out by the Province, and now of Age, was presented to the House, read, and referred to the Committee of Accounts,——Mr. *Fox* was also requested to consult with the Managers of the House of Employment, and have the said Girl taken in by them.

A Petition from *John Hooton*, for Enlargement of his Son-in-Law, a Prisoner for Debt, in the Gaol of this City, was presented to the House, read, and recommended to the Consideration of the next Assembly.

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1768. *September* 14. The Petitions from *Cumberland* and *Lancaſter* County, concerning the Conduct of the Military under the Command of Colonel *Wilkins*, being again read, were recommended to the particular Conſideration of the next Aſſembly.

The Petition from *Joſeph Junkins*, being read the ſecond time, was alſo referred to the Notice of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Bills directed to be prepared againſt the preſent Meeting of the Houſe, concerning Bankrupts, and for authenticating the Records of *Germantown*, be, and the ſame are hereby, recommended to the particular Attention of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 15. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Secretary brought down and delivered to the Houſe a Copy of the Treaty held with the *Ohio* and other Weſtern *Indians* at Fort *Pitt*, in *April* and *May* laſt, under the Direction of *George Croghan*, Eſq; Deputy-Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs, which was read by Order, and the Speaker was deſired to order the Printing thereof.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Account of Commiſſary *Bard*, certified under the Hands of the Provincial Commiſſioners, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That a Certificate for the Sum of *Eighty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings and a Penny*, payable to *Peter Bard*, with legal Intereſt thereon from the Date, be filled up by the Clerk, and the ſame being done accordingly, was ſigned by the Speaker.

A Petition from *Henry Haller*, formerly an Enſign of the Troops in the Pay and Service of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth.——That the Petitioner had the Misfortune to be taken Priſoner by the *French*, in the Year 1758, under the Command of Major *Grant*, and detained a Priſoner in *Canada* for fourteen Months;——that the Petitioner laid before a former Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly a Petition, to which he humbly begs Leave to refer;——that the Petitioner was then informed by ſome Members of that Aſſembly, that as his Application was the firſt of the Kind which had been made, it would be proper for him to learn what had been done by any of the Aſſemblies of the neighbouring Governments in ſimilar Caſes;—that the Petitioner has lately been favoured with a Letter from Colonel *Lewis*, of the *Virginia* Forces, who was taken Priſoner with the Petitioner, informing him of the Proviſions made by their Aſſembly in ſimilar Caſes, to which he alſo begs Leave to refer, and prays ſuch Redreſs and Compenſation for the great Loſs he ſuſtained by loſing all his Effects, and ſuffering fourteen Months Impriſonment, whilſt in the Service of this Province, as to the Honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem fit. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 16. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *Henry Haller*, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed to the ſaid *Haller* for his Support during his Captivity in *Canada*; and a Certificate for the ſaid Sum, being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Account and Vouchers of *William Cocks*, of *Winchеſter*, employed in the Year 1755, to receive and forward Diſpatches from this Province to the Army under the Command of General *Braddock*, then marching to Fort *du Queſne*, (now Fort *Pitt*) and after ſome Debate thereon, referred the ſaid Papers to the Examination of the Committee of Accounts.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the Seventh Inſtant, together with the Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hillſborough*, his Majeſty's Secretary of State for *America*, and the Circular Letter from the Speaker of the *Maſſachuſetts* Aſſembly, which were ſeverally read, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to deliberate more fully on the ſaid Meſſage and Letters.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Governor's Meſſage and the two Letters above-mentioned, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Aſhbridge* reported from the Committee, that having come to ſome Reſolutions on the Subject before them, they had directed him to report the ſame whenever the Houſe may be pleaſed to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolutions of the Committee of the whole Houſe be received immediately.

Mr. *Aſhbridge* then (according to Order) reported the ſaid Reſolutions, which he firſt read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where they were again read, and being agreed to by the Houſe, follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*,

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*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, in Assembly met, have an undoubted Right to sit on their own Adjournments;——that this Right is founded on the Charter, an Act of the Legislature of this Province, confirmed by the Crown, and the constant uninterrupted Usage and Custom in Assemblies ever since the Establishment of the present Form of Government, and therefore that the Governors of this Province have not any constitutional Authority to prorogue or dissolve them.

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is the undoubted Right of the Assemblies of this Province, to correspond with the Representatives of the Freemen of any of his Majesty's Colonies in *America*, relative to Grievances which may affect the General Welfare of those Colonies, in order to obtain, by decent Petitions to his Majesty and his Parliament, Redress of such Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 17

The Committee appointed to prepare a Draught of a Petition to his Majesty, reported they had made an Essay for that Purpose, which they delivered at the Table, and, being read by Order, was referred to further Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Memorial from *Mary Norris*, and, after some Debate,

*Ordered*, That *Wednesday* next, the 21st Instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, be appointed for hearing Mrs. *Norris* by Council, on the Subject of her Memorial to this House.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-one Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of the House, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *September* 19. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 20

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the several Public Accounts of the present Year, and to sink and destroy, according to Law, the Bills of Credit received in Payments for the Provincial Taxes, *&c.* made their Report of the State of the said Accounts in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*WE the COMMITTEE, appointed by the* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *of* Pennsylvania, *to audit and settle the several Public Accounts, and to sink and destroy, according to Law, the Bills of Credit received in Payments for the Provincial Taxes,* &c. *and to make Report of the Sums of Money we find due to the Province,* DO REPORT,

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

THAT the Trustees of the General Loan-Office delivered into the Care and Custody of Samuel Preston Moore, on the Twenty-first Day of October last, One Hundred and Forty-six Mortgage Deeds, on which there were divers Sums of Money due and payable to the Province, viz.

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| One Mortgage Deed for Money lent to John Rhoads, of Northampton County, by Virtue of the Second Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, on which was due, and to become due principal Sums or Quotas, —— —— —— —— | £ 30 0 0 | |
| And Interest due thereon, —— —— —— —— —— | 5 5 0 | |
| | | £ 35 5 0 |
| One Hundred and Forty-five Mortgage Deeds for Money lent to sundry Persons, by Virtue of the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, and the first Re-emission of the said Act, on which there remained due at the Settlement of Accounts the 24th of September last Year, | | |
| Principal Sums or Quotas, —— —— —— —— —— —— | £ 1,538 0 0 | |
| And Quotas payable, and to become due on the several Days stipulated in said Mortgages, —— —— —— —— —— —— —— | 5,719 10 0 | |
| | | £ 7,257 10 0 |
| On which One Hundred and Forty-five Mortgages there also remained due, for Interest the 24th of September, 1767, —— —— —— | £ 899 5 9 | |
| And on Examination of the several Mortgages above-mentioned, in the Hands of said Samuel Preston Moore, we find that | | |
| He has received since last Settlement—Principal Sums or Quotas of John Rhoads, —— —— —— —— | £ 10 0 0 | |
| And of Quotas due on the Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, —— —— —— —— | 856 11 0 | |
| | | £ 866 11 0 |
| Which Sum of Eight Hundred Sixty-six Pounds Eleven Shillings he pas paid into our Hands, and we have burnt and destroyed according to Law. | | |
| He has also received on Account of Interest due on the said Mortgages, viz. | | |
| Of John Rhoads——Interest due on his Mortgage, —— | £ 9 3 6 | |
| And of sundry Persons on Account of Interest due on the Mortgages taken on the Third £ 80,000 Act, —— —— | 352 10 11 | |
| Which with the Sum of Seven Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight-pence, paid him by the Trustees on the 21st of October last, being the Balance of Interest Money in their Hands, on the 24th of September last, —— —— —— | 747 10 8 | |
| Makes in the Whole | | £ 1,109 5 1 |
| Carried forward, | | £ 1,109 5 1 |

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| Amount of Intereſt Money received —— Brought over, | | | | £ | 1,109 5 1 |
| Out of which he has paid——for | | | | | |
| Four Provincial Notes iſſued in the Year 1755, amounting to — | £ | 55 | 0 0 | | |
| And Intereſt due on them, —— —— —— | | 23 | 11 11 | | |
| | | | | £ | 78 11 11 |
| | | | | £ | 1,030 13 2 |

Which Notes we have alſo burnt, as the Law directs,
Leaves in the Hands of Samuel Preſton Moore——Intereſt Money, One Thouſand and Thirty Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Two-pence.

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WE have inſpected and examined the Accounts of the ſeveral County Treaſurers, for the Provincial Tax, as adjuſted by the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties (excluſive of the Tax on the Proprietary Eſtate in ſaid Counties) and find that

Philip Syng, Treaſurer for Philadelphia County,
Credits the Province
With the total Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, being Eleven Thouſand Three Hundred and Ninety-nine Pounds One Shilling and Six-pence, —— —— —— —— £ 11,399 1 6
And he Debits,——viz.

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| To County Commiſſioners, County and Townſhip Aſ-ſeſſors, and Clerks Fees, adjuſted by the Commiſ-ſioners, —— —— —— | £ | 370 | 4 7 | | |
| Collectors Fees, —— —— —— —— | | 278 | 18 11 | | |
| To Deficiencies allowed by the Commiſſioners, for Non-eſts, and Inſolvents of the Taxables returned, | | 237 | 5 6 | | |
| To his Commiſſions on £ 7,148 8 4½ at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | 71 | 9 8 | | |
| | | | | £ | 957 18 8 |
| To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, per Receipt produced, — | | | | | 6,778 3 9½ |
| | | | | £ | 7,736 2 5½ |
| Balance due to the Province, not being yet collected, —— —— | | | | | 3,662 19 0½ |
| | | | | £ | 11,399 1 6 |

PAUL Preſton, Treaſurer for Bucks County,
Credits the Province,
With the total Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, —— —— —— —— —— £ 2,485 6 8
And Debits,——viz.

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| To County Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, and Townſhip Aſſeſſors and Clerks Fees, adjuſted per the Commiſ-ſioners, —— —— —— —— —— | £ | 151 | 13 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees, —— —— —— —— | | 49 | 1 6 | | |
| Deficiencies allowed for Inſolvents, &c —— —— | | 4 | 1 3 | | |
| To his Commiſſions £ 19 12—and Mileage, 15*ſ.* | | 20 | 7 0 | | |
| | | | | £ | 225 3 3 |
| To Caſh, paid the Provincial Treaſurer, —— —— | | | | | 1,842 15 3 |
| | | | | £ | 2,067 18 6 |
| Balance due to the Province, not collected, —— —— —— | | | | | 417 8 2 |
| | | | | £ | 2,485 6 8 |

LEWIS Davis, Treaſurer for Cheſter County,
Credits the Province,
With the whole Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, —— —— —— £ 4,330 18 0
And Debits——viz.

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| To County Commiſſioners, County and Townſhip Aſſeſſors and Clerks Fees, Collectors Fees and Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. not adjuſted by the Commiſſioners of the County, —— —— | £ | 0 | 0 0 | | |
| To his Commiſſions £ 32——and Mileage 5*ſ.* —— —— | | 32 | 5 0 | | |
| To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, per Receipt produced — | | 3,199 | 10 0 | | |
| | | | | £ | 3,231 15 0 |
| Balance, out of which the above-mentioned Charges are to be diſcounted, when aſcertained by the Commiſſioners of the County, —— —— —— | | | | | 1,099 3 0 |
| | | | | £ | 4,330 18 0 |

MATTHIAS Slouch, Treaſurer for Lancaſter County,
Credits the Province,
With the whole Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, —— —— —— —— £ 4,028 0 1
And Debits——viz.

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| To County Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, Townſhip Aſſeſſors, and Clerks Fees, —— —— —— | £ | 417 | 7 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees, —— —— —— —— | | 95 | 16 9 | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents —— —— —— | | 213 | 14 3 | | |
| To his Commiſſions and Mileage, —— —— | | 34 | 6 4 | | |
| | | | | £ | 761 4 4 |
| To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, —— —— —— | | | | | 2,434 0 0 |
| | | | | £ | 3,195 4 4 |
| Balance due to the Province, —— —— —— —— —— | | | | | 832 15 9 |
| | | | | £ | 4,028 0 1 |

ROBERT M'Pherſon, Treaſurer of the County of York,
Credits the Province,
With the full Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, —— —— —— £ 1,363 10 5
And Debits——viz.

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| To County Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, Townſhip Aſſeſſors and Clerks Fees, adjuſted per the Com-miſſioners, —— —— —— | £ | 191 | 6 4 | | |
| Carried forward, | £ | 191 | 6 4 | | |

Robert M'Pherson on Account of Provincial Tax,
Debit brought over, £ 191 6 4
Collectors Fees, 34 1 9
Deficiences allowed for Insolvents, &c. 35 10 8
To his Commissions on £ 778 2s. at 20s. per Cent, and Mileage 62s. 6d. 10 18 2
£ 271 16 11
To Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, 552 12 1
£ 824 9 0
Balance due to the Province, 539 1 5
£ 1,363 10 5

Credit brought over, £ 1,363 10 5 — 1768. September 20.

JONAS Seely, Treasurer for the County of Berks, hath sent us his Account, certified under the Hands of the Commissioners, in which the Province is Credited for
The full Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, £ 1,368 19 0
And Debited——viz.
To County Commissioners, County and Township Assessors, and Clerks and Collectors Fees, adjusted per the Commissioners, £ 134 19 4½
Commissions to be settled when the Money is paid to the Provincial Treasurer,
Deficiencies for Insolvents, 1 11 4
£ 136 10 8½
Balance due to the Province, 1,232 8 3½
£ 1,368 19 0

£ 625 13 10 of which is said to remain uncollected.

We have likewise examined the Accounts of Jonas Seely, relating to the Taxes of the preceding Years, and find the Balance due from him to the Province, on the 24th of September, last Year, was £ 3,026 11 8
Since which he has paid to the Provincial Treasurer, as credited in his Account, the Sum of 1,323 1 8

And there remains at this Time due from him, including the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, as above stated, the Sum of £ 2,935 18 3½

JOHN Wagle, Treasurer for Northampton County
Credits the Province,
With the full Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, for said County, £ 1,046 15 9½
And Debits——viz.
To County Commissioners and Assessors, and Clerks Fees, adjusted by the Commissioners of the County, £ 185 9 0
Collectors Fees, 26 3 4½
Commissions £ 10 9 4, and Mileage 30s. 11 19 4
£ 223 11 8½
To Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, per Receipt in full, 823 4 1
£ 1,046 15 9½

JOHN Montgomery, Treasurer for Cumberland County,
Credits the Province,
With the full Amount of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, for said County, £ 1,842 9 3
And Debits,——viz.
To County Commissioners, and County and Township Assessors, and Clerks Fees, £ 221 17 1
Collectors Fees (one only adjusted) 0 18 3
Deficiencies for Insolvents, 41 15 10
Commissions £ 6 0 8 and Mileage £ 3, 9 0 8
£ 273 11 10
To Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, 381 9 2½
£ 655 1 0½
Balance due to the Province, said to remain uncollected, 1,187 8 2½
£ 1,842 9 3

Besides the above Balance, we observe there remains outstanding of the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, the Sum of £ 690 16 10

WE have likewise examined the Accounts exhibited to the Provincial Treasurer, the Commissioners of the County of York, from whence it appears that the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer for the said County, is indebted to the Province, on account of Provincial Taxes, the Sum of £ 138 13 9¾

WE have inspected and adjusted the Accounts of the Collectors of Excise for the several Counties hereafter mentioned, and find, that
Joseph Stretch, Collector of Excise for Philadelphia County,
Credits the Province,
By Balance due at Settlement last Year, £ 236 9 8½
By Amount of Excise from July 1, 1767, to July 1768, 2,349 2 4
By sundry Retailers per Annum, 225 0 0
By one Moiety of Forfeitures and Seizures, 240 17 5
£ 2,814 19 9
£ 3,051 9 5½
Balance due Joseph Stretch, 14 0 3½
£ 3,065 9 9

Carried forwards, £ 3,065 9 9

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Joſeph Stretch his Account of Exciſe, — Credit brought over £ 3,065 9 9
And Charges, viz.
To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, per Receipts, — £ 2,817 13 5
To Commiſſions on Ditto, five per Cent, — 140 17 8
To ſundry Debts due from divers Perſons who are become Inſolvents from 1760, to 1766, incluſive, per Liſt exhibited to the Committee of Aſſembly, of which they have allowed per Order of the Houſe, — 106 18 8
£ 3,065 9 9

CHARLES Humphreys, Collector of Exciſe for Cheſter County,
Credits the Province,
By Amount of Exciſe for the Year, ending July 1, 1768, — £ 495 4 4
By ſundry Retailers per Annum, — 98 10 0
By one Moiety of Fines, — 11 7 6
£ 605 1 10
Balance due to him, — 0 19 11
£ 606 1 9
And Charges,——viz.
To Commiſſions, Ten per Cent, — £ 60 10 2
To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, per Receipt, — 545 11 7
£ 606 1 9

JOHN Woolſton, Collector of Exciſe for Bucks County,
Credits the Province,
By Amount of Exciſe for the Year, ending July 1, 1768, — £ 325 7 4
By ſundry Retailers per Annum, — 66 0 0
£ 391 7 4
And Charges,——viz.
To his Commiſſions at Ten per Cent, — £ 39 2 9
To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer in full, — 352 4 7
£ 391 7 4

JASPER Scull, Collector of Exciſe for the County of Berks,
Credits the Province,
By the Amount of Exciſe for the Year, ending Auguſt 12, 1768, — £ 308 14 0
Sundry Retailers per Annum, — 88 3 10
£ 396 17 10
And Charges,——viz.
To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, per Receipt, — £ 305 0 0
Commiſſions, Ten per Cent, — 30 10 0
£ 335 10 0
Balance due to the Province, — 61 7 10
£ 396 17 10

JESSE Jones, Collector of Exciſe for the County of Northampton,
Credits the Province,
By Balance due at Settlement laſt Year, — £ 14 5 1
By Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1767, to July 1, 1768, — £ 150 15 0
Sundry Retailers per Annum, — 36 0 0
186 15 0
£ 201 0 1
And Charges,——viz.
To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, — £ 108 0 0
To Commiſſions on Ditto, at Ten per Cent, — 10 16 0
£ 118 16 0
Balance due to the Province, — 82 4 1
£ 201 0 1

JAMES Lindſay, Collector of Exciſe for the County of Cumberland, has ſent his Account for the laſt and preſent Year, in which he
Credits the Province,
By Balance due from him Sept. 9, 1766, — £ 51 17 5
By Amount of ſundry Retailers from Aug. 1766, to Aug. 1767, £ 71 9 7
By ditto —— —— from Aug. 1767, to Aug. 1768, — 67 16 0
139 5 7
£ 191 3 0
And Debits,——viz.
To Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, as reported laſt Year, — £ 61 8 0
To Ditto paid — Ditto——April 28, 1768, £ 24 0 0
To Ditto paid — Ditto——Sept. 12, 1768, 43 11 5
67 11 5
To Commiſſions at Ten per Cent, — 12 18 0
£ 141 17 5
Balance due to the Province, — 49 5 7
£ 191 3 0

GEORGE Eichleberger, Collector for York, hath not attended with his Account.
The Balance due from him at Settlement, laſt Year, was — £ 35 10 10
And we find he has paid the Provincial Treaſurer on Account thereof, and of this Year's Exciſe, — £ 169 14 9

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JAMES Webb, Collector of Excise for Lancaster County,
Credits the Province,

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| By Balance due from him at Settlement last Year, | | £ 290 16 2 | |
| By Amount of Excise from July 1, 1767, to July 1, 1768, | £ 429 15 10 | | |
| Sundry Retailers per Annum, | 175 10 0 | | |
| | | 605 5 10 | |
| | | | £ 896 2 0 |

And Charges,——viz.

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| To Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, per Receipt, | £ 750 0 0 | | |
| To his Commissions on Ditto, at Ten per Cent, | 75 0 0 | | |
| To sundry Debts due from divers Persons who are Insolvent from 1756 to 1760, | 38 17 1 | | |
| | | £ 863 17 1 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 32 4 11 | |
| | | | £ 896 2 0 |

WE have examined the Account of Thomas Coombe, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Shipping, appropriated for building and supporting a Light-house, at the Mouth of Delaware Bay, &c. who
Credits the Province,

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| By Balance of Account settled last Year, | | £ 0 10 6 | |
| By Amount of Duties received for the Tonnage of Ships entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from September 10, 1767, to September 5, 1768, | | 1,324 0 6 | |
| | | | £ 1,324 11 0 |

And Debits,——viz.

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| To an Over-payment to the Provincial Treasurer, in the Year 1766, | | £ 0 10 6 | |
| To his Commissions on £ 1,324 0 6, at Six per Cent, | | 79 8 9 | |
| To Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer since last Settlement, per Receipt produced, | | 1,244 11 9 | |
| | | | £ 1,324 11 0 |
| He has exhibited no Account of Duties received on Negroes this Year, but has paid the Treasurer the Sum of | | £ 427 15 9 | |

WE have examined the Accounts of the Commissioners appointed by the Act of Assembly, entituled, "An Act for the erecting a Light-house at the Mouth "of the Bay of Delaware," &c. passed in the third Year of the present Reign, and find they have expended,——viz.

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| In the Purchase of Materials, and Payment of Tradesmens Wages for erecting and finishing the said Light-house, the Vouchers and Receipts for which we have compared with the particular Sums charged,——amounting to | | £ 7,674 3 2 | |
| And in Purchase of Oil, and maintaining the Lights, from November 1, 1765, to this Time, | £ 802 0 0 | | |
| And Wages to James Dryburgh, for his Attendance, and keeping the Lights during that Time, | 329 11 0 | | |
| | | 1,131 11 0 | |
| To the Expence of making and laying down six Buoys on different Shoals in Delaware Bay, | £ 664 2 1 | | |
| To the Expence of another Set of Buoys, to be ready to replace in the Room of any which may be removed by Ice or otherwise, | 487 12 10 | | |
| | | 1,151 14 11 | |
| And that they have paid for Interest on Money borrowed to carry on the Business, | | 1,036 16 10 | |
| | | £ 10,994 5 11 | |
| Commissions to be divided among them according to their Services, viz. at Five per Cent, on £ 9,957 9 1, and at Two and Half per Cent, on £ 1,036 16 10, | | 523 15 10 | |
| | | | £ 11,518 1 9 |

And they Credit,——viz.

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| By Cash received on Account of the Lottery set up to raise Money for this Purpose, before the passing the Law, pursuant to the Powers given the Commissioners by Act of Assembly, | | £ 2,259 16 9 | |
| By Cash received from the Provincial Treasurer, at several Times, | | 2,971 14 6 | |
| By Money borrowed on Interest, for which they have issued their Notes, as impowered by Act of Assembly, | | 5,910 0 0 | |
| By Cash received for sundry remaining Materials sold by public Vendue, | | 254 5 4 | |
| | | £ 11,395 16 7 | |
| Balance due to the Commissioners, | | 122 5 2 | |
| | | | £ 11,518 1 9 |

WE have examined the Accounts of Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master of Philadelphia, by which it appears, he has expended for the Use of the Troops quartered in this City, from the 21st of September, 1767, to the 14th of September, 1768, in Fire-wood, Candles, Vinegar, Small Beer, &c. agreeable to Act of Assembly, the Sum of £ 1,534 19 8

Which Sum he has received of the Provincial Treasurer, in several Payments.

JAMES Webb, Barrack-Master for Lancaster, has not exhibited his Account for this Year, but we find he has received of the Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Fifty Pounds, £ 50 0 0

JOSEPH Fox has exhibited his Account of Money expended per Order of the Assembly, for Repairs on Part of the Roof of the State-house, and for paving a Gutter, and fixing Posts in the Street, in which he Charges,

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To Cash paid for Shingles and Workmens Wages, £ 67 6 2
Bricks and paving, and Cedar Posts, and glazing Windows, &c. —— —— —— 33 5 3
£ 100 11 5
To his Commissions, at Five per Cent, —— —— —— 5 0 7
£ 105 12 0
To Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, the Balance, —— —— —— —— 17 8 0
£ 123 0 0

And Credits,
By Cash received for one Year's Rent of the Province Island, —— —— £ 120 0 0
Ditto received of James Larimore, in Part of Rent of a House on the State-house Lot, 3 0 0
£ 123 0 0

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WE have also inspected and examined an Account exhibited to us, by the Administrators of the Estate of Thomas Leech, deceased, late one of the Superintendants of the building the State-house, in which they Credit the Province,
For Cash received at sundry Times from the Trustees of the General Loan Office, from the Year 1742, to 1750, which agrees with the Minutes of the House, —— —— —— £ 1,860 3 9
For Cash received of Samuel Kirke, for Sale of a Parcel of Boards, purchased and used for Indian Cabbins, &c. at one of the Treaties in this City, —— —— —— —— —— —— 18 6 1
£ 1,878 9 10
For Cash received from the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, from the Year 1750, to 1756, which agrees with the Minutes of the House, —— —— —— —— —— £ 4,142 5 0
For Cash received of William Allen, Esq; 1760, a Balance in his Hands, due the Province, —— —— —— 23 14 7
4,165 19 7
£ 6,044 9 5

And Debits——viz.
To Amount of sundry Disbursements at finishing the State-House, from the Year 1741, to 1750, as appeared from Vouchers to us produced, —— —— —— —— £ 1,854 5 2
To Amount of sundry Disbursements at the building the new Addition of the State-House, from the Year 1750, to 1756, per Vouchers, 4,000 15 1½
£ 5,855 0 3½
Commissions allowed to the Estate of Thomas Leech, deceased, —— —— 189 9 1½
£ 6,044 9 5

Commissions allowed the Estate of Isaac Norris, deceased, to the Estate of Edward Warner, deceased, and to Joseph Fox, for their Services in superintending the building the State-House, which Sum remains due to them from the Province, £ 103 5 10½

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WE have likewise examined the Accounts of Samuel Preston Moore, Esq; Provincial Treasurer, who Credits the Province,
On Account of Tonnage and Duties per Act of Assembly, passed in the Year 1758,
By Balance due to the Province, September 23, 1767, —— —— —— —— £ 2 10 7½

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ON Account of the Province Island, and Tenements on the State-House Lots, he Credits,
By Balance due to the Province, September 23, 1767, —— —— £ 253 16 8
By Cash received of Joseph Fox, Esq; on Account of Rent he received this Year, — 17 8 0
£ 271 4 8

Which Sum of £ 271 4 8 remains in his Hands.

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ON Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Use, passed 1763, he Credits,
By Balance due to the Province, September 23, 1767, —— —— —— —— £ 2,364 10 5

And Charges,
To Cash paid towards building the Middle-house on the West Side of the Barracks, per Order of the Governor and Commissioners, as per Act of Assembly, passed in February last, —— —— £ 600 0 0
To Commissions at Ten Shillings per Cent, —— —— 3 0 0
£ 603 0 0
To Balance due to the Province, —— —— —— —— 1,761 10 5
£ 2,364 10 5

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ON Account of the Excise on spirituous Liquors, he Credits,
By Cash received of Joseph Stretch, for Philadelphia County, —— —— £ 2,817 13 5
of Charles Humphreys, Esq; for Chester, —— —— 545 11 7
of John Woolston, for Bucks, in full, —— —— 352 4 7
of James Webb, Esq; for Lancaster, —— —— —— —— 750 0 0
of George Eichelberger, for York, —— —— —— 169 14 9
of James Lindsay, for Cumberland, —— —— —— 67 11 5
of Jasper Scull, for Berks, —— —— —— 305 0 0
of Jesse Jones, for Northampton, —— —— —— 108 0 0
of Thomas Minshall, formerly Collector for York County, in Part of the Balance due from him as settled the 14th of May, 1767, — 46 9 6
£ 5162 5 3

And Charges,
To Balance due to him at Settlement September 23, 1767, —— —— £ 1 2 8½
To Commissions on £ 5,162 5 3, at 5 per Cent, —— —— —— 258 2 3
Carried forwards, £ 259 4 11½

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| | | Credit brought forwards | | £ 5,162 | 5 3 |
| | Debit brought forwards, | £ 259 | 4 11½ | | |
| To the Sum appropriated per Act of Assembly passed in February last for Presents of Condolence to the Northern and Western Indians, &c. | | 3,000 | 0 0 | | |
| To Paper Bills of Credit issued by Act of Assembly passed May 20, 1767, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000 raised for Support of Government and Payment of public Debts, | | 1,902 | 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 5,161 | 4 11½ | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 1 | 0 3½ | | |
| | | | | £ 5,162 | 5 3 |

ON Account of the £ 4,000 and a further Sum appropriated per Act of Assembly in February last, for quartering Soldiers, he Credits,

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| By Balance due to the Province, September 23, 1767, | £ 376 | 13 8½ | |
| By so much taken from the £ 20,000 granted for Payment of the public Debts, | 1,208 | 5 11½ | |
| | | | £ 1,584 19 8 |
| And Charges, | | | |
| To Cash paid Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master for Philadelphia, at sundry Times, | £ 1,534 | 19 8 | |
| To Ditto paid James Webb, Esq; Barrack-Master for Lancaster, | 50 | 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 1,584 19 8 |

ON Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, he Credits,

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| By Cash received of Thomas Coombe, at sundry Times this Year, | £ 427 | 15 9 | |
| By ditto received of John Howard, an Overseer of the Poor, for Half a Fine on some Persons for employing a Negro unknown to his Master, | 0 | 15 0 | |
| By Ditto sent per Thomas Willing, Esq; the whole Fine on a Distiller, for a Nuisance from his Still-house, | 1 | 15 0 | |
| | | | £ 430 5 9 |
| And Charges, | | | |
| To Cash paid James Burd, Esq; of Lancaster, for a Negro executed, | | £ 90 0 0 | |
| To Bills of Credit burnt by the Committee, | £ 338 | 2 9 | |
| To Commissions at Ten Shillings per Cent, | 2 | 3 0 | |
| | 340 | 5 9 | |
| | | | £ 430 5 9 |

ON Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for building and supporting the Light-house on Cape Henlopen, he Credits,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Balance due to the Province, September 23, 1767, | £ 1 | 19 3 | |
| By Cash received of Thomas Coombe, at sundry Times, | 1,244 | 11 9 | |
| | | | £ 1,246 11 0 |
| And Charges, | | | |
| To Cash paid Peter Reeve, by Order of the Commissioners, | £ 700 | 0 0 | |
| To Commissions at Ten Shillings per Cent, | 3 | 10 0 | |
| | £ 703 | 10 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 543 | 1 0 | |
| | | | £ 1,246 11 0 |

ON Account of the Seventh Eighteen-penny Tax, he Credits,

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| By Cash received of William Matthews, Administrator to John Blackburn, late Treasurer for York County, | £ 111 | 14 8¼ | |
| By Ditto of Jonas Seely, for Berks, at sundry Times, | 521 | 0 11 | |
| | | | £ 632 15 7¼ |
| And Charges, | | | |
| To Cash over-paid, by Mistake, from Lancaster County Tax, | | £ 2 5 0 | |
| To Bills of Credit paid by the Committee and by them burnt, | £ 628 | 19 1¼ | |
| To Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | 1 | 11 6 | |
| | 630 | 10 7¼ | |
| | | | £ 632 15 7¼ |

ON Account of the Eighth Eighteen penny Tax, he Credits,

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| By Cash received of David M'Cannaughy, Esq; for York County, | £ 156 | 2 6 | |
| By Ditto of Jonas Seely, for Berks, | 100 | 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 256 2 6 |
| And Charges, | | | |
| To Bills of Credit paid the Committee and by them burnt, | £ 255 | 9 9 | |
| To Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 | 12 9 | |
| | | | £ 256 2 6 |

ON Account of the Ninth Eighteen-Penny Tax, he Credits,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash received of William Matthews, Administrator of John Blackburn, | £ 447 | 1 2¾ | |
| By Ditto of Jonas Seely, | 702 | 0 9 | |
| By an Omission in last Year's Settlement, | 0 | 3 4 | |
| | | | £ 1,149 5 3¾ |
| And Charges, | | | |
| To Bills of Credit paid the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 1,146 | 7 11¾ | |
| To Commissions at Five Shillings per Cent, | 2 | 17 4 | |
| | | | £ 1,149 5 3¾ |

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ON Account of the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, he Credits,

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| By Caſh received of Philip Syng, for Philadelphia County, | £ 2,829 15 0 | |
| Lewis Davis, Cheſter, | 856 10 5 | |
| Abraham Chapman, Bucks, | 1,551 12 5 | |
| Matthias Slough, Lancaſter, | 2,144 12 9 | |
| Robert M'Pherſon, York, | 255 12 7 | |
| John Montgomery, Cumberland, | 468 17 7 | |
| John Wagle, Northampton, | 90 12 0 | |
| Nothing from Jonas Seely, Berks, | 0 0 0 | |
| | | £ 8197 12 9 |
| And Charges, | | |
| To Bills of Credit paid the Committee and by them burnt, | £ 8,177 3 0 | |
| To Commiſſions at Five Shillings per Cent, | 20 9 9 | |
| | | £ 8,197 12 9 |

ON Account of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, he Credits,

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| By Caſh received of Philip Syng, for Philadelphia County, | £ 6,778 3 9½ | |
| Lewis Davis, Cheſter, | 3,199 10 0 | |
| Paul Preſton, Bucks, | 1,842 15 3 | |
| Matthias Slough, Lancaſter, | 2,434 0 0½ | |
| Robert M'Pherſon, York, | 552 12 1 | |
| John Montgomery, Cumberland, | 381 9 2½ | |
| John Wagle, Northampton, | 823 4 1 | |
| Nothing from Jonas Seely, Berks, | 0 0 0 | |
| By Caſh received of Robert M'Pherſon, ariſing from ſundry Taxes recovered by Law, for Lands in York County, in Part of Non-reſidents, | 68 19 0 | |
| | | £ 16,080 13 5½ |
| And Charges, | | |
| To Bills of Credit paid the Committee and by them burnt, | £ 16,040 9 5½ | |
| To Commiſſions at Five Shillings per Cent, | 40 4 0 | |
| | | £ 16,080 13 5½ |

ON Account of the Act for raiſing £ 20,000 for the Support of Government, &c. paſſed the 20th of May, 1767, he Credits,

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| By Balance due to the Province, September 23, 1767, | £ 8.244 12 0 |

And Charges,

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| To Balance of the Account of Money appropriated for quartering Soldiers, | £ 1,208 5 11½ | |
| To Aſſembly Certificates paid, by Virtue of the Act paſſed September 26, 1767, viz. | | |
| The Hon. John Penn, Eſq; | £ 1,000 0 0 | |
| William Allen, Eſq; | 200 0 0 | |
| William Coleman, | 100 0 0 | |
| Alexander Stedman, | 100 0 0 | |
| Joſeph Fox, | 75 7 0 | |
| William Goddard, | 46 11 0 | |
| Edward Duffield, | 40 9 0 | |
| David Clark, | 65 0 0 | |
| Thomas Stretch's Eſtate, | 33 4 0 | |
| James Webb, | 39 0 0 | |
| Andrew M'Nair, | 29 5 5 | |
| Richard Hockley, | 18 18 0 | |
| Samuel Kirke, | 11 10 0 | |
| John Cox, jun. | 19 13 0 | |
| Charles Brockden, | 20 7 0 | |
| John Relfe, | 8 8 0 | |
| John Blackburn, | 3 0 0 | |
| Samuel Foulke, | 3 15 0 | |
| William Shed, | 5 5 0 | |
| Samuel Taylor, | 17 14 0 | |
| John Roſs, Eſq; | 10 0 0 | |
| Richard Jackſon, | 338 0 0 | |
| Doctor Benjamin Franklin, | 850 0 0 | |
| Joſeph Galloway, Eſq; | 53 4 10 | |
| Charles Moore, | 179 6 6 | |
| Joſeph Shippen, | 30 7 6 | |
| Joſeph Shippen, Poſtage, | 8 1 8 | |
| Joſeph Shippen, | 4 0 0 | |
| David Sizeberger, | 11 10 0 | |
| Hugh Roberts, | 11 5 0 | |
| Michael Hillegas, | 11 10 0 | |
| John Sellers, | 1 15 0 | |
| John Wharton, (B. F.) | 11 0 0 | |
| Carried up | £ 3,357 6 11 | |
| Brought up | £ 3,357 6 11 | |
| John Hughes, | £ 9 0 0 | |
| George Aſhbridge, | 10 4 0 | |
| James Pemberton, | 12 0 0 | |
| John Hughes, | 5 0 0 | |
| Benjamin Chew, | 75 0 0 | |
| Thomas Apty, | 3 7 1 | |
| Hall and Sellers, | 86 5 0 | |
| Joſeph Richardſon, | 12 0 0 | |
| Iſaac Pearſon, | 1 10 0 | |
| Willing and Lawrence, their Expences in Philadelphia County, on the Circuit to Reading, &c. | 7 9 3 | |
| Joſeph Fox, Iſaac Pearſon, and Michael Hillegas, attending the printing the £ 20,000, ſtruck in May, 1767, | 8 0 0 | |
| James Penroſe's Certificate for Dr. Franklin, Agent, | 10 0 0 | |
| Col. Aſhur Clayton, | 29 3 0 | |
| Joſeph Galloway, Money advanced to buy Wood, | 27 8 6 | |
| Thomas Willing, Eſq; the Judges Expences going to Berks, Cumberland, York and Lancaſter Counties, | 21 13 8 | |
| Philip Syng, for rectifying Prints, to print the £ 20,000, in the Year, 1767, | 9 9 0 | |
| George Schloſſer, in full, | 7 0 0 | |
| | | £ 3,691 16 5 |
| To Commiſſions, at Ten Shillings per Cent, | | £ 4,900 2 4½ 24 10 0 |
| Balance due to the Province, | | £ 4,924 12 4½ 3,319 19 7½ |
| | | £ 8,244 12 0 |

ON Account of the Act for raiſing and applying the Sum of £ 3,000 towards removing the preſent Diſcontent of the Indians, &c. paſſed February 17, 1768, he Credits,

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| By the Exciſe Account, for ſo much taken for the above Purpoſes, | £ 3,000 0 0 |
| Credit carried forwards, | £ 3,000 0 0 |

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| | | | Credit brought over, | £ 3,000 | 0 0 |
| And Charges, viz. | | | | | |
| To Cash paid William Patterson, per Order of the Governor and Speaker, for apprehending Frederick Stump, with other Charges, | £ | 237 0 6 | | | |
| paid Joseph Shippen, jun. for Express on Indian Affairs, | | 30 0 0 | | | |
| paid Samuel Kerlly, for coming Express, | | 5 0 0 | | | |
| paid Thomas Apty, going Express to Sir William Johnson, | | 25 0 0 | | | |
| paid James Ennis, for Ditto to Carlisle, | | 8 0 0 | | | |
| paid Tomas Apty, going to sundry Members, | | 1 17 6 | | | |
| paid Joseph Shippen, jun. for himself and John Allen, for attending an Indian Treaty at Fort Pitt, | | 250 0 0 | | | |
| paid Thomas Lawrence, Esq; per Order of Sir William Johnson, for a Present of Condolence to the Indians, | | 1,300 0 0 | | | |
| paid Baynton, Wharton and Morgan, per Order of the Commissioners, for a Present to the Indians, at Pittsburg, | | 1,050 0 1 | | | |
| paid William Blyth, by Order of the Governor for 3 Indians, | | 8 11 9 | | | |
| paid Joseph Fox, Esq; for Expences and Presents of Condolence, | | 12 15 6 | | | |
| | | | | £ 2,928 | 5 4 |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | 71 | 14 8 |
| | | | | £ 3,000 | 0 0 |

THE Amount of the Paper Bills of Credit burnt this Year, mentioned in this Report, is as follows,——viz..

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| On the Seventh Eighteen-penny Tax, | £ | 628 19 1¼ | | | |
| Eighth Ditto, | | 255 9 9 | | | |
| Ninth Ditto, | | 1,146 7 11¾ | | | |
| Tenth Ditto, | | 8,177 3 0 | | | |
| Eleventh Ditto, | | 16,040 9 5½ | | | |
| | | | £ | 26,248 | 9 3½ |
| On the Negro Duty, | | | | 338 | 2 9 |
| On the Excise, by Virtue of the Act passed in May, 1767, | | | | 1,902 | 0 0 |
| On Account of the Quotas paid on the Mortgages taken by the Trustees of the Loan-Office, | | | | 866 | 11 0 |
| And Provincial Notes, | | | | 55 | 0 0 |
| | | | | £ 29,410 | 3 0½ |

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Seven Thousand and One Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Five-pence Half penny, viz.

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| On Interest Money received on Mortgages in the Loan Office, | £ | 1,030 | 13 | 2 |
| On Account of the Tonnage on Shipping, and Duties on Merchandize, | | 2 | 10 | 7½ |
| On Account of the Province Island, and Tenements on the State-House Lot, | | 271 | 4 | 8 |
| On Account of the £ 24,000 granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, | | 1,761 | 10 | 5 |
| On Account of the Excise, | | 1 | 0 | 3½ |
| On Account of the Duty on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for building and supporting a Light-house on Cape Henlopen, | | 543 | 1 | 0 |
| On Account of the £ 20,000 raised for the Support of Government, per Act passed May 20, 1767, | | 3,319 | 19 | 7½ |
| On Account of the £ 3,000 appropriated per Act of Assembly for removing the Discontent of the Indians, | | 71 | 14 | 8 |
| | £ | 7,001 | 14 | 5½ |

WE have examined an Account exhibited by the Executors of William Leech, deceased, for Painters Work at the State-House, in which is Charged,

To sundry Bills delivered to Thomas Leech, from 29th April, 1754, to August 19, 1761, amounting to £ 350 0 8½

And Credited,

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| By Cash received of Thomas Leech, charged in his Account now reported, | £ | 308 4 4½ | | | |
| By Ditto received of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, 1759, per Order of Thomas Leech, | | 32 0 0 | | | |
| | | | £ | 340 4 | 4½ |
| Balance due to the Estate of William Leech, | | | | 9 16 | 4 |
| | | | £ | 350 0 | 8½ |

WE have also examined the Account produced to the Assembly last Year, by the Administrators of John Kinsey, Esq; deceased, and then referred by the House to the Committee of Accounts, and we do not find that the Charge made by them against the Province for two Iron Chimney Backs, delivered by William Branson, December 21, 1744, which were paid for to the Executors of said William Branson, by the Administrators of said John Kinsey, has ever been discharged by the Superintendants of the State-House, or otherwise, but that there remains the Sum of £ 6 1 3 due to the Estate of John Kinsey, deceased, for the said Chimney Backs, and the Expence of affixing them in the State-House, —— £ 6 1 3

YOUR COMMITTEE ALSO REPORT, That of the Debts due to the Province, mentioned in the Report of the Committee of Accounts last Year, there remains yet unpaid to the Provincial Treasurer, and due from sundry Persons, viz.

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| Thomas Minshall, late Collector of Excise for the County of York, | | | £ | 249 | 14 6 |
| Estate of Joseph Hamton, late Collector of Excise for Bucks County, | | | | 67 | 8 7 |
| Samuel Rhoads, for Rents he received from the Tenements on the State House Lot, | | | | 46 | 2 6 |
| Estate of Richard Pearn, deceased, | | | | 1,818 | 5 11 |
| Commissioners for the Indian Trade, | £ | 10 12 1 | | | |
| And Balance of the Debts due to them per Settlement of the Accounts reported to the House 11th of September 1767, to be accounted for to the Province when received, | | 3,045 13 2 | | | |
| | | | | 3,056 | 5 3 |
| | | | £ | 4,237 | 16 9 |

1768. *September* 20. AND, on inſpecting the Accounts of the Provincial Taxes, annually adjuſted by the Commiſſioners of the County of York, certified under their Hands, to the Provincial Treaſurer, We obſerve they Charge the Province with Taxes outſtanding, due from Non-reſidents in the County from Year to Year, which, from the Year 1757, to 1766, inclusive, amount to a conſiderable Sum, no Part whereof has been accounted for by any of the Treaſurers of the ſaid County, to the Provincial Treaſurer, except £ 68 19 0 paid this Year, on the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, by Robert M'Pherſon, Treaſurer for the ſaid County, which Matter we are of Opinion ſhould be referred to the Notice of the Provincial Treaſurer, in order that it may be more minutely inquired into than your Committee have now Leiſure for, without detaining our Report, and delaying the Buſineſs of the Houſe.

We likewiſe think it neceſſary to remark, that the State-Houſe ſtands in need of ſome immediate neceſſary Repairs.

*This Report, with our Obſervations on the State of the Accounts, is ſubmitted to the Houſe.* Philadelphia, September 19, 1768.

JAMES PEMBERTON, JOSEPH FOX,
ISAAC PEARSON, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON, THOMAS YARDLEY."

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Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That the Houſe will reſume the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other Public Accounts from the Year 1751, on *Friday* next, and that Mrs. *Norris* be then heard by Counſel, in Support of her Memorial concerning the ſaid Accounts.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Petitions to the Houſe of Lords and Commons, reported they had eſſayed Draughts for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read, by Order, were referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition to his Majeſty, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, being agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 21. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee of Accounts, to whom the Papers of *William Cocks*, of *Wincheſter*, were referred for Examination, reported, that having conſidered the ſame, and heard the Allegations of the Petitioner, they were of Opinion, that he was employed by this Government in the Service therein mentioned, and ought to be paid the Sum of *Forty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, in full of his Account: And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum of *Forty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings*, to bear Intereſt from the Date, being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, to be delivered to the ſaid *Cocks*.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions to the Houſe of Lords and Commons, which being again read, and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to, were ordered to be tranſcribed.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correſpondence do prepare a Letter to the Agents in *London*, agreeable to the Inſtructions given by the Houſe, to accompany the ſaid Petitions by the firſt Opportunity.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 22. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Correſpondence, purſuant to Order, preſented to the Chair a Draught of a Letter to the Agents in *London*, which being read, and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

The Report of the Committee on the ſeveral public Accounts of the preſent Year being again read in Part, and the Houſe taking into Conſideration the Balance due to the Province from *Jonas Seely*, Treaſurer for the County of *Berks*.

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do take the neceſſary legal Meaſures to compel the ſaid *Jonas Seely* to pay the ſame.

The Houſe alſo finding from the ſaid Report of the Committee relating to the Taxes in *York* County, that the Province has been charged with a Credit from Year to Year, given by the Commiſſioners to the Treaſurers of that County, for Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-reſidentors,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do immediately write to the Commiſſioners of the ſaid County, deſiring them to give him a true State of thoſe Credits, and ſhew their Reaſons why they have been given, and the Monies not paid according to Law, and that he lay the ſame before the next Aſſembly.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe proceeded in reading the Report of the Committee on the ſeveral public Accounts of the preſent Year, and having gone carefully through the ſame,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer take ſpeedy Meaſures to enforce the Payment of the Monies due to the Public from *Thomas Minſhall*, late Collector of Exciſe for the

County

County of *York*, and from the Executors of *Joseph Hamton*, deceased, late Collector of Excise for the County of *Bucks*. 1768. September 22.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of Assembly do serve the Provincial Treasurer with a Copy of the foregoing Minutes.

*Ordered*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed to *John Allen and Joseph Shippen*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by the Governor to attend the late Treaty with the Northern and Western *Indians*, at Fort *Pitt*.

The Petitions to his Majesty and both Houses of Parliament, with the Letter from the Committee of Correspondence to the Agents for this Province in *London*, being transcribed according to Order, were severally compared at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

*To the KING's Most Excellent MAJESTY.*

*The PETITION of the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in General Assembly met*,

*Most humbly sheweth*,

THAT your Petitioners, with Hearts deeply impressed with the most perfect Loyalty and Affection for Your Majesty's Royal Person and Government, and gratefully sensible of your benevolent Intentions to promote the constitutional Liberty and Happiness of all your faithful Subjects, however remote, beg Leave to supplicate your Majesty to hear the Complaints, and redress the Grievances of your faithful Subjects the good People of this Province. Petition to the King.

Our Ancestors, near a Century past, with a View of enjoying that Liberty, both Civil and religious, of which they were in a great Measure deprived in their native Land, to extend the Empire of the *British* Dominions, to encrease its Commerce, and promote its Wealth and Power, before the Accession of your Majesty's illustrious House to the *British* Throne, removed from their Mother Country to the Province of *Pennsylvania*, then a Wilderness. The Disadvantages, Dangers and Distress necessarily attendant upon this Separation from their Friends, Relatives, and the Land of their Nativity, we trust must appear to your Majesty's Wisdom too evident to need a Repetition; and yet with inexpressible Labour, Toil and Expence, and without the least Assistance from the Mother State, they and their Descendants, by their Prudence and strict Oeconomy, have peopled, planted and improved that Wilderness into an extensive and heretofore flourishing Colony, and thereby greatly added to the Commerce and Wealth of the Nation, and to the Power and Dignity of your Majesty's Empire.

While thus contributing to the Welfare of the Mother State, and struggling with innumerable Difficulties to enlarge its Dominions, we most humbly conceive that your Majesty's faithful Subjects of this Province, have by no Act whatever surrendered up or forfeited those constitutional Rights and Liberties which were inseparably annexed to their Persons, as natural born Subjects of the *British* Government; but on the contrary, that those Rights were brought over by our Ancestors to this distant Land, and are now vested in their Descendants, as an Inheritance the most important and valuable, on the Enjoyment whereof their future Safety and Happiness essentially depend.

Thus possessed of the Rights of *Englishmen*, derived to them from the most excellent Constitution, and under a firm Persuasion that the Enjoyment and full Exercise thereof would be continued down to your People of this Colony, and their latest Posterity, it is with inexpressible Concern and Anxiety that we find ourselves under the Necessity of representing to your Majesty, that certain Duties and Taxes for the sole Purpose of raising a Revenue, have been imposed by Parliament on your Majesty's *American* Subjects, although they have no Representative or Voice in that most respectable and august Body; —that this Taxation, we most humbly apprehend, is destructive of those Rights, and that Freedom which they are by Birth intitled to, as Men and *Englishmen*, who cannot be legally taxed, either by the Principles of Equity or the Constitution, but by themselves or their legal Representatives, and that should this Law remain unrepealed, and the Commons of *Great-Britain* exercise in future the Power of granting the Property of your Majesty's *American* Subjects without their Consent, and without having any constitutional Opportunity of being informed of their true Circumstances and Abilities to bear such Taxations, which their Situation and Distance from the Mother State render impracticable, your faithful People of those Colonies will possess Nothing which they can call their own —all Security of Property will be lost.

This Right in the People of this Province, of being exempted from any Taxations, save those imposed by their own Representatives, has been recognized by long established Usage and Custom, ever since the Settlement thereof, without one Precedent to the contrary, until the passing of the late Stamp-Act. Whenever your Majesty or your Royal Predecessors have had Occasion for Aids, to defend and secure the *American* Colonies,

Requisitions,

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Requiſitions have been conſtantly made of the Aſſemblies of this Province, who ever, with the utmoſt Chearfulneſs and Loyalty, have granted them, and often ſo liberally as to exceed the Abilities and Circumſtances of the People, yet labouring under a heavy Load of public Debt from that Cauſe. The granting Aids to the Crown being the Means of recommending themſelves to your Majeſty's paternal Care and Favour, it will be with the utmoſt Diſtreſs that your faithful Subjects of this Colony ſhall ſee the Commons of *Great-Britain*, without their Conſent, diſpoſing of their Property, and thereby depriving them of a Right which in Value and Importance they eſteem above all others.

We moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty to be aſſured, that the People of this Colony are moſt zealouſly attached to your Royal Perſon, and will ever be ready on all future Occaſions to demonſtrate their Duty to your Government, and the firmeſt Reſolution to aſſiſt, with the utmoſt of their Abilities, in ſupporting your Majeſty's Authority, and defending your Dominions: But, Moſt Gracious Sovereign, ſhould the Commons of *Great-Britain* perſiſt in depriving us of this moſt invaluable Privilege, it will be with the deepeſt Affliction that the People of theſe Colonies muſt perceive ſo unfortunate a Diſtinction eſtabliſhed between your Majeſty's loyal *Britiſh* and *American* Subjects, leaveing the *One* in the full Poſſeſſion and Exerciſe of all thoſe Rights which are neceſſary to the moſt perfect political Liberty, and the *Other* bereaved of that which *alone* conſtitutes the great Security and Foundation of all their other Privileges; a Diſtinction which, we fear, cannot fail of creating a Diſunion in Sentiments and Affections, Jealouſies and Diſcord between them, to the great Injury of the Trade and Commerce of the Nation, and Prejudice of both Countries.

Under the moſt grateful Senſe of your Majeſty's paternal Care and Regard for your People, ſo often manifeſted in the Exerciſe of your Royal Authority, and firmly relying on your Clemency and Wiſdom, we moſt humbly beſeech your Majeſty that you will be graciouſly pleaſed to take the Premiſes into your Royal Conſideration, and grant to the People of this Province under their preſent unhappy Circumſtances, ſuch Relief as to your Majeſty's Wiſdom and Goodneſs ſhall appear moſt proper.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*Philad. Sept.* 22, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*To the* RIGHT HONOURABLE *the LORDS Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament aſſembled,*

*The PETITION of the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in Aſſembly met,*

*Humbly ſheweth,*

Petition to the Lords.

THAT your Petitioners apprehend whenever Meaſures are purſued inconſiſtent with the Principles of that Freedom on which the *Britiſh* Conſtitution is founded, it cannot be thought improper to make Application for Redreſs to your Lordſhips, the hereditary Guardians of *Britiſh* Liberty; and therefore they beg Leave to repreſent to your Lordſhips the following Aggrievance, which greatly affects his Majeſty's moſt faithful *American* Subjects, and to implore your Concurrence, with the other Branches of the *Britiſh* Legiſlature, in relieving them from their preſent Diſtreſs.

That the People of this Province gratefully ſenſible of your Lordſhips Wiſdom and Juſtice in the Repeal of the late Act of Parliament impoſing Stamp-Duties in *America*, were led to hope, that in all future Time they ſhould enjoy the Right of granting Aids to the Crown by Repreſentatives conſtitutionally choſen by themſelves;——that greatly diſappointed in this Expectation, they find another Act paſſed in the Seventh Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign impoſing new Duties on the People of *America*, for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue, equally ſubverſive of this Right, and tending to render their Property moſt precarious and inſecure.

Your Petitioners humbly conceive that it is eſſential to the Liberties of *Engliſhmen*, that no Laws can be made to take away their Property without their Conſent.——Upon this equitable Principle, the Security of the Subjects Eſtate, whether in the Mother Country or the Colonies, is moſt juſtly founded, nor can *Britiſh* Freedom or public Happineſs without it any where exiſt. Hence the People of this Province, by their Repreſentatives in Aſſembly, have ever exerciſed the Power of diſpoſing of their own Property; and whenever Requiſitions have been made by his Majeſty, or his Royal Predeceſſors, for the Defence of *America*, they have moſt chearfully and liberally granted their full Proportion of Aids for that important Purpoſe. This Power being founded on the Conſtitution of the Government of the Province, and having often received the Sanction of the Crown and full Approbation of the *Britiſh* Parliament, your Petitioners hope your Lordſhips will not think any Reaſons ſufficient to deprive his Majeſty's faithful Subjects in this Colony of a Privilege ſo eſſential to their Security and Happineſs. They therefore humbly pray your Lordſhips to take the Premiſes into your ſerious Conſideration,

ſideration, and that you will alſo be pleaſed to purſue ſuch Meaſures as you ſhall, in your Wiſdom, think moſt proper to relieve them, and the People they repreſent, from the Aggrievance complained of. 1768. September 22

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

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*To the* HONOURABLE *KNIGHTS CITIZENS, and BURGESSES of* Great-Britain, *in Parliament aſſembled,*

*The PETITION of the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in Aſſembly met,*

*Humbly ſheweth,*

THAT your Petitioners, taking into their ſerious Conſideration the Act of Parliament impoſing Duties on his Majeſty's *American* Subjects, for the Purpoſe of raiſing a Revenue, and conceiving that the ſaid Act is injurious to the Rights of their Conſtituents, as well as to the Trade and Commerce of the *Britiſh* Dominions, beg Leave, in the moſt reſpectful Manner, to repreſent thoſe Aggrievances to the Commons of *Great-Britain*, who they truſt ever will be the faithful Guardians and Supporters of *Britiſh* Liberty. Petition to the Houſe of Commons.

In the latter End of the laſt Century, our Anceſtors, under the Permiſſion of the Crown, removed from their Mother Country, and ſettled in this diſtant Land, then a Wilderneſs. The Motives to an Enterpriſe ſo arduous, expenſive and hazardous, were not only to enlarge the *Britiſh* Empire and extend its Commerce, but to enjoy that perfect Security of Liberty to which they were entitled as *Britiſh* Subjects in their native Land: And, notwithſtanding innumerable Dangers and Difficulties, they have peopled and improved the Country into an extenſive Colony, without the leaſt Expence to the Mother State, whereby the *Britiſh* Empire has been conſiderably enlarged, its Commerce extended, and its Wealth and Power greatly encreaſed.

In this Removal from their native Country, the Effects whereof have ſo manifeſtly promoted the Intereſt and Dignity of the *Britiſh* Government, your Petitioners conceive they brought over with them the natural and conſtitutional Rights of *Engliſh* Subjects, which have deſcended to, and are now veſted in, their Poſterity, who have by no Act whatever forfeited or ſurrendered them; one of which is, that no Taxes for the Purpoſe of Revenue can be legally impoſed on them, but by Repreſentatives choſen by themſelves—a Right abſolutely neceſſary to the Security of their Property and Eſtates, and derived to them under the antient Principles of the *Engliſh* Government, and which has ever been eſteemed the chief Pillar and Support of all their other Privileges, inaſmuch as they apprehend they can with no Propriety be ſaid to enjoy more than the mere Shadow of Liberty, while others exerciſe a Power, whenever they pleaſe, to take ſuch Parts and Proportions of their Property from them as they think proper, without their Conſent.

In Confirmation of this Right, a legiſlative Authority, founded on this firſt and important Principle of *Engliſh* Liberty, ſo eſſential to the Happineſs of the Subject, was early eſtabliſhed in this Province, under the Approbation of the Crown. This Legiſlature was veſted with full Power, not only to ſupport the internal Government of the Province, but of giving and granting to their Sovereign the neceſſary Aids, whenever required, for the general Security of his Majeſty's Dominions. To this Legiſlature Requiſitions have been always made for that Purpoſe ſince the Eſtabliſhment of the preſent Government, particularly in the Times of King *William*, Queen *Anne*, his late moſt excellent Majeſty, and our preſent moſt gracious Sovereign, and with the utmoſt Chearfulneſs and Liberality complied with; a Part of which has been repeatedly reimburſed by the *Britiſh* Parliament.

Under this Right, eſtabliſhed on the Principles of *Engliſh* Liberty, on the ſettled Form of their own Government, and the uninterrupted Uſage and Cuſtom ſo often recognized and confirmed by the Sovereigns of the Mother State, and even by the Parliament itſelf, the good People of this Province have ſettled, and eſteemed themſelves happy in the Enjoyment of that Security of Property, which they conceive to be moſt eſſential to Freedom, and without which their other Privileges can never be long ſupported or maintained, until the late Act of Parliament, impoſing a Stamp-Duty on the Colonies, which the late Honourable Houſe of Commons, united with the other Branches of the *Britiſh* Legiſlature, has been pleaſed to repeal.

That your Petitioners, after the Repeal of that Act, flattered themſelves that his Majeſty's moſt faithful Subjects in this Province, yet labouring under a heavy Load of Debt, occaſioned by their Exceſs in granting of Aids to the Crown in the laſt War, would in future be left in the undiſturbed Poſſeſſion of this moſt valuable and important Right, which their Legiſlatures have exerciſed ſo perfectly to the Satisfaction of the *Britiſh* Government, and general Benefit of his Majeſty's Dominions; it therefore gave them inexpreſſible Concern to obſerve another Act paſſed in a late Seſſion of the laſt Parliament,

1768. *September* 22. impoſing Duties on his Majeſty's *American* Subjects, for the Purpoſe of Revenue, and reducing them to the ſame unhappy Condition, from which, by the Wiſdom and Juſtice of the *Britiſh* Legiſlature, they had been ſo lately relieved; for we beg Leave to repreſent, that ſhould the Parliament of *Great-Britain* continue to exerciſe a Power of impoſing Taxes on his Majeſty's Subjects who are not, nor can be, repreſented in your auguſt Houſe, their Property and Eſtates muſt become extremely precarious, as they can have no Power to judge of the Propriety of thoſe Taxes, no conſtitutional Check on the Liberality in granting them, no Opportunity of pointing out the eaſieſt Mode of impoſeing and levying them, or of explaining their Grievance, when they conceive themſelves injured or oppreſſed, without which it appears to your Petitioners impoſſible for the moſt wiſe and juſt Legiſlature to impoſe Taxes with Propriety and Equity, or with Safety to the People who are to be affected by them.

Your Petitioners, confiding in the Juſtice of your Honourable Houſe, and your Attachment to the Principles of Liberty, intreat that you would be pleaſed to take the Rights of his Majeſty's faithful *American* Subjects, together with the ſaid Act of Parliament, under your Conſideration, and grant them, ſo far as is in your Power, Relief from an Aggrievance from which the People of *Great-Britain* are exempted——a Continuation whereof, we fear, will create a Diſtinction that muſt naturally occaſion a Diſunion of Intereſt, Sentiments and Affections between them, which, in its Conſequences, may be attended with great Inconveniencies and Miſchiefs to the Trade and Commerce of his Majeſty's *Britiſh*, as well as *American* Dominions.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*Philad. Sept.* 22, 1768. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence to the Agents in *London.*

*Philadelphia, September* 22, 1768.

*GENTLEMEN,*

Letter to the Agents. IN our Letter of the Twentieth of *February* laſt, we communicated the Directions of the Houſe, that you would unite with the Agents of the other Colonies in ſuch Meaſures as might be purſued with reſpect to the obtaining a Repeal of the Act of Parliament impoſing Duties on Glaſs, Paper, *&c.* in *America.*

The Aſſembly, in their preſent Sitting, reſuming the Conſideration of that Act, and continuing of Opinion, that it is extremely inconſiſtent with the Rights of the Freemen of the Province, have thought it a neceſſary Duty to petition the different Branches of the *Britiſh* Legiſlature for Redreſs. Thoſe Petitions are herewith tranſmitted, which you are deſired to lay before his Majeſty and the two Houſes of Parliament, to whom they are reſpectively directed.

You will perceive, on peruſing the Petitions, that the Reaſons, offered to induce a Repeal, are very much confined to the Right of the Colony in being exempted from Parliamentary Taxation;——little is ſaid on the Inexpediency of the Regulation adopted by the Act, leſt ſeeming to rely on the latter ſhould weaken the Arguments in Support of the former. However, the Houſe think it neceſſary to obſerve, that, were they convinced the Parliament had a conſtitutional Right to tax the Subject, which they never can have, in *America*, yet they conceive the Act under Conſideration is liable to ſeveral material Objections, founded on the Welfare of the Mother Country, as well as the Colonies.

A little Attention to the natural Effects of the Act muſt ſhew its bad Policy. The Colonies are prohibited, by divers Acts of Parliament, from importing Commodities of the Growth and Manufacture of *Europe*, ſave from *Great-Britain*, a few Articles excepted. They have hitherto in a great Meaſure contented themſelves with ſupplying their Wants from their Mother Country, to the great Advantage of her Commerce. But ſhould the Act be continued, and with it the heavy Duties on the Commodities therein enumerated, it will naturally induce the *Americans*, either from the Principles of Neceſſity, Intereſt or Conveniency, to ſet up Manufacturies of thoſe Articles, and deſiſt from any further Importation from *Britain*. Hence a virtual, if not an actual, Repeal of the Statute will follow; and inſtead of leaving the Colonies to their natural and proper Buſineſs, the Improvement and Cultivation of their Lands, and of Courſe encreaſing the Demand for *Britiſh* Commodities among them, it will operate as a Bounty to raiſe and manufacture them here, to the great Loſs of the *Britiſh* Merchant and Manufacturer.

Another Objection to this Statute, which is equally applicable to ſeveral others, laying Duties on Commodities for the Regulation of Trade, is, that they are all to be paid in Silver. This Reſtriction, in the Payment to one Species of Currency, has already laid the Importers under the greateſt Difficulties. The Balance of Trade, in Favour of *Britain*, has already drained the Colonies of that Article, inſomuch that the Merchants can now ſcarcely collect ſufficient to pay the Duties, and in a ſhort Time it will be impoſſible

possible to pay them at all, as the Colonies have no Trade which can supply them with the Materials appointed in the Act for the Payment. A Stop to the Importation of those enumerated Commodities must from thence follow, as no Person will choose to give Orders for Effects which he will not be permitted to land without paying Duties for them in Silver, when it is out of his Power to procure it. 1768. September 22.

A third Objection arises from the Appropriation of the Monies to be levied by the Act. They are to be applied to the Payment of the necessary Charges of the Administration of Justice, and to the Support of the Civil Government, in such Colonies where it shall be judged necessary. This Regulation, the House apprehends, may be attended with the most dangerous Consequences. Should the Proprietaries of this Province continue to hold the Nomination and Appointment of the Governor, and his Salary to be paid by the People, without their Consent, be certainly fixed, he will be rendered altogether independant of them, and thereby that Check on his Conduct, which is necessary to the Support and Preservation of their Rights, be entirely lost.

The Establishment of Salaries, in the same Manner, on the Judges holding their Commissions during the Pleasure of the Proprietaries, who are the universal Landlords, and must of Course have Controversies in the Courts of Justice with the People, will be attended with Mischiefs little, if any, inferior. In *England*, and by a late Act in *Ireland*, the Judges have independant Livings, but the Tenure of their Commissions is dureing good Behaviour, and they hold Estates for Life in their Offices. Thus they are freed from the Influence and Controul of Power, and under them the People have a rational Surety of impartial and upright Decisions in all Cases where either Liberty or Property is concerned. But should the Judges of this Province, already dependant on the Will and Pleasure of the executive Part of Government for their Commissions, be rendered altogether independant on the Legislative for their Salaries, whenever either weak or bad Men may be in Office, or the Proprietaries, or their Governors, shall think proper to interfere in judicial Determinations, the Liberties and Properties of the People must be in the most imminent Danger, if not totally destroyed.

But the Act provides, that the Monies shall be applied to the Purposes before-mentioned, in such Colonies where it may be judged necessary. Should it be thought unnecessary to apply any Part of it to the Use of this Province, it must appear on the least Reflection extremely unjust that the Duties levied on the People here, without their Consent, should be appropriated to the Uses of the other Colonies, without our deriving the least Benefit from the Application.

Should any Surplus happen after these Purposes are answered, the Residue of the Monies is to be expended in the general Defence of the Colonies; but the House cannot conceive that the Parliament can have a Right to tax so large a Body of the King's Subjects without their Consent; and had they that Authority, they apprehend the People of this Province have ever heretofore rendered the Exercise of it over them unnecessary, by the Liberality of their Grants to the Crown, whenever required.

Former Assemblies having received repeated Proofs of your warm and steady Regard for the just Rights and Privileges of this and the other *American* Colonies, the House entertain the fullest Confidence that you will pay all due Attention to the important Matters now committed to your Care, by exerting your utmost Influence and Abilities to obtain a Repeal of the before-mentioned Act, which they conceive to be equally prejudicial to the true Interest of *Great-Britain* and her Colonies.

They also request that you will not be unmindful of the several Matters heretofore recommended to your particular Attention, with Respect to the Trade of the Colonies to *Spain*, *Portugal*, the *West-Indies*, &c. and that you will omit no favourable Opportunity of obtaining Relief from the many injudicious Restrictions which have been laid on our Paper Currency, the Exportation of Iron, and other Branches of our Commerce, to the manifest Prejudice of both Countries; for the Particulars whereof we refer you to our former Instructions.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

JAMES PEMBERTON,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON,
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
JOSEPH FOX,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
THOMAS LIVEZEY."

Upon Motion,

An Order was drawn on the Provincial Treasurer, payable to *Philip Kinsey*, and signed by the Speaker, for *Six Pounds One Shilling and Three-pence*, the Amount of a Debt due to the Estate of *John Kinsey*, Esq; deceased, as per Report of the Committee of Accounts, now allowed by the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 23.

Mr. *Wright*, one of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, presented to the Chair

1768. Chair a Paper from Mrs. *Norris*, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*September* 23. " *Mary Norris*, who lately preſented a Memorial to the Houſe, on Behalf of herſelf " and the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, apprehends that the Settlement of the " public Accounts muſt of Neceſſity be again taken into Conſideration by the Aſſembly " of this Province, after the preſent Seſſions, at which Time they may have an Op- " portunity of further objecting to the late Report of the Committee, and as they are " not now fully prepared on that Subject, they requeſt the Houſe to excuſe their not " appearing by Counſel at preſent."

The Houſe then, purſuant to their Reſolve of *Tueſday* laſt, reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Loan-Office, and other public Accounts, ſince the Year 1751, together with the Memorial of *Mary Norris*, and the ſeveral Papers therein referred to, which were again read, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk acquaint Mrs. *Norris* that the Houſe requeſt ſhe will lay before them this Afternoon, ſuch Vouchers and other Papers as ſhe has to offer in Support of the further Credits claimed in her Memorial to the Houſe.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* — Mrs. *Norris*, purſuant to the Notice this Morning, laid before the Houſe, by the Hands of their Clerk, the Vouchers and other Papers required, and the Houſe having carefully examined the ſame in Part, and ſpent ſome Time in conſidering the Allegations and Objections offered by her in Behalf of her deceaſed Huſband, and the other Truſtees of the Loan-Office, againſt the Report of the Committee, adjourned to Ten

Adjournment — o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 24. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and proceeding in the further Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the State of the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, *&c.* from the Year 1751, after full and mature Examination thereof, with the Allegations, Objections and Vouchers offered by Mrs. *Norris*, Adminiſtratrix of *Charles Norris*, Eſq; deceaſed, found that the Sum of *Nineteen Thouſand Six Hundred and Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven-pence*, the Balance ſettled and reported by the Committee, is juſtly due to the Province from the Truſtees of the Loan-Office.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* — The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's Support.

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, in full of his Support for the paſt Year.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* being accordingly drawn at the Table, the ſame was ſigned by the Speaker, by Order of the Houſe.

Mr. *Wright*, one of the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, informed the Houſe that the Balance of Money exchanged, as reported by the Committee to be in the Hands of the Truſtees, amounting to *Four Thouſand Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Three Shillings and Nine-pence*, is ready to be paid.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts do receive the ſaid Sum of the Truſtees, and ſink the ſame agreeable to Law, and that they give a Receipt to the ſaid Truſtees to be produced by them to the Committee of the next Aſſembly, in Diſcharge of ſo much of the Balance due from the ſaid Truſtees.

*Reſolved*, That the Speaker be, and he is hereby requeſted to return a ſuitable Anſwer to the Letter received by this Houſe from the Speaker of the *Virginia* Aſſembly.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee of the 18th of *September*, 1766, concerning *Henry Rinker's* old Mortgage, in the Hands of the late Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Mortgage be cancelled by the Truſtees of the Provincial Treaſurer, if in his Hands.

*Ordered*, That the Petition from *Mary Baſtone* be, and the ſame is hereby recommended to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

Duplicates of the Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons, with the Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence, being prepared, and brought in by Order, were ſigned at the Table by the Speaker, to be tranſmitted to the Agents by the firſt Opportunity.

The Committee for incidental Charges, for the preſent Year, made their Report in Writing, which being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſeveral Accounts therewith exhibited were allowed.

And the ſeveral Certificates and Orders for Payment of the Members of the Houſe for their Attendance, the Salaries of Officers, and other incidental Expences, being then drawn at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker,

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to the Thirtieth Day of this Inſtant.

*N. B.*

*N. B.* That in Pursuance of the Order of the House, of the Twenty-fourth Instant, the Committee of Accounts have received of *Mary Norris*, Administratrix of *Charles Norris*, Esq; deceased, late Acting Trustee of the General Loan-Office, the Sum of *Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Four Shillings and Nine-pence*, the same being the Balance remaining in her hands, of Money for exchanging torn and ragged Bills, as mentioned in the Report of the Committee on the Adjustment of the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, which said Sum of *Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Four Shillings and Nine-pence*, they have burnt and destroyed according to Law, and are to make Report thereof to the Assembly of next Year. 1768. *September* 24.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES.

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| TO the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor, | £ | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Richard Jackson*, Esq; one of the Agents for this Province, in *London*, his Salary of £ 200 Sterling, at per Cent, Exchange, | | | | |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; £ 500 Sterling, at per Cent, Exchange, | | | | |
| To *William Allen*, Esq; his Allowance as Chief-Justice, | | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Coleman*, Esq; as one of the Assistant Judges, for Half Year's Salary, | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; as Ditto, | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Esq; as Ditto, | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for extraordinary Services, | | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; his Allowance as Attorney General, | | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Richardson*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts Forty-three Days, at Ten Shillings *per Diem*, | | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, for Ditto, Forty-three Days at Ditto, | | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for Ditto, Forty-three Ditto, at Ditto, | | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| To *James Pemberton*, Esq; for Ditto, Thirty-six Ditto at Ditto, | | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for Ditto, Thirty-five Ditto at Ditto, | | 17 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Yardley*, Esq; for Ditto Six Ditto, at Ditto, | | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of Assembly, and for transcribing, engrossing Laws, *&c. &c. &c.* | | 170 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, and his Account of Warrants, Certificates, *&c. &c.* | | 30 | 7 | 6 |
| To Ditto, for his Account of Postage for public Letters, | | 7 | 8 | 11 |
| To *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-House Clock, | | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-Master at *Philadelphia*, | | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| To *James Webb*, Esq; for Ditto, at *Lancaster*, | | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* | | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| To *William Goddard*, for printing Laws, as per Account, | | 14 | 7 | 6 |
| To *Andrew M'Nair*, for his Accounts of *Indian* Expences, | | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| To Ditto, as Door-keeper, and other Services to the House, | | 18 | 7 | 2 |
| To *Richard Hockley*, Esq; for affixing the Seal, as per Account, | | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, as per his Account, | | 13 | 0 | 1 |
| To *John Hill's* Account, for Support of *Catherine Smith*, a blind Captive Girl, | | 16 | 7 | 0 |
| To *Lewis Weiss*, for three Volumes of the Laws of this Province, for Lord *Hilsborough*, the Board of Trade, and his Honour the Governor, at Forty Shillings each, | | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Kirke*, his Salary as Serjeant at Arms, | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To Amount of the Members Attendance, as per List, | | 607 | 17 | 6 |
| | £ | 2,731 | 4 | 2 |

Incidental Expences.

Besides the Salaries to the Agents,

WE the Committee for incidental Expences have examined the several Accounts herein referred to, and find them Charged as above.

*September* 24, 1768.

THOMAS LIVEZEY,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
WILLIAM RODMAN."

## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1768, *P. M.*

*October* 14. *Poſt Meridiem* BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to ſerve in Aſſembly as Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, for the enſuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
*Joſeph Galloway,*
*Joſeph Fox,*
*Joſeph Richardſon,*
*Michael Hillegas,*
*Henry Pawling,*
*Rowland Evans,*
*Thomas Livezey,*
*Samuel Potts.*

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
*James Pemberton,*
*John Roſs.*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*William Rodman,*
*Joſeph Watſon,*
*Henry Krewſen,*
*John Brown,*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*Peter Shepherd,*
*Samuel Foulke,*
*Benjamin Chapman,*
*Giles Knight.*

For the County of *Cheſter.*
*John Jacobs,*
*Nathaniel Pennock,*
*George Aſhbridge,*
*Charles Humphreys,*
*John Sellers,*
*John Minſhall,*
*Iſaac Pearſon,*
*John Croſby.*

For the County of *Lancaſter.*
*Emanuel Carpenter,*
*James Webb,*

For the County of *Lancaſter.*
*Jacob Carpenter,*
*George Roſs.*

For the County of *York.*
*Thomas Minſhall,*
*Michael Swoope.*

For the County of *Cumberland.*
*William Allen,*
*John Montgomery.*

For the County of *Berks.*
*Edward Biddle.*

For the County of *Northampton.*
*George Taylor.*

A Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, the Houſe proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges, and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen Speaker for the enſuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

The Governor being abſent from the Province, on a Treaty with the *Indians* at Fort *Stanwix*, by which the Houſe is prevented from preſenting their Speaker for his Approbation, as uſual at this Time, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *October* 15. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and the Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Aſſembly, and the Teſt of Abjuration being prepared, were taken and ſubſcribed, firſt by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members preſent in their Order.

The Houſe then proceeding, as uſual, to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the enſuing Year,

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk to this Houſe for the enſuing Year; and he took and ſubſcribed the uſual Qualification accordingly.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Samuel Kirk* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Doorkeeper to this Houſe for the enſuing Year.

Petitions from *Peter Robeſon*, *Robert Towers*, *Whitehead Jones*, *Michael Hulings* and *Nathaniel Magee*, for the Office of Barrack-Maſter, were preſented to the Houſe, and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Owen Jones*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the Provincial Treaſurer being annually appointed by the Aſſembly, and one Perſon having enjoyed that beneficial Office for many Years, the Petitioner is induced to requeſt the Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed to appoint him to the ſame for the enſuing Year;——that he has no Doubt of being able to diſcharge the Duties thereof to full Satisfaction, and giving ſuch Security, as may be required. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Samuel Preſton Moore*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner having been favoured by preceding Aſſemblies with repeated Appointments to the Office of Provincial Treaſurer, and hoping his Conduct therein has not merited Cenſure, he is encouraged to requeſt, that he may be continued in the ſaid Office for the enſuing Year.

Upon

1768. October 15.

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Petitions, and after some Debate, the Question being put, it was

*Resolved*, That *Owen Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province for the ensuing Year.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Jacob Carpenter*, Mr. *Thomas Minshall*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other public Accounts of the ensuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records, by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order that all the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House for the current Year, before they are printed.

*Resolved*, That the said Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed with all convenient Dispatch, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, That *Richard Jackson*, Esq; of the *Inner Temple* in *London*, be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province for the ensuing Year, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*; and that the said Gentleman be allowed for his Services, as aforesaid, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* Sterling *per Annum*.

*Resolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; late of this City, be, and he is hereby re-appointed and continued Joint Agent with Mr. *Jackson* aforesaid, to solicit and transact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain*, for the ensuing Year.

The House resumed the Consideration of the several Petitions presented in the Forenoon, for the Office of Barrack-Master, and after some Debate thereon;

*Resolved*, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master, for the ensuing Year, of the Barracks in the Northern Liberties of the City of *Philadelphia*.

*Resolved*, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master for the ensuing Year, of the Barracks in the said Borough.

The Rules of the late House for better regulating the Attendance and Conduct of the Members being read, as usual, were agreed to be observed.

An Address, from the *American Philosophical Society for promoting useful Knowledge*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Transit of *Venus* over the Sun, which will happen on the Third of *June* next, has justly engaged the Attention of every civilized Nation in *Europe*, for its Importance to the Interests of Astronomy and Navigation, as it affords the best Method of determining the Dimensions of the solar System, together with the Longitudes of the various Places where Observations upon this rare Phœnomenon are made;——that the House have doubtless observed that Provision has been made by the various States of *Europe* for sending skilful Persons to proper Places for this Purpose; and as *America* will be the Place where the best Observations can be made, it is an Object which the *Society* judge worthy of the Attention of all the Legislatures on this Continent, especially when they consider that the ensuing Transit will be attended with such favourable Circumstances as will leave nothing farther to be hoped for from such an Observation, and that there will be no other Transit of *Venus* over the Sun for more than an Hundred Years to come;———that the Solution of this Problem depends upon the Multiplicity of Observations, in different Places, compared together;—— that such as may be made at *Pittsburgh*, Fort *Chartres*, or at any Place on the *Mississippi*, or *Hudson's* Bay, may be compared with those that may be made in *Philadelphia*, *New-York*, *Boston*, and other Parts of the World, with considerable Advantage;—that the necessary Expence of those Observations cannot be borne by private Persons, and therefore must be defrayed by the Public, if the Observations are made at all;——that, solicitous this Province should distinguish itself on this Occasion, by its Attention to an Object, on which the Promotion of Astronomy and Navigation, and consequently of Trade and Commerce so much depends, the *Society* beg Leave to make Application to the House for a Reflecting Telescope of about Two and Half or Three Feet Focus, with a Micrometer of Mr. *Dolland's* Construction; and for a proper Provision to defray the Expences of making the necessary Observations, in as many of the above-mentioned Places as shall appear to them most for the Benefit of the Public in general, and for the Reputation of this Province in particular;——that the *Society* request Permission

1768. *October* 15. miſſion to inform the Houſe, that there is not a Teleſcope in the Province, and poſſibly on the Continent, proper for this Purpoſe, and therefore that no Time ſhould be loſt in ſending for one from *England*, which occaſions their Application at this Time; ——that the Appointment of Mathematicians, and the Proviſion for defraying the Expences of the Obſervation may, without Detriment, be deferred for further Conſideration, at a Time when the Honourable Houſe may find Leiſure from their more neceſſary Buſineſs;——that the Readineſs of the Houſe to promote any laudable Deſign for the Advancement of Literature, and the public Utility, ſuperſedes the Neceſſity of uſing any Arguments on this Occaſion, and encourages the Society to ſubmit, with Chearfulneſs, the whole Matter to their Judgment and Diſcretion, to do either in the Whole or in Part, whatſoever they ſhall judge beſt and moſt expedient.

Signed by Order, and in Behalf of the Society,

*Philadelphia, October* 15, 1768. THOMAS BOND, V. P.

The Houſe taking the foregoing Addreſs into Conſideration, and having ſpent ſome Time therein,

*Reſolved*, That a Sum, not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds* Sterling, be provided and appropriated for purchaſing a reflecting Teleſcope, with a Micrometer, for the Purpoſe mentioned in the ſaid Addreſs, and afterwards for the Uſe of the Houſe, and that the Speaker do write to *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; in *London*, to purchaſe the ſame.

*Ordered*, That a Certificate for the ſaid Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* Sterling be drawn and ſigned by the Speaker, which was accordingly done at the Table.

The Committee of Correſpondence having, purſuant to Order, prepared a Draught of a Letter to the Agents in *London*, preſented the ſame at the Table, which being read, agreed to by the Houſe and tranſcribed, was ſigned by the Committee, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN*,

Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence to the Agents. BY Order of Aſſembly we incloſe you the Reſolves, by which you are appointed Joint Agents to ſolicit and tranſact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain* during the enſuing Year, as well as the one appointing us a Committee of Correſpondence, to whom you are deſired from Time to Time to communicate all ſuch Matters as may be neceſſary to be laid before the Houſe of Repreſentatives.

The laſt Houſe having, by ſeveral Letters, fully inſtructed you with Reſpect to Paper-Currency, the Change of this Government from Proprietary to Royal, and the Duties lately impoſed by Parliament on the Importation of Paper, Glaſs, *&c.* into the Colonies, we are ordered by this Houſe to refer you to thoſe Inſtructions, which are as fully approved of and adopted by them, as if they were herein particularly recapitulated; and to deſire that you will duly attend to every Matter and Thing therein communicated as carefully and cautiouſly as if they were here repeated.

The Houſe having a perfect Confidence in your Attachment to the Intereſt of the Province, and Abilities to ſerve it, think it unneceſſary to add more at preſent than to requeſt that you will be particularly attentive to promote every Meaſure which may tend to the true Intereſt of the Province, with that of the other Colonies, united with the Welfare of the Mother-Country, and to endeavour by all Means in your Power to guard againſt and prevent every Thing of a contrary Nature. We are, *GENTLEMEN*, with due Eſteem,

*Your aſſured Friends and very humble Servants*,

*Philadelphia, Oct.* 15, 1768. JOHN ROSS, JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
WILLIAM RODMAN, JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
ISAAC PEARSON, JOSEPH FOX,
THOMAS LIVEZEY."

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the Second of *January* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

1769.

*January* 2. Adjournment MR. Speaker, with Twenty Members, met purſuant to Adjournment, and, a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 3. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* Mr. Speaker, with the Members preſent laſt Night, met again, and, a Quorum not yet appearing, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Pennock*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter* and Mr. *George Roſs* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the Houſe having met, in *October* laſt, according to Charter and the Laws of the Province, made Choice of a Speaker for the enſuing Year, and being then prevented, by his Honour's Attendance at the late Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*, from

from presenting their Speaker, they now request to know at what Time it may be agreeable to the Governor to receive the House for that Purpose. 1769. January 3.

The Members return, and report they had waited on his Honour with the Message of the House according to Order, and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would be in the Council Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, to receive the House with their Speaker.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. January 4.

A Message by Mr. Secretary:

*SIR*,

"The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House "to present their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and afterwards, being returned from the Council Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on the Governor, and presented their Speaker, of whom his Honour had been pleased to approve; and that he (the Speaker) had then in the Name and on Behalf of the House claimed the usual Privileges, *viz.*

*First*, That the Members of the House, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may at all seasonable Times have free Access to the Governor, the better to enable them to discharge the public Business.

*Thirdly*, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into a Resolve, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused, and not imputed to the House; but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania* in Assembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, and that they should always meet with his Protection.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts do examine and adjust the Account of the late Provincial Treasurer for Monies received since his last Settlement, and report to the House the Balance in his Hands, together with the Sum paid by him to the present Treasurer.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *John Ross*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *George Ross* be a Committee to inspect the Minutes of last Year, and report to the House such Matters as have been recommended to their Consideration by the preceding Assembly, together with such Laws as are near expiring, and may require to be renewed.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do sit as often, during the present Sitting of Assembly, as there may be Occasion to hear the Complaints of Persons who conceive themselves aggrieved by any public Officer of this Province, in the taking exorbitant Fees for Services done in the Discharge of the Duties of his Office, or any other public Grievance.

*Resolved*, That this House will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the Twentieth of this Instant.

*Ordered*, That the above Order and Resolve of Assembly, with the Names of the Committee of Grievances, be published in the next Week's News-Papers.

A Petition from divers Members of the first, second and third *Presbyterian* Congregations in the City of *Philadephia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the first of the said Congregations, after rebuilding and enlarging their Galleries at a considerable Expence, found that their House in *Market-Street* was yet quite insufficient to accommodate their whole Congregation; wherefore they proceeded, at a great Expence, to erect a large, but plain House for public Worship in *Pine-Street*, by which Undertaking the Society are greatly involved in Debt; —— that though considerable Sums have already been subscribed and paid towards building the said House, it is yet unfinished, and the greater Part of the People being very poor, they are altogether unable either to finish the House, or pay off the Debts; —— that as the frequent Attendance on public Worship has a great Influence on the Morals of a rising Generation, by training them up in a Reverence of the Laws of God and their Country, they apprehend it their Duty to do every Thing in their Power to accommodate the Poor of their

1769. *January* 4. Profeſſion with the Means of attending public Worſhip. They accordingly have exerted themſelves to the utmoſt to finiſh ſaid Houſe, but find that, after all their Efforts, conſiderable Sums will be required to enable them to pay off the Debt, or go on with the Work;——that the ſecond *Preſbyterian* Congregation finding themſelves under an abſolute Neceſſity of purchaſing a Piece of Ground for a Burying-Place, and of putting a new Roof on their Houſe of Public Worſhip in *Arch-Street*, and completing the unfiniſhed Part of their Galleries in ſaid Houſe, which they are unable to do, having hitherto raiſed large Sums from among themſelves for the public Uſe of their Society, and being ſtill greatly in Debt, they jointly pray that as other Societies in like Circumſtances have been favoured, the Houſe will be pleaſed to favour them alſo, with the Aid of a Law to raiſe, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, which will give them great Relief, though not equal to their preſent Exigences, and that the Petitioners may have Leave to bring in a Bill for this Purpoſe:

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions from *Bucks* County for a ſufficient Medium of circulating Caſh, *&c.*

Three Petitions, from the County of *Bucks*, ſigned by a conſiderable Number of the Inhabitants, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, taking into their ſerious Conſideration the diſtreſſed State of the general Part of the People of this Province, occaſioned by the Want of a ſufficient Medium of circulating Caſh to anſwer the various Purpoſes of the Inhabitants, deem it their indiſpenſable Duty to make Application to the Honourable Houſe for Relief, and lay before them the Sentiments of a conſiderable Part of their Conſtituents on this very intereſting Subject; — that, for many Years after the firſt Settlement of this Province, the Inhabitants, being deſtitute of a ſufficient Medium of Trade, were obliged in a great Degree to carry on their Buſineſs through the Difficult and perplexing Method of Commutation and Barter, under which Difficulties the Growth and Improvement of the Province were much impeded; and the induſtrious Poor, in too great a Meaſure, left to the Mercy of thoſe few Perſons who ſtood poſſeſſed of the principal Part of the Gold and Silver in the Colony;——that, to remedy the Hardſhips and Inconveniences at that Time ſo ſeverely felt by the People, the Legiſlature wiſely adopted the Plan of iſſuing from Time to Time a Paper-Currency, to ſubſerve the Purpoſes of Gold and Silver; and in order to eſtabliſh it on the moſt ſolid Foundation, the Bills were emitted by Way of Loan to the Inhabitants on real Security, amply ſufficient for calling them in, and made legal Tender in the Diſcharge of all Debts payable within the Colony. ——— By this excellent Policy, the Neceſſities of the People, in their various Branches of Buſineſs, were in a great Meaſure relieved; Agriculture and Improvements of every Kind encreaſed; Commerce, which before remained in a languid State, ſoon revived, and in Proportion to the Quantities of Paper Money thus prudently iſſued, the Welfare and Intereſt of this City and Province hath been promoted beyond the moſt ſanguine Expectations of their warmeſt Friends;——that in Proportion to the encreaſing Numbers of our Inhabitants, our Demand for *Britiſh* Merchandize hath been enlarged; and as the Articles raiſed and manufactured in the Colony, exported to *Great-Britain*, are vaſtly ſhort of a ſufficient Value to pay for the Goods imported from thence, the People of this Province are greatly indebted to the Mother Country, the Merchants having been obliged to remit to *England*, in Diſcharge of the Debts contracted there, whatever Gold and Silver they could by every circuitous Trade obtain, whereby, and from Time to Time the ſinking of our Paper Money, we are in a great Meaſure deprived of thoſe Articles ſo neceſſary for the Cultivation, Improvement and Trade of any Country;——that for ſome Years paſt this Province hath been without a Loan-Office, from whence a Medium of Commerce iſſued to the People, which from its Nature was not ſubject to be tranſmitted to the Mother Country in Diſcharge of our Debts, but from its Permanency among us, the Merchant, Farmer and Mechanic were always able to obtain a proper Currency, by which they could conveniently fulfil their Engagements; but through the preſent general Scarcity of Caſh, a ſufficient Medium in Commerce is wanting.——Experience therefore daily evinces, that real as well as perſonal Eſtates, taken in Execution for the Satisfaction of Debts, will not command near their intrinſic Value, from whence it often happens that the Creditor is not ſatisfied in his Demand, and the Debtor reduced to the utmoſt Poverty, who with his Wife and Children, having nothing left with which they can aſſiſt themſelves, become in many Inſtances Objects of Charity to be ſupported by the Public;——that the Petitioners are well aware of the Act of Parliament, which prohibits our Paper Money (on any new Emiſſions) being a legal Tender in the Payment of even Colony Debts; yet they are abundantly convinced, that if the Honourable Houſe would paſs an Act for iſſuing a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, and ſecuring the Redemption thereof by Mortgages on real Eſtates, adequate to the denominated Value of ſuch Bill, that the Inhabitants of this Province would, with the utmoſt Chearfulneſs, take the ſame in Diſcharge of all Contracts, though it be not a legal Tender; and in order to contribute to the Relief of the Inhabitants of this Province, as far as they are able, they hereby engage to the Honourable Houſe, that they will receive the

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Bills, which the Houſe in their Wiſdom ſhall think proper thus to iſſue, in Diſcharge of all Debts and Contracts, and in the Buſineſs of Trade and Commerce, to all Intents and Purpoſes as if they were made and declared by Law to be legal Tender in all Caſes whatſoever;——the Petitioners therefore requeſt the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into their ſerious Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as they in their Wiſdom ſhall judge expedient.—— *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1769. January 4.

Two Petitions, from *John Cottringer* and *Joſeph Cauffman*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, confiding in the Declarations made by the Honourable the firſt Proprietor of this Province, "that no Perſon or Perſons inhabiting in this Province, who ſhould profeſs and acknowledge one Almighty GOD, the Creator, Upholder and Ruler of the World, and profeſs him or themſelves obliged to live quietly under the civil Government, ſhould be in any Caſe moleſted or prejudiced in his or their Perſon or Eſtate; and that all Perſons who alſo profeſs to believe in JESUS CHRIST, the Saviour of the World, ſhould be capable, notwithſtanding their other Perſuaſions and Practices in Point of Conſcience and Religion, to ſerve the Government in any Capacity, both legiſlatively and executively," left *Germany* about Twenty Years ago, and came over to the Province of *Pennſylvania*, under an Expectation of enjoying the Privileges ſo publicly and ſolemnly promiſed and engaged to the Adventurers by the ſaid Proprietor;—that ever ſince the Petitioners have reſided within the ſaid Province, and demeaned themſelves as faithful, true and loyal Subjects of his Majeſty King GEORGE, and his Royal Predeceſſors, and by their Induſtry and Care, having acquired an Eſtate of both real and perſonal Property, they have paid their Proportion of the uſual Taxes towards the Support of Government for many Years, and, being Foreigners, they are deſirous to have the more full and perfect Enjoyment of theſe Emoluments promiſed, as aforeſaid, to Adventurers, enſured and ſecured to them, by being naturalized and veſted by Law with all the Rights and Privileges of natural born Subjects; but inaſmuch as the Petitioners, though willing and ready to acknowledge and declare on Oath their true and faithful Allegiance to his Majeſty, cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take and ſubſcribe that Part of the Oath preſcribed by Law to be taken by Perſons to be naturalized, relating to Religion and the Sacramental Teſt, they humbly pray, the Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed to give them Leave to bring in a Bill to veſt them with the Privileges of natural born Subjects, and to entitle them to thoſe Rights which the firſt Founder of this Province has ſo explicitly promiſed to all Sects and Denominations of Chriſtians. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Two Petitions, from *Benjamin Davis* and *Henry Lora*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, praying Relief with Reſpect to the Confinement of their Perſons, were preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from the Elders of the *German Calviniſt* Congregation in the Townſhip of *Worceſter*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Members of the ſaid Congregation having erected a Church and School-houſe in the Townſhip aforeſaid, the Expence whereof hath unfortunately run ſo high, as to leave them in Debt to the Amount of near *Six Hundred Pounds*, notwithſtanding the liberal Contributions of the ſaid Members and their Neighbours, the Petitioners moſt humbly pray, the Houſe would grant them Leave to bring in a Bill for raiſing, by Way of Lottery, a Sum of Money not exceeding *Six Hundred Pounds*, to enable them to diſcharge the Debts due from the ſaid Congregation.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

A Petition from *Samuel Phipps*, of *Goſhen*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he is poſſeſſed of Two Tracts of Land, ſituate in *Goſhen* aforeſaid, one containing Two Hundred and Ninety-five, the other Eighty-four Acres, lying contiguous to each other, bounded by Lands of *Joſeph Garret*, *George Hoops*, *William Jones*, *Richard* and *Thomas Goodwin*, and *Rudolph Hains*, for which the Petitioner had proper and authentic Title Deeds, in Fee Simple, and about Fourteen Years ago, inclining to retire from Buſineſs, he made a certain *Aaron Phipps* his Attorney, and entruſted him with his Writings, among which were the aforeſaid Deeds, and although the Petitioner has ſeen Cauſe to revoke the Power given to the ſaid *Aaron*, he could never again get the ſaid Deeds into his Hands; whereupon he brought an Action againſt the ſaid *Aaron* for the ſame, and obtained a Judgment in his Favour, yet, notwithſtanding he has hitherto not been able to recover the ſaid Title Deeds, the ſaid *Aaron* declaring they are not in his Power to reſtore, which Declaration the Petitioner thinks he has Reaſon to believe;——that his Caſe is therefore rendered deploreable, not having it in his Power to raiſe Money on his real Eſtate to diſcharge his juſt Debts (though ever ſo willing) or for his Support, being antient and not able to labour;——that he is adviſed there are no Means by which he can ſupply this Defect in the Title to his ſaid Lands, but by the Aid of the Honourable Houſe, he therefore humbly prays Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

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1769. *January* 5. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of laſt Year, and report ſuch Matters as were recommended to the Conſideration of this Houſe, made their Report in Writing, which being preſented to the Chair, was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Committee to examine the Minutes of laſt Year.

WE the Committee appointed to collect from the Minutes ſuch Matters as were left unfiniſhed by the late, and referred to the Conſideration of the preſent, Aſſembly, report the following Particulars, *viz.*

The Petition of *Mary Baſtone* referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petitions of *William Hambell* and *Lewis Farmer* for Naturalization.

The Petition of *Mary Norris* concerning the *Norriton* Mill-Dam in the River *Schuylkill.*

The Petition of *Reynold Keen* and *Samuel Wheeler* againſt the Damming out a Branch of *Hollanders* Creek.

The Petitions from *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Counties againſt the Conduct of Colonel *Wilkins*, and other military Officers.

The Preparing a Bill concerning Bankrupts.

——— ——— for the Care of Lunaticks.

——— ——— for authenticating *Germantown* Records.

——— ——— for regulating the Aſſize of Loaf Bread.

An Order to the *Schuylkill* Commiſſioners to ſettle their Accounts.

An Order, that the Record-Books, and other Papers in the Cuſtody of the Executors of *Richard Johnſon*, deceaſed, relating to the Eſtates of the Inhabitants of *Germantown*, be produced by the ſaid Executors, to the Houſe for their Inſpection.

We alſo find, that ſome of the Laws hereafter mentioned are near expiring, and others are already expired, the Expediency of the Renewal of which we ſubmit to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

*An Act for regulating the Aſſize of Bread.*—Paſſed 1 *Geo.* III.——Expired.

*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleanſing the Streets of the City of* Philadelphia, *with the ſeveral Supplements thereto.* ——— Expires at the next Sitting of the Houſe.

*An Act to prevent and remove Nuiſances in the City of* Philadelphia.——Expired.

*An Act to continue an Act for regulating Porters*, &c. *within the City of* Philadelphia. —Paſſed 1763.—Expired.

*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *&c.* —— Paſſed May 20, 1767. —— Expires next Sitting.

*An Act to remove the Perſons now ſettled, and to prevent others from ſettling on any Lands in this Province, not purchaſed of the* Indians.—Paſſed the 3d of *February* 1768, for one Year, and till the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

*An Act to amend* " *An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor* " *within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark," *&c.* Paſſed the 20th of *February* 1768, for one Year, and till next Sitting of the Houſe.

*Submitted to the Houſe,*

ISAAC PEARSON, JAMES PEMBERTON,
GEORGE ROSS, WILLIAM ROTMAN."

Two Petitions, from *John David Wilper* and *Paul Riffet*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of this City, praying Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, were preſented to the Houſe, and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the County of *Bucks*, of the ſame Tenor with the one preſented Yeſterday for Paper Money, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the *Northern Liberties* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth that in the Part of the Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties*, neareſt the City of *Philadelphia*. for ſome Years paſt, many Buildings have been erected, and further Improvements are continually making, but as no Surveyors are by Law appointed to act as Regulators of the Highways and Streets, within ſuch Improvements, and of the Lines and Bounds between the Owners of the Lots ſituated therein, it is feared great Inconveniencies may ariſe, if not timely remedied; wherefore the Petitioners earneſtly requeſt the Honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and form ſuch a Law as to them may ſeem neceſſary. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Report of the Committee of laſt Year, relating to the Taxes in *York* County, and finding that the Province has been charged with a Credit from Year to Year, given by the Commiſſioners to the County Treaſurer, for Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-Reſidents,

*Ordered,*

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treasurer do immediately write to the Commissioners of the County of *York*, directing them to transmit to him a true State of those Credits, and shew their Reasons why they have been given, and the Monies not paid according to Law, so as to enable him to lay such State and Reasons before the present Assembly. 1769. January 5.

The House taking also into Consideration the Balance due to the Province from *Jonas Seely*, Treasurer of the County of *Berks*,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treasurer do forthwith take the most effectual Measures, directed by Law, to recover the said Balance of the said *Jonas Seely*, and proper Care to obtain such Balances as are due to the Public from other Persons, agreeable to the Report made by the Committee of Accounts of last Year.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do immediately deliver a Copy of the above Orders to the Provincial Treasurer, that he may conduct himself accordingly.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the several Matters referred by the last Assembly, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *George Ross* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Relief of insolvent Debtors.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Evans* and Mr. *Livezey* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for authenticating the *Germantown* Records.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *George Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House proceeding in the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the several Matters recommended by the last Assembly, *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That the Commissioners appointed by Law for clearing the River *Schuylkill* do prepare their Accounts, and lay them before the House during the present Sitting.

*Ordered*, That the Record-Books and other Papers, relating to the Estates of the Inhabitants of *Germantown*, be produced by the Executors of *Richard Johnson*, deceased, to the House for their Inspection.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *George Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Draughts of several Bills for the Purposes following, *viz.*——to continue the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys in the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.*———to prevent and remove Nuisances in the said City;——to regulate Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters in the said City; and to continue an Act, entituled "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware," *&c.*

Nine Petitions, from the County of *Lancaster*, signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants, of the same Tenor with those from *Bucks* for Paper-Money, to be emitted on Loan, were presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the present State of the public Road from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Borough of *Lancaster*, with the most probable Means of repairing the said Road in such Manner, as to render it passable at all Seasons, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the present impassable State of the *Lancaster* Road, after some Debate thereon, *January* 6.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *George Ross* be a Committee to inform the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia*, that the House is desirous to facilitate and promote the Trade of the City of *Philadelphia*, by making the *Middle Ferry* on *Schuylkill* a free Ferry, or otherwise to appropriate the neat Proceeds thereof to the Amendment of the Roads, as shall be thought most conducive to the Promotion of such Trade; and to confer with the said Corporation respecting the Sale of the said Ferry to the Public.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, of the same Tenor with those from the Counties of *Bucks* and *Lancaster*, for striking a Sum in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of Inhabitants and Landholders of the Township of the *Northern Liberties*, for the Appointment of Regulators in the said Township, and after some Time spent therein, *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Minshall* and Mr. *Crosby* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpose mentioned in the said Petition.

1769. The Petitions of *John Cottringer* and *Joſeph Cauffman* were again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon, referred to further Conſideration.

*January* 6. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 7. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and took up the Petitions of *John Cottringer* and *Joſeph Cauffman*, which were again read, and, upon further Conſideration thereof,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe expreſſed in their Petitions.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Petitions to the late Aſſembly from *Lewis Farmer* and *William Hemble*, for veſting them with the Privileges of natural born Subjects, and finding that the Circumſtances of the ſaid *Hemble* do not exclude him from Naturalization in the uſual Way by the Supreme Court, referred him to the ſaid Court, and

*Ordered*, That *Lewis Farmer*, the other Petitioner, have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 9. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds* "*and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this Province*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from divers Perſons, formerly Members of the *Reformed* or *Calviniſt* Church, called *St. George's* Church, in the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three, the Petitioners, with divers other Perſons, to promote the Service of GOD, aſſociated together, and agreed to build and erect a Church in the ſaid City, for the Celebration of divine Worſhip; and for the performing and carrying into Execution this their pious Deſign, it was thought neceſſary, that a few of the Members of the propoſed Congregation of the Church, ſo as aforeſaid intended to be erected, ſhould borrow and take up Monies at Intereſt for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, which ſaid Monies ſhould be paid and diſcharged by the ſaid propoſed Congregation in general; —— that in Conſequence thereof, and being ſatisfied that the ſaid propoſed Congregation would diſcharge the Monies ſo to be taken up, the Petitioners did, among others, unfortunately enter into Bonds for divers large Sums of Money, which were expended and laid out in the building and erecting the *Calviniſt* or *Reformed* Church, called and known by the Name of *St. George's* Church, ſituate in *Fourth-ſtreet* in the City of *Philadelphia*, on a Lot of Ground under a heavy Ground-rent, and veſted in ſundry Perſons, Members of the ſaid Church;——that, owing to a Variety of Cauſes, the chief whereof aroſe from a Diſſatisfaction and Difference with their Miniſter, the Congregation of the ſaid Church (who had ſeparated themſelves from divers other Proteſtant Churches and religious Aſſemblies in the City of *Philadelphia*, and the Neighbourhood thereof) have now deſerted the ſaid *St. George's* Church, and re-united with the ſeveral Churches and Communions from which they had originally defected, a ſmall Part of the ſaid Congregation excepted, who are incapable of contributing towards the Payment of the Monies aforeſaid, finiſhing the ſaid Church (the ſame not being entirely completed) or maintaining a Paſtor or Miniſter, for the Performance and Celebration of divine Service in the ſaid Church; —— that the Petitioners, and thoſe who alſo ſigned and executed the ſaid Bonds, being the only Perſons who could be legally called upon for the Payment of the Monies aforeſaid, were compellable to pay the ſame, and Suits have been accordingly brought againſt the Obligors in the ſaid Bonds, ſome of whom have been totally ruined thereby; and though Endeavours have been uſed to obtain an equal Contribution towards the Payment of the ſaid Bonds, yet owing to the Inſolvency and Poverty of moſt of the ſaid Obligors, the Monies paid thereon have been paid by a very few, and there yet remains a large Balance due for Monies borrowed for the Uſe of the ſaid Church;———that the People, who were formerly Members of the Congregation of the ſaid Church, have refuſed and neglected to aſſiſt the Petitioners in this their grievous Burden, though the Numbers and great Proſpect of Increaſe of the ſaid Congregation, and the Promiſes of the then propoſed Members induced the Petitioners to borrow and enter into Bonds for the Payment of the Monies aforeſaid;——that the legal Title to the ſaid Church and Lot being in divers Perſons, who have executed a Counter-Part to the Deed given for the ſaid Lot, and covenanted to pay the Rent reſerved thereon, they will be obliged to pay the ſaid Rent, (which now amounts to a large Sum) and there being no Congregation willing or capable to aſſiſt them therein, they will be ſubject to great Hardſhips and Difficulties; ———and as it is apprehended that the Act of Aſſembly of this Province, in ſuch Caſe made, prevents Perſons ſeized of Lands whereupon Churches and Houſes of Worſhip are erected, and which were granted to them for that Purpoſe, from ſelling or legally conveying the ſame; and in Caſe no ſuch Act exiſted, ſome of the Perſons in whom the ſaid Lot was veſted, being dead, others inſolvent, and others gone out of the Province

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and not to be found, it is presumed it would be impossible, improper and unsafe to obtain a Sale by their Means; wherefore, considering the great Hardships with which the Petitioners will be otherwise oppressed, and that the said Church is now useless and deserted, the Petitioners humbly pray the Honourable House to permit them to bring in a Bill for their Relief in the Premises, by Sale of the said Church, disposing of Part of the Monies, arising from such Sale, towards the Payment of the Balance due for the Monies borrowed, distributing the Residue among those who have been obliged to pay Monies on Account of the said Church, or in such Way and Manner as to them shall seem meet and proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1769. January 9.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. January 10.

Mr. *Montgomery*, a Member for the County of *Cumberland*, this Day appearing in the House, for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Petition from the Merchants, Traders and others, Inhabitants of Fort *Pitt*, *Ligonier*, &c. was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the very great Distance between *Philadelphia* and the above Places occasions the Price for Carriage to rise very high, especially as the great Road, which Carriers are obliged to take from *Littleton* to *Loudon*, enhances it very considerably; —— that the Petitioners are of Opinion, that it is very practicable to make a Waggon-Road between *Littleton* and *Carlisle* over the Hills by *M'Callister's Gap*, by which Means the Road will be shortened Eighteen or Twenty Miles, and consequently a Saving of a Day's Journey in that Distance, which must prove of great Utility to the Public, and in particular to his Majesty's Troops, who are frequently obliged to march through this Part of the Country, and are mostly victualled from thence, both which will be hereby rendered much more commodious, and less expensive to Government;——that there is also a great Prospect of a Number of People emigrating this Way to the Frontiers in a short Time;——wherefore the Petitioners pray, that the Honourable House will take into Consideration certain Petitions that were last Winter presented to the Assembly for the Purpose aforesaid, and that an adequate Sum of Money may be granted to make a Waggon-Road over the Hills, as afore-mentioned. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Jacob Burr* was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Distress to which himself and Family are reduced, through his being concerned in erecting the *Reformed* or *Calvinist* Church in the City of *Philadelphia*, called *St. George's* Church, and praying Relief therein. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Thirteen Petitions from the County and City of *Philadelphia*, Two from *Bucks*, One from *Chester*, One from *Lancaster*, Seven from *York*, and Six from *Berks* County, signed by great Numbers of the Inhabitants, were presented to the House and read, setting forth the Distresses of the People from their present Want of Paper-Currency, as a circulating Medium of Commerce, and praying that such a Sum, as the House may think adequate to the Necessities of their Constituents, be struck in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating, pitching, paving and cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair; and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Four Petitions from the County of *Cumberland*, signed by many of the Inhabitants, of the same Tenor with those from the other Counties, for Paper-Money to be emitted on Loan, were presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.* *Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in Gold and Silver Wares made and sold in this Province*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, of *Goshen*, was read the second time, and, after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do issue Citations, at the Request of the said *Samuel Phipps*, to bring such Persons before this House as he may think necessary to prove the Existence of the Title Deeds mentioned in his Petition to be lost.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the Act of Assembly of this Province, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair; and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

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1769. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

*January* 11. A Petition from the Miniſters, Veſtry-Men and Congregation of the *German Lutheran* and *Reformed* Churches in the Town of *York*, in the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Members of the ſaid Churches, ſenſible of the many Advantages that ariſe, as well to themſelves as to the Community in general, by the due Obſervation of the Chriſtian Religion, have, at a great Expence, built and finiſhed the *Lutheran* Church, and alſo nearly finiſhed the *Reformed* Church in the ſame Town; but by Reaſon thereof the ſaid Congregations reſpectively have been obliged to contract Debts beyond what they are able to raiſe by their own Subſcriptions;——that the Petitioners have already ſubſcribed towards the ſaid Churches, to which they reſpectively belong, to the utmoſt of their Abilities, and finding themſelves unable to complete the ſame without Aſſiſtance, are under the Neceſſity of applying to the Houſe to enable them, by Lottery, to raiſe a Sum of Money ſufficient to pay the Debts already contracted, and to finiſh the *Reformed* Church; wherefore they pray to be authorized and empowered, by an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, to raiſe, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of *Six Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds*, to be equally divided between the ſaid Congregations, for the above-mentioned Purpoſes.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the *Northern Liberties* of the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue* "*an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entituled,* "*An Act for appointing Wardens for* "*the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and* "*Bay of* Delaware," *&c.* and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Three

Adjournment o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for re-* "*gulating, pitching, paving and cleanſing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and* "*for regulating, making and amending the Water Courſes and Common Sewers within the* "*inhabited and ſettled Parts of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* which, being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, en-* "*tituled, An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lancaſter *into a ſeparate County,*" which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from the County of *Philadelphia*, for ſtriking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 12. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition for the Sale of *St. George's* Church in the City of *Philadelphia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe mentioned in their Petition, and that they give Notice of ſuch Leave being obtained from the Houſe in the next News-Papers publiſhed in the *Engliſh* and *German* Languages, in the City of *Philadelphia*, that any Perſons, having Objections to make to the ſaid Bill, may be heard.

Two Petitions, from the County of *Philadelphia*, for ſtriking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, were preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from *John Jennings*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner being informed the Houſe are preparing a Bill to preſent to his Honour the Governor, for eſtabliſhing an Aſſay-Office, to regulate the Standard of Gold and Silver wrought Plate manufactured in this Province, moſt humbly begs Leave to offer himſelf for the Office of Aſſay-Maſter for this City and the Diſtricts thereto allotted. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An* "*Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lancaſter *into a ſe-* "*parate County,*" and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the further Conſideration of the ſame to the Afternoon.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lancaſter *into* "*a ſeparate County,*" which being read the ſecond time, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

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Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition from the Merchants of Fort *Pitt*, *Ligonier*, &c. together with the Petitions from divers Inhabitants of *Cumberland* County, the *Path-Valley*, *Awkwick* and *Tuscarora*, presented to the late Assembly, praying to be assisted with Money for opening and making a new and shorter Road from *Carlisle* to Fort *Littleton*, through *James M'Callister's Gap*, and, after some Debate thereon, referred the Prayer of the said Petitions to further Consideration. 1769. *January* 12.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the great Number of Petitions, presented by the Freeholders and Inhabitants in all the Counties in the Province, praying an Emission of Paper-Money for a public Loan, *January* 13.

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on *Wednesday* next in the Forenoon, to consider the Subject of the said Petitions.

A Petition, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Common Sewer, from the Intersection of *High-Street* and *Fourth-Street*, made many Years since, was at that Time sufficient to convey off all the Water that came thereto, and for divers Years afterwards without Damage to the Inhabitants; but by the great Encrease of Buildings of late Years, together with the necessary Regulations of the Streets, there is at the Fall of heavy Rains so great a Quantity of Water suddenly brought to the said Common Sewer, that it is not sufficient to carry it off, and such a Flood is often occasioned thereby, that the Streets are rendered impassable, and many People have suffered great Loss, while others have been in much Danger therefrom, which has greatly depreciated the Estates of many of the Petitioners in that Quarter of the City; —— that this Grievance must encrease as the vacant Parts of the City, from which the Water is conveyed to the said Sewer, become improved and built upon; —— that, though the Mayor and Aldermen, together with the Street-Commissioners, have divers times met, in order to give Relief from the great Inconveniency, and have generally agreed, that nothing but a larger Common Sewer, and diverting Part of the Water which is brought to it, can remedy this Evil; yet as there is not likely to be in the Hands of the Street-Commissioners a Fund nearly sufficient to defray the Expence of such a Work, the same could not be effected; the Petitioners, therefore, humbly request the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them shall appear necessary and most expedient. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from the County of *Philadelphia*, signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants, of the same Tenor with the former, for striking Paper Money to be emitted on Loan, was presented to the House, and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia," and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Amendment.

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled*, "*An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and* Lancaster *into a separate County*," being transcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table:

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Petition from the different *Presbyterian* Congregations in this City, for Leave to bring in a Bill to raise, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Use of their respective Meeting-houses, was again read and referred to further Consideration. *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 14.

A Petition from *Curtis Grubb*, of the County of *Lancaster*, Iron-Master, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner was about fifteen Years past unhappily drawn into a Marriage with a certain *Ann Few*; —— that since the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-six he has never cohabited with or seen her; ——that the said *Ann Few* has since been delivered of a Bastard-Child, and was, on the Eighteenth Day of *August*, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-three, married by the Reverend Mr. *Barton* to a certain *Archibald M'Neal*; of all which Facts the Petitioner is able fully to satisfy the Honourable House, and therefore humbly prays Leave to bring in a Bill to divorce him from the Bands of Matrimony with his said Wife. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Owners of the *Wiccacoa* and *Moyamensing* Meadows, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that they lately petitioned the Honourable House for Leave to bring in a Bill to dam out *Hollander's* Creek, near its Junction with *Hay* Creek, which the House were pleased to grant, and, as the Petitioners

1769. *January* 14. titioners have been informed, to read the ſaid Bill the firſt time;——that therefore they now beg Leave to requeſt the Houſe would be pleaſed to reſume the Conſideration of the ſame, when it may be no Interruption to Matters of more Importance before them.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from divers Inhabitants intereſted in Lands in the Townſhips of *Moyamenſing* and *Paſſyunk*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners being informed, that ſeveral Owners and Occupiers of Meadow-Lands in the Townſhip of *Moyamenſing*, called the *Wiccacoa* and *Moyamenſing* Companies, had petitioned the late Aſſembly for Leave to bring in a Bill for damming out a Part of *Hollander's* Creek near *Hay* Creek, and it being probable a Petition to the ſame Purpoſe may be preferred to the preſent Houſe, the Petitioners beg Leave to repreſent the great Diſadvantage and Injury which they apprehend will enſue thereby to the Health of the Inhabitants, by Reaſon of many Ponds and Ditches of ſtagnating Waters that may be encreaſed by making ſuch a Dam, which cannot have the Convenience of proper Drains, becauſe of the Height of the Waters on the Outſide in the other Part of *Hollander's* Creek, and eſpecially as it is well known, that when any Current is ſtopped by Dams, the Outſides naturally fill up, and will, it is apprehended, in a ſhort Time prevent the Draining off thoſe noxious Waters at all Times of the Tide;—— that the Petitioners have, however, no Objections to damming out *Hollander's* and *Hay* Creeks, at or near their Mouths on the River *Delaware*, as it would then render the Creeks ſo low as to be a good Drain for all thoſe ſtagnant Waters, and the Petitioners know not of any Reaſons thoſe Companies can have for oppoſing ſuch an uſeful Regulation, unleſs it be a Deſire of withdrawing themſelves from the Expence; wherefore the Petitioners pray, that their Intereſt may not be prejudiced, by granting the Prayer of the above-mentioned Petition.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Two Petitions, from the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks*, of the ſame Tenor with the foregoing from the ſaid Counties, for ſtriking a Sum in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, were preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver* "*Wares made and ſold in this Province*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third Time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor, and deliver the ſame, together with the Bill paſſed Yeſterday, entituled, "*A Supplement to an Act, en-* "*tituled, An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lan- "caſter *into a ſeparate County*," for his Concurrence.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 16. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills paſſed on *Saturday*, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take them into immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with the Report of the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, concerning *Indian* Affairs, tranſmitted to his Honour by the Earl of *Hillſborough*, and the ſaid Meſſage, being read by Order, is as follows, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN*,

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly. 'I HAVE the Pleaſure to acquaint you that, at a General Congreſs held laſt Fall at Fort *Stanwix* by Sir *William Johnſon*, his Majeſty's Superintendant for *Indian* Affairs in the Northern Diſtrict, with the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, and their Nephews, the *Delawares* and *Shawaneſe*, a general Boundary Line was happily ſettled between the *Indians* and his Majeſty's middle Colonies; and that a Purchaſe was made, by the Proprietaries of this Province, of a large Tract of Country, lying within the general Boundary, and contained within the following Limits, *viz.* Beginning in the ſaid Boundary Line, on the Eaſt Side of the Eaſt Branch of the River *Suſquehanna*, at a Place called *Owegy*; and running with the ſaid Boundary Line down the ſaid Branch on the Eaſt Side thereof, till it comes oppoſite to the Mouth of a Creek called by the *Indians Awandæ*; and acroſs the River, and up the ſaid Creek, on the South Side thereof, and along the Range of Hills called *Burnet's Hills* by the *Engliſh*, and by the *Indians* on the North Side of them, to the Head of a Creek which runs into the Weſt Branch of *Suſquehanna*, which Creek is called by the *Indians Tiadaghton*; and down the ſaid Creek, on the South Side thereof, to the ſaid Weſt Branch of *Suſquehanna*; then croſſing the ſaid River, and running up the ſame, on the South Side thereof, the ſeveral Courſes thereof, to the Fork of the ſame River, which lies neareſt to a Place on the River *Ohio*, called *Kittanning*; and from the ſaid Fork by a ſtrait

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'Line to *Kittanning* aforesaid; and then down the said River *Ohio*, by the several 'Courses thereof, to where the Western Bounds of the said Province of *Pennsylvania* 'cross the same River; and then with the said Western Bounds to the South Boundary 'thereof; and with the South Boundary aforesaid to the East Side of the *Alleganey* Hills; 'and with the same Hills, on the East Side of them, to the West Line of a Tract of 'Land purchased of the said Proprietaries from the *Six Nation Indians*, and confirmed 'by their Deed bearing Date the Twenty-third Day of *October* One Thousand Seven 'Hundred and Fifty-eight; and then with the Northern Bounds of that Tract to the 'River *Susquehanna*, and crossing the River *Susquehanna* to the Northern Boundary 'Line of another Tract of Land purchased from the *Indians*, by Deed bearing Date the 'Twenty-second Day of *August*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty-nine; and 'then with that Northern Boundary Line to the River *Delaware*, at the North Side of 'the Mouth of a Creek called *Lechawacsein*; then up the said River *Delaware*, on the 'West Side thereof, to the Intersection of it by an East Line to be drawn from *Owegy* 'aforesaid to the said River *Delaware*; and then with that East Line to the Beginning, 'at *Owegy* aforesaid.

'I am also to inform you, that the Right Honourable the Earl of *Hillsborough*, his 'Majesty's Secretary of State for the *American* Department, hath signified to me, that 'his Majesty in his Wisdom has been pleased to alter Part of the Plan heretofore adopted 'for the Management of *Indian* Affairs; and to order, that the Regulation of the *In-* 'dian Trade shall be left to the respective Colonies, whose Legislatures must be the best 'Judges of what their several Situations and Circumstances may require."

'And as the unjust Settlements made on the Lands unpurchased of the *Indians*, and 'the Abuses committed by the Traders, were the principal Causes of the Disaffection 'of the Savages, it is his Majesty's Royal Expectation, that a due Attention will be 'given by the Colonies to these important Objects; and that they will frame proper 'and adequate Laws not only for preventing any Settlements being made on the *Indian* 'Lands beyond the general Boundary Line, but also for the Controul and Punishment 'of those atrocious Frauds which have been practised by the *Indian* Traders. As the 'Grounds and Reasons of his Majesty's Resolutions, upon these Subjects, are in ge- 'neral set forth in a Report of the Board of Trade, transmitted me by the Right Ho- 'nourable the Earl of *Hillsborough*, which points out what his Majesty expects of the 'Colonies in these Matters, and explains what will be hereafter the Nature of the Of- 'fice of Superintendant, which is not wholly to be laid aside; I have ordered the Se- 'cretary, for your better Information, to lay that Report before you. —— I am per- 'suaded, Gentlemen, I need not labour to convince you of the Reasonableness of his 'Majesty's Expectations, nor to shew how greatly both the Interest and Safety of the 'Colonies depend upon a close Attention to the Objects recommended; nor can I 'doubt of your earnestly setting about, and prosecuting, with all possible Dispatch, a 'Work of so much Consequence to the Colonies in general, and this Province in 'particular.

*January* 16, 1769. *JOHN PENN.*"

Adjournment *January* 17.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the County of *Bucks*, of the same Tenor with the foregoing for Paper-Money, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the County of *Cumberland*, for Paper-Money to be emitted on Loan, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Representation from the Managers and Treasurer of the House of Employment for Relief of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, District of *Southwark*, and Townships of *Moyamensing*, *Passyunk*, and the *Northern Liberties*, with a State of their Accounts, were presented to the House, which being read, follows in these Words, *viz.*

That, from the present Difficulty of the Times, and the late great Encrease of Poor in the said City, District and Townships, the Funds appropriated for their Support and Employment, and for erecting suitable Buildings for their Entertainment, will prove insufficient to answer those Ends, and the Inhabitants be subject to an unusual Burden of Taxes, unless the Legislature will again lend their Assistance, and grant Relief;—— that, from a Scarcity of circulating Cash in the said City and Suburbs, the Managers have found it impracticable to sell the Grounds of the old Alms-house Square, at any reasonable Rate, for ready Money, they therefore obtained, by Acts of Assembly, a Liberty to borrow on Certificates, bearing an Interest, a Sum nearly adequate to the full Value of those Grounds; and, in order to discharge such Interest, have endeavoured to dispose of said Lots in Fee-Farm, with a View of applying the annual Income to that Purpose, till, by Sale of the Rents, the principal Sums could be discharged and sunk; but, from the Discouragement of the present Times, the Rents reserved and many of the Lots remain unsold, while the Interest on the borrowed Money is accumulating, and

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1769. January 17. great Part of it muſt be diſcharged by Taxes which ought to be applied to the Support and Employment of the Poor only;——that, notwithſtanding great Frugality has been obſerved in erecting the Buildings, and in providing for and employing the Poor, the Accounts herewith delivered will ſhew, that the Diſburſements for theſe Purpoſes have been very great, and the Demands for Sums of Money, now due from the Inſtitution, are ſuch as no Taxes heretofore levied for the Support of the Poor can poſſibly ſatisfy;——that, provided the Intereſt ariſing on the Sums borrowed was extinguiſhed, the Managers are of Opinion, that, when the Inſtitution is put on ſuch a Footing, as the Improvements already made, and paſt Experience give Reaſon to expect, the Expence of ſupporting and employing an equal Number of the Poor will be greatly leſſened, and the Managers will be able, by an Overplus of the Taxes now paid, and by the Sale of the Alms-houſe Lots, and reſerved Ground-Rents, to appropriate at leaſt *One Thouſand Pounds* a Year towards ſinking the principal Debt;——they therefore pray the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and cauſe the Sum of *Fourteen Thouſand Pounds* to be ſtruck in ſuch Bills of Credit, as ſhall entitle the Poſſeſſors to the like Sum of current Money of this Province, within ſuch limited Time as the Houſe ſhall judge reaſonable, in order to enable the ſaid Managers to diſcharge all the other Debts of the Inſtitution, to redeem and ſink their Certificates, to purchaſe Materials for Employment of the Poor, on the beſt Terms, with ready Money, and to diſcharge them from the Load of Intereſt now paid; or that the Houſe will grant ſuch other Relief in the Premiſes as they ſhall think fit. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from the Managers of a Society for raiſing a Fund to be applied towards the Support of diſtreſſed and neceſſitous Maſters of Veſſels, their Widows and Children, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that a Number of Captains and Maſters of Veſſels, taking into their Conſideration the Diſtreſs and Poverty, to which a Number of Perſons of their Occupation and Buſineſs has been reduced by the frequent Accidents they are expoſed to from the Dangers of the Sea, have, from a Principle of Charity and Benevolence, ſubſcribed and raiſed a Sum of Money to be appropriated and applied towards their Relief, and the Relief and Support of their poor and deſtitute Widows and Children;——that many other Perſons, who are convinced of the Charity of this Deſign, and of the Uſe and Benefit which will accrue to the Public from thus encouraging an Encreaſe of the Number of ſkilful Mariners, have offered to contribute to the ſame Purpoſes, if the Fund was put under ſome legal Direction, and properly incorporated, ſo as to ſecure the Application of the Monies ſubſcribed to the Uſe intended; the Petitioners therefore pray, that the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes under their Conſideration, and grant them Leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the preſent Managers of the ſaid Society and their Succeſſors, to enſure the ſaid Monies to the Uſe and Purpoſes for which they have been and ſhall be ſubſcribed.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Montgomery*, one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, laid before the Houſe a Paper from *James M'Calliſter*, of the ſaid County, containing an Eſtimate of the Expence that may attend opening the propoſed new Road from *Carliſle* to Fort *Littleton*, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

"I RETURN the Honourable Houſe Thanks for taking Notice of the Petitions concerning the Road over the North Mountain; and as the Houſe require an Eſtimate of what the Expence would be to make a Road for Carriages from my Houſe to Fort *Littleton*, I beg Leave to inform them, that I have adviſed with ſome Engineers and other Gentlemen; and they are of Opinion, that it will coſt between *Four* and *Six Hundred Pounds* to complete it; but ſhould the Houſe think proper to grant a ſmaller Sum, it would be laid out to the beſt Advantage for that Purpoſe, and an Account rendered of the Sum granted, and alſo of the Road."

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A Petition, from the Members of the *Lutheran* Congregation of the Townſhips of *Heidelberg* and *Lebanon*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have, at a conſiderable Expence, erected Two Churches, One in the Town of *Heidelberg*, and the other in the Town of *Lebanon*, for the Exerciſe of public Worſhip, and that notwithſtanding the very heavy Expences the ſaid Congregations have already been at, the Petitioners were obliged to borrow a very conſiderable Sum of Money upon Intereſt, in order to complete the ſaid Churches; for Payment whereof a Number of the Petitioners are bound, who find it very burdenſome even to pay the Intereſt ariſing from the ſaid Sum; wherefore they pray Leave of the Honourable Houſe to bring in a Bill to raiſe the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, by Lottery, for diſcharging the ſaid Debts ſo by them contracted, and for completing the Church in *Lebanon*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the ſeveral Petitions, preſented this Sitting, for

for Leave to bring in Bills for raising Money, by Way of Lottery, for the Use of different religious Societies in this Province, and, after some Time spent in Debates thereon, 1769. January 17.

*Ordered*, That the Members of the first, second and third *Presbyterian* Congregations in *Philadelphia*, and of the *Calviniſt* Church in the Township of *Worceſter*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in their respective Petitions.

*Ordered*, That the Members of the *German Lutheran* and *Reformed* Church in *York*-Town, in the County of *York*, and of the *Lutheran* Congregations in the Townships of *Heidelberg* and *Lebanon*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes mentioned in their several Petitions.

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Regulators in "the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other "Purposes therein mentioned*," was re-committed for Amendment, reported the said Bill, with some Alterations; and the same being read the first Time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter* for striking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Curtis Grubb*, of the County of *Lancaſter*, Iron-Master, being again read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *George Roſs* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to hear the Petitioner, enquire into the Facts set forth in his Petition, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 18.

A Petition from the County of *Bucks*, for striking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleanſing the High-"ways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the Water-"Courses and Common Sewers in the inhabited and ſettled Parts of the City of* Philadel-"phia," &c. being transcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Pemberton* wait on the Governor therewith, and deliver the same for his Assent,

A Petition, from the Wardens and Vestry of *St. James's* Church, in the Borough of *Lancaſter*, and of the Elders of the *High Dutch Reformed* Congregation, of the Borough aforesaid, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-two, a Lottery was drawn at the Borough of *Lancaſter* aforesaid, for raising *Two Thouſand One Hundred* and *Thirty-five Dollars*, for erecting a new School-house for the *High Dutch Reformed* Congregation at *Lancaſter*, and for raising *Five Hundred* and *Sixty-five Dollars*, to enable the Wardens and Vestry of *St. James's* Church in the said Borough, to complete the Work begun by them;——that many of the Adventurers, in the said Lottery, are still indebted to the Managers for Tickets, and several Sums of Money are yet due and unpaid by some of the Managers belonging to the said Lottery, by whose Negligence and Delay of Payment, the two Congregations suffer much, being under the Necessity of paying Interest for Debts, which they have contracted upon the Strength of that Lottery, and which they might discharge, did not some of the Managers so long detain the Monies due from them;——that, as such Delinquents cannot be compelled to pay and apply the Monies in their Hands, to the Uses mentioned in the Scheme of the said Lottery, without a Law for that Purpose, the Petitioners humbly pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and by a Law oblige the delinquent Adventurers to pay the Monies due from them to the Managers, and to compel the delinquent Managers of the said Lottery to render Accounts of their Transactions, and of the Monies in their Hands arising from the said Lottery, and to pay their respective Balances to such Persons as shall be appointed to take and receive the same for the Purposes originally intended.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Members, appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

Upon Motion,

The Resolve of this House, on *Friday* last, being read, the House resolved itself into

1769. *January* 18. a Committee of the whole Houſe, on the Subject of Paper Money; and having ſpent ſome Time therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Conſideration of the Buſineſs before them, and had ordered him to requeſt Leave for their Sitting again To-morrow Morning, which being agreed to, the Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Two Petitions, from the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks*, for ſtriking a Sum of Money, in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, were preſented to the Houſe, and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from the Miniſter, Church-Wardens and Veſtrymen of the *Engliſh* Epiſcopal Church of the Town of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that a certain *John Wogan*, late of *Lancaſter* County, deceaſed, by his laſt Will in Writing, deviſed One Hundred Acres of Land, and the North End of his Plantation, then in *Lancaſter* County, but now in *Mancheſter* Townſhip, in *York* County, for the Uſe and Benefit of the Proteſtant Church; and further deviſed, that the ſame ſhould not be ſold nor diſpoſed of, but remain forever for the Uſe of the Church; — that the ſaid *John Wogan* was in his Life-Time a Member of the ſaid Epiſcopal Church, and intended the ſaid Deviſe for the Benefit thereof, as appears by the annexed Depoſition; —that by Reaſon of the unſkilful Manner of Drawing the ſaid Will, the Petitioners apprehend the ſaid Deviſe cannot take Effect, according to the Intent of the Deviſor; — that the ſaid Tract of Land lies uncultivated, and *Jacob Wogan*, one of the Executors named in the ſaid Will, and Heir at Law of the ſaid Deviſor, who is in Poſſeſſion of his whole Eſtate, hath refuſed to convey the ſaid Tract of Land for the Uſe intended by the ſaid Will;—that, were the ſaid Tract of Land veſted in Truſtees, who ſhould be enabled to diſpoſe of the ſame, and to lay out the Money in the Purchaſe of a Houſe and Land in or near the ſaid Town of *York*, and the Profits thereof applied for the Benefit of the ſaid Church, it would greatly contribute to the Eſtabliſhment of a Fund for the Support of the Miniſter, and defraying other Expences of the ſaid Church; and the Petitioners conceive, that the good Intent of the ſaid Deviſor would by that Method be moſt effectually anſwered; wherefore they pray the ſaid Tract of Land may be veſted by Law in Truſtees to diſpoſe of the ſame, and lay out the Money ariſing from the Sale thereof, in the Purchaſe of an Houſe or other Land, for the Uſe of the ſaid Church forever. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from *Bernard Dougherty*, in Behalf of the Inhabitants of *Bedford* Settlement, and divers Townſhips in the Weſtern Part of *Cumberland* County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that many Hundred Families labour under the greateſt Difficulties, the neareſt of them being at leaſt Sixty Miles diſtant, and ſome of them an Hundred and Fifty from the Town of *Carliſle*, which is the Seat of Juſtice in the County; being alſo ſeparated from it by large Chains of Mountains, ſo that their Attendance in Time of Court is almoſt impracticable, and the ordinary Courſe of Juſtice is ſtopped; Delinquents eſcape before they can be apprehended, or, when apprehended, are at great Expence and Hazard conveyed to a Place of Confinement; — thus Rapine, Violence and Injuſtice are ſuffered to paſs unpuniſhed, and the Lives as well as the Properties of the Inhabitants are rendered inſecure, to the great Vexation and Terror of his Majeſty's good Subjects, and the great Damage of many, who would rather ſuſtain the Loſs of ſmall Debts, than ſpend the whole Principal, with the additional Expence of much Labour and Time, in the Means of obtaining Juſtice, at ſo great a Diſtance; —that the Petitioners apprehend the Settlement in the remote Part of the County is large enough to form a County by itſelf, even on this Side of the *Laurel Hill*; to which muſt be added, for ſome Time at leaſt, the Inhabitants of *Redſtone* Creek, and ſundry other Tracts within the late Purchaſe; in which Settlements induſtrious and ſober People would be greatly encouraged, by ſeeing a Court of Juſtice erected in their Neighbourhood, and the Number of Inhabitants would be daily encreaſed, from the very Circumſtance of having their Properties more ſecure; —— that the Petitioner further begs Leave to ſhew, that he is very certain the Inhabitants of thoſe Parts would chearfully contribute to the building a Gaol, and in due Time of a proper Court-houſe; and the Petitioner further ſhews, that, in order to ſet forth the earneſt Deſire of the Inhabitants of theſe Parts to be erected into a County, as many of them as could conveniently be applied to, have ſigned humble Petitions, which are hereto annexed; —— the Petitioner therefore humbly prays, in Behalf of the ſaid Inhabitants, that the upper or Weſterly Part of the ſaid County of *Cumberland* may be erected into a ſeparate County, with the Privileges uſually granted to other Counties of this Province, in order to relieve them from the Dangers and Grievances aforeſaid. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing* "*Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, "*and for other Uſes and Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

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The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *January 19.*

Two Petitions, from the County of *Philadelphia*, for striking Paper-Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, were presented to the House, and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from divers Owners and Occupiers of Meadow Lands, called the *Tinicum Company*, was presented to the House, and read, setting forth, that soon after the Division of the Banks of the said *Tinicum Company*, agreeable to an Act of General Assembly, about one Fourth of the Land of the said Company was sold in small Lots, without any Banks being divided off to them separately, which hath rendered it very troublesome to the Managers to get the said Banks duly supported and maintained;—— that by a Law lately passed, impowering the Owners of *Long-Hook* Island, and others, to drain the said Island, and other Marsh or Meadow Ground therein mentioned, and to stop out *Plumb-Hook* Creek and *Grun* Creek, *&c.* the said Creeks have since been stopped out, whereby above Three Hundred Rods of Bank between the two Dams have been cut off, the Expence of repairing the same is become unnecessary, which renders the Allotments now to be maintained unequal and unjust; the Petitioners therefore pray Leave to bring in a Bill to remedy the same, and for dividing the Banks now to be maintained, equally among all the Owners. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House, pursuant to Leave granted the Committee to sit again this Morning, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, upon the Subject of Paper Money, and, after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that, having finished their Deliberations on the Business before them, they had come to some Resolutions thereon, which he was directed to report, whenever the House may be pleased to receive the same.

*Ordered*, That the Resolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Fox* then (according to Order) reported the said Resolutions, which he first read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the same being again read, were agreed to by the House, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

Resolutions of the Committee upon Paper Money.

THE Committee taking into their serious Consideration the Petitions from a very great Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of this Province, setting forth the Distress which they labour under from a Want of a circulating Medium of Trade, and praying for the issuing a further Sum in Bills of Credit, to relieve them from their present Difficulties,

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it is manifest from long Experience, that the Emissions of Bills of Credit, heretofore made on Loans to the People, have answered the Purposes of a circulating Medium, greatly promoted the Settlement of the Colony, and encreased the Trade and Commerce thereof, as well foreign as domestic.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a further Quantity of Bills of Credit, to be issued on proper and solid Funds, is necessary to promote Industry, and to carry on the Trade and Commerce of the Province.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Emission of a further Quantity of Bills of Credit may be safely made, without any Danger of a Depreciation of the said Bills, and that such a Measure will greatly tend to the Population of the Country, the Encrease of Industry, and the extending its Trade and Commerce in their various Branches, and relieve the People of the Province from the Difficulties and Distresses complained of.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the House ought to proceed to consider the most prudent Ways and Means of issuing a proper Quantity of the said Bills at their next Sitting.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment. *January 20.*

A Petition, from divers Owners of Land in the Township of *Passyunk*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners having been informed, a Petition has been lately presented to the House to obtain a Law for stopping out *Hollander's* and *Hay* Creeks, at the Mouths thereof, humbly beg Leave to represent, that if such Law be obtained, it must greatly affect the Interest of the Petitioners in the Lands they are possessed of, lying on or near the said Creeks, because the Petitioners, or some of them, have been at considerable Expence in the embanking their Meadows, and in erecting and supporting Sluices for draining off the stagnated Waters into the said Creeks;——that, by the Measure now proposed, the Petitioners would be deprived of the Benefit of letting in the fresh, and discharging the stagnant Waters, besides losing their Landing-Places, Advantages upon which the Owners of Meadows may justly put a great Value;——that, if every Consideration of depreciating the Interest of such Owners of Lands in *Passyunk* as live remote from thence, should be waved,

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waved, yet their Tenants, and ſuch of them as live there, with the whole Neighbourhood of Families and Inmates, are apprehenſive that the ſtopping ſaid Creek might be of dangerous Conſequence to the Health of the Inhabitants, and Diſeaſes among them often ſpread to the City of *Philadelphia*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from a great Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties* of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners apprehend themſelves much aggrieved by an Act of Aſſembly lately paſſed, for the better Employment of the Poor within the ſaid City, the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, the Townſhip of *Moyamenſing*, *Paſſyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, and that Grievance encreaſed by a late Supplement to the above Act;——that the ſaid Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties*, by a yearly Three-penny Tax, has been able to ſupport its own Poor, when Eighteen in Number, on an Average; but now, when only Seven Poor of ſaid Townſhip are in the Houſe of Employment, the Overſeers of the Townſhip have levied and are collecting the ſecond Three-penny Tax; yet are they greatly apprehenſive a Third will be demanded, which the Petitioners think will be a great Burden, when one Tax can be ſhewn more than ſufficient to ſupport their own Poor;—that, although the Overſeers of the Poor are choſen by the Townſhip, and approved by the Magiſtrates, as Perſons well acquainted with the Circumſtances of their Poor, and fitteſt to proportion the Money raiſed for their Support, according to their ſeveral Neceſſities, yet, under the preſent Law, the Overſeers are made only mere Collectors of the Tax, have no Voice in laying it out, nor ſo much as a Right of Judgment of the Quantum of the Tax proper to be raiſed, but are only to collect it when called upon; and under theſe Circumſtances, the Petitioners apprehend no Perſons of any Credit can be prevailed on for the future to ſerve the Office of Overſeers, eſpecially as they are obliged by the late Supplement, under a ſevere Penalty, to collect the Tax in a ſhorter Time than has been found practicable, and when collected, have no Right to give any Part of it to Perſons under Misfortunes, or reduced Families, who, by ſome ſmall timely Aſſiſtance, might be enabled to go through the Winter; but are obliged to tell ſuch Perſons, they muſt go to the Houſe of Employ, and lay their Caſes before Managers unacquainted with their Circumſtances, or elſe continue in their Miſery without Relief; which laſt Alternative many worthy unfortunate Perſons do rather chuſe, than to go to the Houſe of Employ, or even make their Caſes known to Strangers;—that by the ſaid Law another great Inequality appears; the Poor of the City being near Eight to One in the Diſtrict and Townſhips, the City has raiſed about *Two Thouſand Pounds* by two Taxes; the others have raiſed *Three Hundred and Seventy-ſeven Pounds* by one Tax;—thus have the Townſhips actually ſupported One Sixth Part of the whole Poor, when they ſhould ſupport only One Eighth; and being now obliged, by the late Supplement, to collect Two Taxes when the City collects Two, the Petitioners apprehend the Inhabitants of the ſaid Liberties are thereby grievouſly compelled to ſupport One Third, inſtead of One Eighth, of the whole;—that there is the ſame unreaſonable Diſparity in requiring, by Law, the Diſtrict and Townſhips to pay One Fourth of what the Alms-houſe Lot may ſell for, when they ſhould only pay One Eighth Part of the Firſt Purchaſe, if any at all; and as the Townſhip of the *Liberties* never applied to be included in this Act, the Petitioners humbly pray that ſo much of the ſaid Act as relates to the Townſhip of the *Northern Liberties* may be repealed, and that the ſaid Townſhip may be left to provide for their own Poor as heretofore, or under ſuch new Regulations as to the Houſe may ſeem moſt proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from divers Inhabitants of the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that in the Court of Quarter Seſſions for the County aforeſaid, in *September* 1767, Six Men were appointed to view and lay out a Road from *Catherine-Street* into *Prime-Street*;—that a Road was accordingly laid out, and a Return and Confirmation thereof obtained in *December* following, without the Privity or Knowledge of the Petitioners;—— that as the ſaid Road is now laid out, ſeveral Lots will be ſpoiled, a Vacancy of Forty Feet and upwards between the ſaid Street, and the Houſes of ſeveral of the Petitioners, will be left, and ſome of them deprived of a Front on the Street; and moreover the ſaid Street is too narrow;—wherefore the Petitioners pray, that the ſaid Street, beginning at the South Side of the *Swediſh* Church Land, thence to *Prime-Street*, may be reviewed, and ſuch Alterations made therein as ſhall appear expedient, in Virtue of an Act of Aſſembly for that Purpoſe to be made. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Three Petitions, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Lancaſter*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that ſome Years ago a Law was paſſed, prohibiting the ſetting up of Lotteries in this Province, but the Lotteries then in being were excepted out of ſaid Law;—that before the paſſing of the ſaid Law, a Lottery, for the raiſing of *Three Thouſand Pounds* for erecting a Bridge over *Coneſtogoe* Creek, was in being, and ſtill continues; but the Scheme of the Lottery being generally looked on to be a bad one, few Perſons choſe to become Adventurers in the

the same, and very few of the Persons, named as Managers, would undertake the Task, for which it is not likely the said Lottery will ever be drawn, as it is now circumstanced; ——that the Petitioners conceive a Bridge over the said Creek would be of great Advantage to Trade, and also that the paving the Streets called *King* and *Queen Streets*, from the Court-house, the Distance of the First Four Squares in the Borough of *Lancaster*, would be of public Utility;——that a Number of Persons have generously subscribed about *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* towards erecting the said Bridge; the Petitioners therefore pray that the Honourable House would pass a Bill for raising *Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds* by a Lottery, the One Moiety thereof to be added to the said Subscriptions for erecting the said Bridge, and the other Moiety for paving the said Streets, as much further than the said Four Squares as the Money raised will allow, and to enable the Trustees, the House may appoint, to receive the Subscriptions for the Purpose aforesaid. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1769. January 20.

The House took into Consideration the great Number of Petitions from Persons confined for Debt in the Gaol of this City, praying Relief, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition, from divers Inhabitants interested in the Lands of *Wiccacoa* and *Moyamensing*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners having heard that a Petition was long since presented to the Honourable House, for Leave to bring in a Bill to stop a Branch of *Hollander's* Creek, near *Hay* Creek, which the House was pleased to grant; and likewise that another Petition was lately preferred, praying that Leave may not be granted to stop *Hollander's* Creek, as desired by the First Petitioners, because, as the latter assert, there will be an Encrease of stagnant Water occasioned thereby, greatly endangering the Health of the neighbouring Inhabitants. They, the Petitioners interested in the Lands about *Hollander's* Creek, beg Leave to assure the Honourable House, that they are of a different Opinion, as well from our own Knowledge in such Matters, as the Information of Persons more skilful in draining of Meadows, and therefore presume no Inconvenience will probably arise to them, the Subscribers, by the first Petitioners being empowered to stop out *Hollander's* Creek, near *Hay* Creek, agreeable to their first Petition. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from divers of the Inhabitants and Owners of Meadow-Lands and Marsh in the Township of *Kingsessing*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that there is a certain Tract of Meadow and Marsh-Land situate in the Township aforesaid, on the Westerly Side of the River *Schuylkill*, between *David Gibson's* fast Land, and a certain Creek called *Mingo's* Creek; Part whereof is already embanked and drained, under a former Act of Assembly, and Part remains still rough and unimproved;—that, as the Petitioners apprehend that many Inconveniences in the said Act may be remedied, and that great Advantages would accrue from includeing in the same Regulations a larger Tract of Meadow and Marsh-Lands, the Petitioners therefore pray Leave to bring in a Bill for embanking, draining and damming the Meadows and Marsh-Lands within the Bounds aforesaid, and for the supporting and maintaining those already made. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from most of the Owners of *Wiccacoa* and *Moyamensing* Meadows, by their Committee, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners having seen the Copy of a Petition from divers Inhabitants interested in Lands in the Townships of *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, presented to the Honourable House and read the Thirteenth Instant, alledging that the Petition preferred to the late Assembly, and another expected to be offered to the present House for Leave to dam out Part of *Hollander's* Creek, near *Hay* Creek, if granted, will be greatly to the Disadvantage and Injury (as they apprehend) of the Health of the Inhabitants, by the stagnated Waters that must ensue; and expressing likewise, that they have no Objection to damming out *Hollander's* and *Hay* Creeks near their Mouths, nor know of any Reason why the *Wiccacoa* and *Moyamensing* Companies should, unless to withdraw themselves from the Expence; ——to which the Committee beg Leave to reply, that by stopping the Branch of *Hollander's* Creek, they are fully convinced, from accurate Observations lately made by several Owners of their Meadows, upon the Ebbing of the Tide from before the Houses at *Moyamensing* into *Hay* Creek, that it is very practicable to drain the stagnant Waters, without Danger of any new Stagnation, and therefore presume the Objections of their Opponents are effectually removed;——that the Committee acknowledge they are at a Loss to conjecture why the *Greenwich* Island Company and others should so earnestly oppose so beneficial a Design, as purifying the Air by removing the Waters must necessarily prove to themselves and their Neighbours; wherefore the Petitioners respectfully request they may be empowered (agreeable to their first Petition) to dam the Branch of *Hollander's* Creek, near its Junction with *Hay* Creek, if it be consistent with the Wisdom of the Honourable House. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

1769. *January* 20. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the ſeveral Petitions from Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of this City, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do make Enquiry into the true Circumſtances of the ſaid Priſoners, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

Adjournment *January* 21. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met agreeable to Adjournment.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing by Way of Lottery the Sum of* One Thouſand Six Hundred "*and* Eighty-ſeven Pounds Ten Shillings, *to be applied to the Payment of the Arrears of* "*Debt due for the erecting and finiſhing the* German Reformed *Church and the* Lutheran "*Church in* York Town," *&c.* which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Managers and Treaſurer of the Houſe of Employment, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to viſit the ſaid Houſe of Employment, to examine and inſpect the Accounts and Oeconomy thereof, and report the ſame to this Houſe.

The Petition from the Society for raiſing a Fund to be applied to the Support of diſtreſſed Maſters of Veſſels, their Widows and Children, being again read and conſidered, it was

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes mentioned in their Petition.

The Petition from the Wardens and Veſtry of *St. James's* Church, in the Borough of *Lancaſter*, and the Elders of the *High Dutch Reformed* Congregation in the ſaid Borough, was read the ſecond time, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe mentioned in their Petition.

Adjournment *January* 23. *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that notwithſtanding the ſeveral Laws of this Province concerning Slaves and free *Negroes*, the Petitioners apprehend there is not ſufficient Proviſion made for them in divers Caſes, where Maſters of aged and infirm Slaves become inſolvent, and not able to maintain them, or die poor, ſuch Slaves muſt neceſſarily become burthenſome to others;——that where *Negroes* are ſet free, and the required Security given, ſuch Sum will not ſupport them any long Time in old Age, or under ſuch Infirmities as diſable them from Labour, whereby a Burden is brought on the Public, which the Petitioners think might be prevented, by a proper Fund raiſed for this particular Purpoſe; which would alſo remove a Difficulty concerning their Maintenance in old Age, *&c.* from the Minds of ſuch as are inclined to ſet their Slaves free;——that if, inſtead of giving Security in the County-Courts, a ſmaller Sum of Money was to be paid by the Maſters of ſuch Slaves as ſhall be ſet free at a ſuitable Age, to ſome Perſon appointed to receive the ſame in each County, and a ſmall yearly Tax raiſed on free *Negroes* and Slaves, to be paid to the Perſons aforeſaid, and the Money put to Intereſt under the Care of the County-Commiſſioners, or any others that may be thought moſt proper, it ſeems probable to the Petitioners, that ſuch a Stock would in a ſhort Time be ſufficient to ſupport all the neceſſitous *Negroes* belonging to this Province, that are not otherwiſe provided for;——the Petitioners therefore requeſt the Houſe would be pleaſed, upon Conſideration of the Premiſes, to make ſuch Proviſion therein as to their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* "Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein men-* "*tioned*," being tranſcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment *January* 24. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bill into Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Committee appointed to viſit the Alms-houſe and Houſe of Employment, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

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*January* 24. Report of the Committee appointed to visit the Almshouse, &c.

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, we have visited the Alms-house and House of Employment, for Relief and Support of the Poor in the City of *Philadelphia*, and find, that a commodious House is erected, through the Diligence and Care of the Managers, and the several Apartments thereof nearly completed, in which there are at this Time about Three Hundred poor Persons, most of them aged and infirm, well provided for, and accommodated in a neat, decent Manner, besides Sixty-eight young Children, many of whom are Orphans. Such of the Men as are capable of Work, are kept employed at their several Trades and Occupations, and the Women at spinning, *&c.* The Children are carefully nursed and attended, until they become of an Age proper to be placed out, and in the mean Time have the Benefit of Instruction in Reading by a Schoolmistress, maintained for that Purpose, under the Inspection of the Managers. The Managers having set forth in their Petition the low State of their Funds, and the heavy Debt they have necessarily contracted, by the Expence of the building and maintaining the great Number of Poor in the House, and many Out-Pensioners, as appears by the Estimate now before the House, we think proper to add, that it has given us great Satisfaction to find the Establishment and Promotion of the Institution has been conducted with such evident Marks of Care and Attention, and are of Opinion, that the Request of the Managers for further Assistance, to enable them to discharge their Debts, merits the favourable Notice of the Legislature, and will encourage them cheerfully to continue their Endeavours in promoting and extending the laudable Purposes of this useful and necessary Institution, which we submit to the House.

*Philadelphia, Jan.* 23, 1769.

THOMAS MINSHALL,
MICHAEL SWOOPE,
EMANUEL CARPENTER,
JOHN MONTGOMERY,
EDWARD BIDDLE,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
JAMES PEMBERTON,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
HENRY PAWLING,
JAMES WEBB,
JOSEPH WATSON."

Upon Motion,

The Representation from the Managers and Treasurer of the House of Employment, together with the Petition from the Township of the *Northern Liberties* were again read, and, after due Consideration thereof, it was

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Managers of the House of Employment in the City of *Philadelphia*, to raise a Sum of Money for discharging their present Debts.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the County of *Berks*, for an additional Representative of the said County in the General Assembly of this Province, and, after some Time spent in Debate thereon, the Question being called for and put, the same was resolved in the Negative.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Pursuant to Leave, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for* "*the Sale of a Church in the City of* Philadelphia, *to pay the Debts now due for building* "*the same, and distributing the Residue of the Purchase Monies arising from such Sale,* "*among the several Persons who have been obliged to advance Monies on Account of the* "*said Church*;" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Member also presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Com-* "*missioners therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers, and to sue for and re-* "*cover of them, their Executors or Administrators such Sums of Money as are now due and* "*unpaid on Account of the Lottery set up and drawn for erecting a new School-house for* "*the* High Dutch Reformed *Congregation, and for enabling the Vestry and Wardens of* "St. James's *Church, in the Borough of* Lancaster, *to complete the Work by them begun*; "*and also to enable the Managers to sue for and recover Money due to them for the Sale of* "*Tickets in the said Lottery*;" which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for pre-* "*venting Frauds and Abuses in Gold and Silver Wares made and sold in this Province*;" and "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties "*of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," with a Paper of Amendments to each, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for* "*raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* One Thousand Six Hundred *and* Eighty-seven "Pounds Ten Shillings, *to be applied to the Payment of the Arrears of Debt due for erect-* "*ing and finishing the* German Reformed *Church, and the* German Lutheran *Church in*

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1769. January 24. " York *Town*; *and for the Payment of the Arrears of Debt due for the erecting and finiſh-* " *ing the* German Lutheran *Churches at* Heidelberg *and* Lebanon, *both of* Lancaſter " *County*;" which being in Part read and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*January* 25. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Petition of *Curtis Grubb*, and the Report of the Committee thereon,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe mentioned in his Petition.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Li- " berties *of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Houſe adhered to the Bill as ſent up to the Governor.

The Houſe alſo took up his Honour's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, " *An Act* " *for the preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this* " *Province*," which were again read, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, having agreed to ſome of the ſaid Amendments, and in others adhered to the Bill, an Anſwer was drawn accordingly at the Table.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor, and return the ſaid two Bills (with the Anſwers of the Houſe to his Amendments) for his further Conſideration.

Adjournment

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The ſeveral Petitions from the *Wiccacoa*, *Moyamenſing* and *Greenwich* Iſland Meadow Companies, for and againſt the damming of *Hollander's* Creek, near its Junction with *Hay* Creek, were again read, and, after ſome Time ſpent in Debate thereon, the ſame were referred to further Conſideration.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills ſent down Yeſterday, and deliver the Anſwers of the Houſe to his Honour's Amendments thereon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would reconſider the ſaid Bills, and acquaint the Houſe with his Reſult.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition for Leave to bring in a Bill for raiſing, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of *Three Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, to be applied to building a Bridge over *Coneſtogoe* Creek, in the County of *Lancaſter*, and towards paving a Part of the Streets of the Borough of *Lancaſter*, in the County aforeſaid, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes mentioned in their Petition.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, " *An Act for raiſing*, *by Way of Lottery*, *the Sum of* Three Thouſand *and* Ninety-nine " Pounds Twelve Shillings, *for the Uſe of the firſt and third* Preſbyterian *Churches*, *and* " *the ſecond* Preſbyterian *Church*, *in the City of* Philadelphia, *and of the* German Re- " formed *Church in the Townſhip of* Worceſter," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſenting to the Chair a Bill, entituled, " *An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County of* Lancaſter, " *Iron-Maſter*, *with* Ann *his Wife*, *late* Ann Few, *and to enable him to marry again*," the ſame was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 26. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into their ſerious Conſideration the many Applications, made from Time to Time to the Aſſemblies of this Province, for Lotteries to raiſe Sums of Money for various Purpoſes, and being of Opinion, that the countenancing theſe Applications, by Laws made to enable the Perſons applying to inſtitute ſuch Lotteries, will be productive of pernicious Conſequences to the People of this Province,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will not receive any further Petitions for Lotteries, during the preſent Year, and that it be ſeriouſly recommended to future Aſſemblies to paſs no more Laws for inſtituting and drawing of Lotteries, unleſs they be for Provincial Uſes.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petitions and Affidavits, laid before the late Aſſembly by a Number of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland*, concerning the Hardſhips and Loſſes ſuffered by them in being compelled to furniſh Waggons, Teams and Drivers for tranſporting the Baggage of his Majeſty's Troops, under the Command of Colonel *Wilkins*, in their March to Fort *Pitt*, and not receiving the Pay allowed by Act of Parliament for one Half the Time they were detained in the ſaid Service, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

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The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* 1769.

The Houſe, upon Application of *Iſaac Stille*, an *Indian* Interpreter, taking into their Conſideration the many Services done by him to the Province in the laſt War, and being deſirous to make him a further Compenſation than what he has already received, *January 26. Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Pemberton*, in Behalf of the Houſe, requeſt the Governor to grant to the ſaid *Iſaac Stille* a Warrant for Two Hundred Acres of Land, to be taken up in ſuch Place as the ſaid *Iſaac Stille* ſhall fix upon, and to acquaint him, this Houſe will provide for the Payment of the Proprietaries uſual and accuſtomed Demands for the ſame; and that they will alſo deſire, that the ſaid Warrant may be formed in ſuch Terms, as to veſt the Occupation and Uſe of the ſaid Lands in the ſaid *Iſaac Stille*, and his Deſcendants, in ſuch Manner and Form, as to prevent his or their Alienation thereof.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County* "*of* Lancaſter, *Iron-Maſter, with his Wife (late* Ann Few) *and to enable him to marry* "*again*," being read the ſecond Time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. *January 27.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County* "*of* Lancaſter, *Iron-Maſter, with his Wife (late* Ann Few) *and to enable him to marry* "*again*," being tranſcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing, by* "*Way of Lottery, the Sum of* One Thouſand Six Hundred *and* Eighty-ſeven Pounds Ten Shillings, *to be applied to the Payment of the Arrears of Debt due for the erecting and* "*finiſhing the* German Reformed *Church and the* German Lutheran *Church in* York "*Town*," &c. which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe again took into Conſideration the Petitions and Accounts from the *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* County Waggoners, employed in tranſporting the Baggage of the Eighteenth Regiment of Foot, under the Command of Colonel *Wilkins*, in their March to Fort *Pitt*, and, after further Debate thereon, referred the ſaid Papers to the Examination of the Committee of Grievances, with Orders to the Committee to direct the ſaid Petitioners to ſtate their ſeveral Accounts in proper Form, and make due Proof on each before ſome Magiſtrate of their reſpective Counties.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill for raiſing, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of *Three Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, for the Uſe of the different *Preſbyterian* Congregations in the City of *Philadelphia*, and the *Reformed* Church of the Townſhip of *Worceſter*, which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making* "*the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preſervation of the Fiſh in the ſaid River*."

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed in the Fore- *Poſt Meridiem* noon, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſame into immediate Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preſervation of the Fiſh* "*in the ſaid River*," reported, they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appoint-* "*ing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadel- "phia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and acquainted the Houſe, that he adhered to his Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

Mr. Secretary alſo returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching,* "*paving and cleanſing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and for regulating,* "*making and amending the Water-Courſes and common Sewers within the inhabited and* "*ſettled Parts of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* with ſome Amendments thereon, which

1769. were read by Order, and being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

*January* 27. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of a Church in the City of* Philadelphia, *to pay the Debts now due for building the ſame, and diſtributing the Reſidue of the Purchaſe-Monies ariſing from ſuch Sale among the ſeveral Perſons who have been obliged to advance Monies on Account of the ſaid Church,*" which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*January* 28. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of a Church in the City of* Philadelphia, *to pay the Debts now due for building the ſame, and diſtributing the Reſidue of the Purchaſe Monies ariſing from ſuch Sale among the ſeveral Perſons who have been obliged to advance Monies on Account of the ſaid Church,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preſervation of the Fiſh in the ſaid River,*" which being in Part read the ſecond time, and ſome Objections ariſing to the ſaid Bill, the ſame was referred to further Conſideration at the next Meeting.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 30. *Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with One and Twenty Members, met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*January* 31. A Quorum met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Repreſentation from *Robert Smith*, Maſter-Builder, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the ſaid *Smith* being informed of the public ſpirited Concern in the Houſe to amend the Roads, and improve the Communication between the trading City and the remote Parts of this Province, for the general Utility; and that the principal Obſtruction to this uſeful and neceſſary Work, reſpecting the Weſtern Counties, is the Difficulty of bridging the River *Schuylkill* near this City, he has been induced to attempt an Improvement on the Deſigns of wooden Bridges raiſed on Stone Piers, with Hopes that one might be conſtructed with equal Security, and much leſs Expence than any heretofore publiſhed;——that in this Attempt he has been ſo happy as to ſucceed, in the Opinion of ſome Perſons of approved Judgment and Knowledge in Architecture, by a ſimple Method, ſuſpending the Platform below the Arch that ſuſtains it, by which Means the Piers are better ſecured than by any other Method, and applying the Arch in the Side to ſtrengthen it, and the Whole well covered to ſecure it from the Weather, thereby ſaving a great Expence in the Frame, and leſſening the Height;——that he has drawn a Plan and Elevation of ſuch a Bridge, made a Model of one Arch and two Piers, and, with great Reſpect to the Honourable Houſe, begs Leave to preſent the ſame to them, in Hopes that the Ingenious may turn their Thoughts to the Subject, and make ſuch further Improvements thereon, as may render it of ſome Service to the Public, whenever the Legiſlature ſhall find the Province in a Capacity to execute a Deſign of ſuch Utility and Importance to the whole Community. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion, and after Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Sellers*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *John Minſhall* be a Committee to view that Part of the Channel or Channels of the River *Schuylkill*, on each Side of *Barbadoes* Iſland, and a proper Diſtance above and below the ſame, and to cauſe an exact Survey of the Shores on each Side of the ſaid Iſland, and of the main Land to be made, taking the Bearings and Diſtances of the ſaid Iſland, and other ſmaller Iſlands, from the Shores on each Side, and to take the Depth of the ſaid ſeveral Channels in all proper Places from the ſaid Iſland on each Side, and above and below it, to the reſpective main Shores, and of the Dam or Dams already made; and that they deſire *John Lukens*, the Surveyor General, to be aſſiſtant to them in the above Buſineſs; and that they cauſe a full and perfect Plot or Draught of all their ſaid Tranſactions to be made, and report the ſame to the Houſe at their next Sitting in *May*.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee give Notice to Mrs. *Mary Norris* of the Time of the ſaid View.

Adjournment

The Houſe then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the Sixteenth Inſtant, concerning *Indian* Affairs, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for incorporating the Society for the Relief of poor aged and infirm Maſters of Veſſels, their Widows and Children, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair,

and

and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading. 1769. January 31.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Managers of the Contributions to the Relief and Employment of the Poor to raise Money to defray their present Debts, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. February 1.

A Petition, from divers Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Township of *Passyunk*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners apprehend themselves aggrieved, by an Act of Assembly lately passed for the better Employment of the Poor within the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, the Townships of *Moyamensing*, *Passyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, and their Grievance was much encreased by a late Supplement to the above Act;——that by the said Act none but those who contribute the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, or upwards, towards erecting the House of Employment, can either elect, or be elected as Managers of the said House;———that scarce one of the Petitioners are Contributors, and in general cannot afford such a Contribution, whereby they are debarred of the Privilege of chusing those Persons who are to dispose of their Money; that a Stranger may purchase the Precedence of an Inhabitant, who by his annual Tax is the larger Contributor; and the Petitioners humbly conceive, that no Distinction which carries with it a legal Possibility of injuring the Estates of others, ought to be set to Sale;——that, although the Overseers of the Poor are chosen by the People of the Township, and approved of by the Magistrates as Persons well acquainted with the Circumstances of their Poor, and fittest to proportion the Money raised for their Support to their several Necessities; yet, under the present Law, the Overseers are made only mere Collectors of the Tax, have no Voice in laying it out, nor so much as a Right of Judgment of the Quantum of the Tax proper to be raised, but are only to collect it when called upon, and under these Circumstances the Petitioners apprehend no Persons of any Credit can be prevailed on for the future to serve the Office of Overseers, especially as they are obliged by a late Supplement to collect the Tax in a shorter Time than has been found practicable, or forfeit a great Sum; and, when collected, have no Right to give any Part of it to Persons under Misfortunes, or reduced Families, who by some small timely Assistance might be enabled to carry their Families through the Winter, but must be obliged to tell such Persons, they must go to the House of Employ, and lay their Cases before Managers unacquainted with their Circumstances, or else continue in their Misery without Relief; which last Alternative many worthy, but unfortunate Persons would rather chuse, than go to the House of Employ, or even make their Cases known to Strangers;——that the Township of *Passyunk* hath been able, by one single Two-penny Tax, to maintain all its Poor, ever since the Year 1755, and a considerable Surplus left in the Hands of the Overseers; but in the short Time of their Incorporation with the City, the Overseers of the Poor have levied and collected Two Three-penny Taxes, and are apprehensive of a Third before the Year expires, which the Petitioners think a very great Burden, since they have but one single Pauper in the said House of Employ;——— that by the said Law another great Inequality appears; the Poor of the City being near Eight to One of the District and Townships, the City has raised about *Two Thousand Pounds* by two Taxes; the others have raised *Three Hundred* and *Seventy-seven Pounds* by one Tax;— thus have the Townships actually supported one Sixth of the Whole Poor, when they ought to have supported only one Eighth; and now being by the said Supplement compelled to collect two Taxes, when the City collects Two, the said Townships are most grievously obliged to maintain one Third, instead of one Eighth, of the whole;— that there is the same unreasonable Disparity in requiring by Law the District and Townships to pay one Fourth Part of what the Alms-house Lot may sell for, when they should only pay one Eighth Part of the first Purchase, if any at all;——— that the Petitioners apprehend it was reported to the Honourable House, that the Township of *Passyunk* was desirous to be included in that Act; but they beg Leave to say they never were, nor indeed even consulted thereon;——that the Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that so much of the afore-mentioned Acts as relates to the Township of *Passyunk*, may be repealed, and the said Township left to provide for its Poor, as formerly, or under such new Regulations as to the House in their Wisdom shall seem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children,*" &c. which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Managers of the Contributions*

1769. February 1. "*Contributions to the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of* Philadelphia *to* "*raiſe the Sum of* Fourteen Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, towards diſcharging* "*their Debts, and to provide a Fund for redeeming and ſinking the ſaid Bills,*" which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock,

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* *P. M.*

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* "*the Managers of the Contributions for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City* "*of* Philadelphia *to raiſe the Sum of* Fourteen Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to-* "*wards diſcharging their Debts, and to provide a Fund for redeeming and ſinking the ſaid* "*Bills,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment *February* 2. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That *William Bowſman*, the preſent Barrack-Maſter at *Lancaſter*, be furniſhed by the Clerk with a Copy of the Reſolve of Aſſembly, appointing him to that Office; and that *James Webb*, the late Barrack-Maſter, do take an exact Inventory of the Provincial Stores in the ſaid Barracks, with all convenient Diſpatch, and lay the ſame before this Houſe, delivering alſo a Copy thereof, with the Keys of the ſaid Barracks, to the ſaid *William Bowſman*, his Succeſſor, and take his Receipt for the ſame.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Roſe*, Mr. *Evans* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to make out an Eſtimate of the public Debts, and prepare a Bill for raiſing Money to defray the ſame.

The Bills for the *Preſbyterian* and *Worceſter*, *York* Town and *Heidelberg* Lotteries, together with the Bill for the Sale of *St. George's* Church in the City of *Philadelphia*, being tranſcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Krewſen* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment *February* 3. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills paſſed laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bills into Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, whoſe Eſtates have ſuffered Damage from the Overflowing of the Common Sewer, at the Interſection of the *Market-* and *Fourth-Streets*, was read the ſecond time, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to hear the Petitions, view and take the Level of the proper Places for carrying off the Water, eſtimate the Expence of making the neceſſary Common Sewers, and to conſider of Ways and Means of defraying the ſame.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow* "*Land therein deſcribed, ſituate in the Townſhip of* Kingſeſs, *in the County of* Philadel- "phia, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund* "*to defray the Expence thereof,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition, from a great Number of the Owners of *Wiccacoa* and *Moyamenſing* Meadows, concerning the Utility and Reaſonableneſs of damming *Hollander's* Creek, near its Junction with *Hay* Creek, agreeable to a former Petition from divers of the ſaid Owners, was preſented to the Houſe, and being read and conſidered,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe expreſſed in their Petition, and that they give Notice of ſuch Leave being obtained to *Reynold Keen* and *Samuel Wheeler*, in order to their being heard, in Caſe they have any Objection to the paſſing of the ſaid Bill.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *Bernard Daugherty*, in Behalf of the remote Inhabitants of *Cumberland* County, praying that the back Parts thereof may be erected into a ſeparate County, and, after ſome Debate, ordered, that the ſaid Petition lie on the Table for further Conſideration.

The Petition, from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, concerning the

Support

Support of free *Negroes*, to prevent their becoming an Expence to the Public, was again read, and, after some Time spent in the Consideration thereof, a Member informing the House, that certain Slaves had been brought into the County of *York*, for whom, he had Reason to believe, no Duty was paid by their Owners. 1769. February 3.

*Ordered*, That *Thomas Coombe*, of this City, Collector of the Duties on *Negroe* and *Mulattoe* Slaves imported into this Province, do attend the House at Ten o'Clock To-morrow Forenoon.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. February 4.

A Petition from divers Owners of Meadow-Lands in *Wiccacoa*, *Greenwich* Island, *Schuylkill* Point, and the Townships of *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, lying upon, or communicating with *Hollander's* and *Hay* Creeks, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners having for divers Years past experienced the Benefit of several Acts of Assembly, for making and regulating the said Meadows within their several and respective Limits and Districts, and finding that the said Meadows lying upon or communicating their Waters with *Hollander's* and *Hay* Creeks may be maintained in good Order, at a much less Expence, by damming out the Waters of *Delaware* River at the Mouths or Entrances of the said Creeks, by which they will save the Expence of keeping up more than Three Thousand Perches of Bank, and also drain and make good Meadow of a considerable Quantity of Land now lying outside of said Banks, and also that broken by Ditches made to keep up the same; and believing also, that the Waters in those Creeks, being then kept lower than the Lands adjacent to them, will contribute greatly to the Health of the Neighbourhood, by draining the lesser Creeks, Ponds and Ditches of their stagnant and corrupted Waters, are desirous of damming out the same; but as this Intention cannot be executed but by an Union of the several Companies in this useful Design, under the Authority of an Act of Assembly, the Petitioners pray, that they may have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes aforesaid.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill for damming *Hollander's* Creek, near its Junction with *Hay* Creek, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Sellers* be a Committee to hear the Petitioners for damming *Hollander's* Creek, near its Junction with *Hay* Creek, together with the Persons who petition for stopping the said *Hollander's* and *Hay* Creek, at their Mouths in the River *Delaware*; and that the said Committee do report the respective Allegations of the Parties, with their own Opinion, of the most proper Place for erecting the Dam in Question.

The Committee of Grievances, appointed to visit the Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of this City, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

AGREEABLE to the Order of the House, the Committee of Grievances have considered the Petitions, and made Enquiry into the Circumstances of the several Debtors confined in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, who have applied to the House for Relief in Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, *viz.* *John David Wilper*, *Samuel Ennis*, *Henry Lora*, *James Broom*, *Dominic Kenyon*, *James Baird*, *Samuel Toles*, *Isaac Ryal*, *John George*, *William Brown*, *Phineas Eachus*, *Benjamin Davis*, *James Green* and *Paul Riffet*.——And Proof being made to us, that their several Creditors had been regularly notified to attend, after hearing the Allegations of such of the said Creditors as appeared, We do not conceive there are any of the said Petitioners entituled to the Notice of the House, or the Indulgence they pray for, except *James Green*, against whom no Creditor appeared, and *Benjamin Davis*, against whom one only alleged, that the Debt due to him was for Goods sold to the said *Davis*, the Property of a Person beyond Sea, but did not insist on his being longer confined. The Case of *Paul Riffet* remains to be further enquired into by the Committee. Report of the Committee appointed to visit the Prisoners.

*Submitted to the House by*

JOSEPH WATSON, JAMES PEMBERTON,
JOHN JACOBS, *jun.* JOHN ROSS,
THOMAS MINSHALL, HENRY PAWLING."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That the said Committee do prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said *James Green* and *Benjamin Davis*, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to an* "*Act, entituled, An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and*

1769. *February* 4. "Lancaſter *into a ſeparate County*," with one Amendment thereto, which was read by Order, and being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Secretary alſo brought down and delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this Province*," and acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour adhered to his Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

The Committee appointed to prepare and lay an Eſtimate of the public Debts before the Houſe reported the ſame, according to Order, by which it appears, that the Amount of thoſe Debts is upwards of *Five Thouſand Pounds*.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 6. *Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers Owners of the *Tinicum* Meadows was again read, and, after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 7. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Bills for raiſing the Sum of *Fourteen Thouſand Pounds*, for the Uſe of the Houſe of Employment, and for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged, and infirm Maſters of Ships, their Widows and Children, being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Richardſon* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Mr. *Pemberton*, on Behalf of the Managers of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, laid before the Houſe a State of the Capital Stock, Expences, *&c.* of the ſaid Hoſpital, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*STATE of the Accounts of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjuſted by the* Managers, *being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Second of* Fifth Month, (May) 1768, *laid before the Contributors, at their annual Meeting, held at the ſaid Hoſpital at that Time.*

Report of the Committee on the Accounts of the Hoſpital.

BALANCE remaining at the Settlement of the Accounts laſt Year, viz.

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| In the Hands of the Treaſurer, | £ | 78 | 5 | 6½ | |
| In the Hands of the Steward, | | 86 | 10 | 10½ | |
| | | | | | £ 164 16 5 |

RECEIPTS this Year, viz.

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| Intereſt Money from ſundry Contributors, due on their Notes, | £ | 128 | 16 | 6 | |
| From the Borrowers of Money lent, | | 410 | 9 | 9 | |
| Annuities this Year, | | 161 | 16 | 8 | |
| | | | | | 701 2 11 |
| Contributions and Benefactions from private Perſons, | £ | 513 | 18 | 9 | |
| Legacies by Will, | | 280 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | 793 18 9 |
| For the Board of Pay Patients, | | | | | 368 0 0 |
| Sundry Contributors, the Principal Sums of their Notes paid off, | | | | | 105 0 0 |
| For a Mortgage ſold, | £ | 600 | 0 | 0 | |
| Caſh borrowed by the Managers, | | 300 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | 900 0 0 |

Charity Boxes, viz.

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| The Hoſpital's, in the Hall, | £ | 20 | | | |
| Provincial Aſſembly's, | | 7 | 1 | | |
| Iſrael Pemberton's, | | 3 | 10 | 0 | |
| William Allen's, | | 1 | 18 | 2½ | |
| | | | | | 33 6 9 |
| Sundry Medicines ſold, | | | | | 13 11 10 |
| Hogs and Calves Skins Ditto, | | | | | 9 9 10 |
| From ſundry Perſons for their viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Caſts, | | | | | 17 0 0 |
| Received from John Hodge, Student in Phyſic, for the Liberty of attending the Practice of the Hoſpital, | | | | | 8 2 0 |
| | | | | | £ 3,114 8 6 |
| Balance due to George Weed, Steward, per Account ſettled, | £ | 5 | 19 | 6 | |
| To Mary Ball, the 25th of April laſt, | | 25 | 8 | 0 | |
| | | | | | 31 7 6 |
| | | | | | £ 3,145 16 9 |

## PAYMENTS *this Year*, viz.

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| Notes taken of ſundry Perſons for their Contributions this Year, | | | | | £ 345 0 0 |
| Sundry Diſburſements on the Building, | £ | 48 | 7 | 10½ | |
| Furniture, an additional Number of Beds, Bedding, &c. | | 90 | 7 | 9¾ | |
| | | | | | 138 15 8¼ |
| | | | | | Carried over £ 483 15 8¼ |

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| Brought over | | | £ 483 15 8¼ | |
| **For Drugs and Medicines, viz.** | | | | |
| Remitted to Timothy Bevan in full, | £ 62 4 6 | | | *February 7.* |
| Bought in Philadelphia, amounting to | 106 10 4¾ | | | |
| Paid Samuel Ormes his Balance, | 1 18 3 | | | |
| Paid Dr. John Martin for Inſtruments, &c. | 35 10 3 | | | |
| | | | 206 3 4¾ | |
| **Fire Wood.** | | | | |
| Paid for cutting 193 Cords of Hickory and Oak on Dr. Zachary's Plantation, | £ 32 3 6 | | | |
| Iſrael Pemberton for 102 Cords of Wood, | 81 12 0 | | | |
| Wood and Coal, | 41 12 8 | | | |
| | | | 155 8 2 | |
| **Lots purchaſed.** | | | | |
| Paid Reuben Haines the Balance due for the Moiety of the Square next Eaſtw. of the Hoſpital, | £ 407 0 0 | | | |
| Henry Hall for his Right in the Eſtate of John Jones, | 100 0 0 | | | |
| | | | 507 0 0 | |
| Paid George Shoemaker for Smith's Work, | | | 4 5 0 | |
| Paid for cloathing of John Peter Operting, a labouring Lunatic, | | | 3 0 6½ | |
| Common Expences of Houſekeeping, ſuch as Meat, Butter, Flour, Cheeſe, Rice, Milk, Sugar, Melaſſes, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Candles, Soap, Sand, &c. | £ 1,293 15 0 | | | |
| Beer, | 14 5 6 | | | |
| Hogs bought, | 6 16 0 | | | |
| | | | 1,314 16 6 | |
| **Wages, viz.** | | | | |
| Paid the Steward, Matron, Nurſes, Servants, &c. | | | 229 11 0 | |
| **Extra Expences.** | | | | |
| Paid John Dickenſon, Eſq; Money which he advanced, in obtaining Opinion of Council, on a Matter depending, | | | 6 8 0 | |
| Paid David Hall for ſundry Books of Phyſic, &c. which he ſold the Hoſpital at prime Coſt, | | | 21 14 9 | |
| | | | £ 2,932 3 0½ | |
| Balance in the Hands of the Treaſurer, per his Account, is | | | 213 12 11½ | |
| | | | £ 3,145 16 0 | |

## A LIST *of New Contributions in the Year, ending 5th* Month 2, 1768.

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| Robert Wickerſham, | £ 10 0 0 |
| Salma Niſern, | 0 10 0 |
| Thomas Minſhall, | 0 15 0 |
| Chriſtopher Rawſon, of Halifax, G. B. additional, | 8 12 6 |
| The Signers of laſt Emiſſion of Paper Money, | 11 5 0 |
| John Roberts, Miller, additional, | 2 0 0 |
| Thomas Robinſon, | 20 0 0 |
| Jacob Jones, per John Wiſtar, | 25 0 0 |
| From a Company in Philadelphia, | 4 5 8 |
| William Hodge, additional, | 1 0 0 |
| Jonathan Smith, | 10 0 0 |
| William Coleman, Eſq; additional, | 8 10 7 |
| Samuel Southall, of Briſtol, £ 10 Sterling, | 16 15 0 |
| George Ruſſell, | 5 0 0 |
| James Hunter, | 10 5 0 |
| Joſeph Paſchall, | 10 0 0 |
| Joſeph Potts, | 100 0 0 |
| William Hoffman, | 10 0 0 |
| Thomas Gilbert, | 10 0 0 |
| Thomas Richie, | 10 0 0 |
| James Maccubin, | 20 0 0 |
| Thomas Mifflin, | 15 0 0 |
| Samuel Pleaſants, | 20 0 0 |
| David Chambers, | 10 0 0 |
| Francis Harris, | 10 0 0 |
| Owen Biddle, | 10 0 0 |
| Carried forward | £ 358 18 9 |

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| Brought forward | £ 358 18 9 |
| Robert Baſs, | 15 0 0 |
| Clement Biddle, | 10 0 0 |
| John Parrock, | 10 0 0 |
| Iſaac Howell, | 10 0 0 |
| John Willocks, | 10 0 0 |
| Thomas Fiſher, | 10 0 0 |
| William Sitgreaves, | 10 0 0 |
| Francis Hopkinſon, | 10 0 0 |
| John Rhea, | 10 0 0 |
| Thomas Foxcroft, | 10 0 0 |
| John Bayard, | 10 0 0 |
| George Shoemaker, | 10 0 0 |
| Jacob Brown, | 5 0 0 |
| | £ 488 18 9 |
| *LEGACIES*, viz. | |
| George Owen's, in Part, | £ 50 0 0 |
| Chriſtopher Brown's, Ditto, | 50 0 0 |
| Stephen Williams, | 30 0 0 |
| Robert Wilſon, | 10 0 0 |
| Septimus Robinſon, | 50 0 0 |
| Richard Johnſon, | 50 0 0 |
| Hudſon Emlen, | 40 0 0 |
| An additional Donation (accounted for laſt Year) of John Dickenſon, Eſq; | 25 0 0 |
| | £ 793 18 9 |

## CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *5th* Month 2, 1768.

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| Bonds and promiſſory Notes due from ſundry Contributors, for their reſpective Subſcriptions, | £ 2,034 3 4 | |
| Subſcriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained, | 59 0 0 | |
| | | £ 2,093 3 4 |
| Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Intereſt, | | 6,725 19 0 |
| Alſo an Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, during the Life of Joſeph Mountz. | | |
| REAL ESTATE, per Deeds in the Hands of the Treaſurer, viz. | | |
| A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, | £ 24 0 0 | |
| An Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Darby, | 100 0 0 | |
| Three Annuities, amounting to £ 10 1 4 per Annum, iſſuing out of three Houſes and Lots in Philadelphia, the Bequeſt of Mary Andrews, deceaſed, | 200 0 0 | |
| An Annuity of 14 Spaniſh Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Cheſtnut-ſtreet, late the Eſtate of John Jones, deceaſed, | 378 0 0 | |
| Three Annuities of 17 and a Half Spaniſh Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of Houſes and Lots in Southwark, purchaſed, | 400 2 0 | |
| The Moiety of the Square of Ground next Weſtward of the Hoſpital, with the Tenements thereon, purchaſed, | 443 17 6 | |
| The Moiety of the Square of Ground next Eaſtward of the Hoſpital purchaſed, | 607 0 0 | |
| | | £ 2,152 19 6 |
| The Anatomical Paintings and Caſts, preſented by Dr. Fothergill of London, | | 350 0 0 |
| | | £ 11,322 1 10 |

Beſides the Lot on which the Hoſpital is erected, with the Improvements.

By

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By a Liſt of the Names and Caſes of the Patients, it appears there have been admitted into this Hoſpital, within the Year, ending the Second of the Fifth Month (May) 1768, 494 poor diſeaſed Perſons, amongſt whom were 57 Lunatics, or ſuch who were diſordered in their Underſtanding.

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| And diſcharged Cured, | 267 |
| Relieved, | 25 |
| For Irregularity of Behaviour, | 7 |
| At their own Requeſt, | 5 |
| At the Requeſt of their Friends, | 13 |
| Eloped, | 18 |
| Died, | 47 |
| Incurable, | 1 |
| | 383 |
| Remain | 111 |
| Total, | 494 |

*Copy from the Minutes of the Managers.*

JAMES PEMBERTON."

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for a new Regulation of the Allotments of Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates, belonging to the* Tinicum *Company, Owners and Poſſeſſors of drained Meadow Land in the Townſhip of* Ridley, *in the County of* Cheſter," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Members, appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Two Bills paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill returned by the Governor, entituled, "*An Act for the preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this Province,*" and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, certain Alterations of the ſaid Bill being agreed to by the Houſe, a verbal Meſſage, containing the ſame, was drawn at the Table, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*A verbal Meſſage to the* GOVERNOR.

Verbal Meſſage to the Governor from the Aſſembly.

THE Houſe, deſirous to agree with the Governor on a Bill of ſo much Importance to the Public as that entituled, "*An Act for the preventing of Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this Province,*" have reconſidered the ſame, and offer to his Conſideration the following Alterations, inſtead of his propoſed Amendment relating to the new Appointment of the Aſſay Maſters, *viz.*"

Page 4, Lines 11 and 12. Dele the Words [his Succeſſor or Succeſſors].
Page 7, Lines 8 and 9. Dele the Words [their or either of their Succeſſors].
Pages 12 and 13. Dele from the Word [Act] excluſive in the 9th Line of Page 12, to the Word [But] in the 6th Line of Page 13.
Page 13, Line 7. Dele the Words [or hereafter to be].
Page 14, Line 1. Dele the Words [his Succeſſors and every of them].
Page 17, Line 9. Dele the Words [for the Time being].
Page 25, Line 2. Dele the Words [or his Succeſſor].

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor with the foregoing verbal Meſſage, and return the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this Province,*" for his further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for aſcertaining the Security to be given by the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Time being, for the faithful Performance of his Truſt.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raiſing the Sum of *Sixteen Thouſand Pounds*, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the Public Debts, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame, being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the verbal Meſſage of the Houſe, and return the Aſſay Bill, to which it related, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would reconſider the ſaid Bill, and acquaint the Houſe with his Reſult thereon.

The Houſe, being acquainted that the Public Revenue, which ought to ariſe from the Duties impoſed on *Negroe* and *Mulattoe* Slaves imported into this Province, is not duly collected in the County of *York*, and it appearing from the Return of the Collector of

of the said Duties in *Philadelphia*, that he has not appointed any Deputies in the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Berks*, by Means whereof the said Revenue is like to remain in some Measure uncollected, 1769. February 7.

*Ordered*, That the said Collector do forthwith lay before the House an Account of the Sums by him annually received, since his Appointment, from each County in this Province, and assign his Reasons for not appointing Deputies in the said Counties of *Cumberland* and *Berks*.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk deliver a Copy of the above Order to the said Collector in *Philadelphia*.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *James Green*, *Benjamin Davis*, &c. Prisoners for Debt, in the Gaol of this City, with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same, being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Watson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Persons settling on Lands, in this Province, not purchased of the *Indians*.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition and Account of *Josiah Franklin Davenport*, presented to the late Assembly, and, after some Debate thereon, referred the same to the Examination of the Committee of Accounts, with Orders to the said Committee to report their Sentiments to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the Accounts "of the Managers, and to sue for and recover of them, their Executors or Administrators "such Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid, on Account of the Lottery set up and "drawn for erecting a new School-house for the* High Dutch Reformed *Congregation*," &c. which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. *February* 8.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising the "Sum of* Sixteen Thousand Pounds *for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts, and other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for "raising the Sum of* Sixteen Thousand Pounds, *for the Support of the Government of this "Province, and Payment of the public Debts, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. *Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale "of a Church in the City of* Philadelphia, *to pay the Debts now due for building the same "and distributing the Residue of the Purchase-Monies arising from such Sale among the se-"veral Persons who have been obliged to advance Monies on Account of the said Church*," and acquainted the House, he was ready to pass the said Bill whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Mr. Secretary also returned the two Lottery Bills, for raising the several Sums of *Sixteen Hundred* and *Eighty-seven Pounds Ten Shillings*, for the Use of the *German Lutheran* Churches in *York* Town, *Heidelberg* and *Lebanon*; and *Three Thousand* and *Ninety-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings*, for the Use of the first, second and third *Presbyterian* Congregations of *Philadelphia*, and the *German Reformed* Church in the Township of *Worcester*, with Amendments to the same, which being read, and agreed to by the House, the said Bills were ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

With the above-mentioned Bills the Secretary likewise returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in Gold and Silver Wares made and sold in this "Province*," with a Message from the Governor, in Answer to the verbal Message from the House of Yesterday, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*The Governor's Answer to the verbal Message of the Assembly of the Seventh Instant, proposing some Alterations to the Amendments made by the Governor to the Bill, entituled,* "An Act for the preventing Frauds and Abuses in Gold and Silver Wares," *&c.*

'THE Governor's Amendment was intended to guard against the Possibility of any 'Dispute which might hereafter arise on the Determination of the Office of the 'Persons to be appointed by the Justices, on the Death or Removal of either of the 'Assay-Masters named in the Bill, respecting the new Appointment of such Officer; A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

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'and he cannot see why the House should object to the Amendment, unless they mean, 'by the Ambiguity of the Words in the Bill [until the End of the next Sitting of As-'sembly] to exclude him, at a future Time, from any Share with them in the Nomi-'nation of the Officers; which is a Prerogative of the Crown he cannot part with, and 'therefore adheres to his Amendment. The Inconveniences and Confusion which would 'arise, for Want of a Power lodged somewhere, in Case of the Death or Removal of 'an Officer, during the Recess of the Assembly, are so evident, that the Governor cannot 'accede to the proposed Alterations offered him by the House in their verbal Message."

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners for and against the damming *Hollander's* Creek and *Hay* Creek, and report thereon to the House, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee upon Hollander's and Hay Creeks.

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, your Committee have heard the Petitioners for damming *Hollander's* Creek, near its Junction with *Hay* Creek, together with the Persons who petition for stopping the said *Hollander's* and *Hay* Creeks at their Mouths on the River *Delaware*, and from the Reasons and Allegations, offered to your Committee by the Petitioners for stopping said Creeks at their Mouths on the said River *Delaware*, we rather incline to be of Opinion, that some Years hence the said Creeks will so fill up as to render them in a great Degree useless, not only with Respect to any Navigation that may be carried on in the same, but also from furnishing the Meadows adjoining and bounded on the said Creeks with fresh Waters, for the Use and Benefit of the Meadows; at which Time the Banks and Sluices on both Sides the said two Creeks probably will be so much out of Repair, that it may then be thought indispensably necessary by all the Parties concerned to dam out both those Creeks at their respective Mouths. Your Committee, however, can see no sufficient Reason offered to prevent or obstruct the Petitioners of the *Wiccacoa* and *Moyamensing* Companies from having the Prayer of their Petition at this Time granted for erecting a Dam across *Hollander's* Creek near its Junction with *Hay* Creek; which we submit to the House.

ISAAC PEARSON, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
*February* 8, 1769. CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JOHN ROSS,
JOHN SELLERS, HENRY PAWLING."

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 9.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Governor's Message of the Eighth Instant, with the Clause of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act* "*for the preventing Frauds and Abuses in Gold and Silver Wares made and sold in this* "*Province*," upon which his Amendment is founded,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Words objected to by the Governor [until the End of the next Sitting of Assembly] are plain and easy to be understood, and free from any Ambiguity whatever, as appears from the said Clause which follows in these Words, *viz.*

——— "And in Case the said Assay-Masters, or either of them, shall neglect or re-"fuse to execute the said Office, or die, or remove out of the said City of *Philadelphia*, "or Town of *Lancaster*, or misbehave, and be thereof convicted, it shall and may be "lawful for the Mayor and Recorder, with any Three Aldermen of the City of *Phila-*"*delphia* aforesaid, or for any five Justices of the County of *Lancaster* respectively to ap-"point some other fit and capable Person, who shall thereupon be the Officer for as-"saying and marking Plate as aforesaid (if they shall reside in the Places aforesaid re-"spectively) until the End of the next Sitting of Assembly, and no longer."

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* John Cottringer *and* Joseph Cauffman *to hold Lands in this Province*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the* "*Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow Land therein described,* "*situate in the Township of* Kingsess, *in the County of* Philadelphia, *to keep the Banks,* "*Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raise a Fund to defray the Expence there-*"*of*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the* "*Owners and Possessors of* Wiccacoa *and* Moyamensing *Meadows to erect a Dam across* "Hollander's *Creek, near its Junction with* Hay *Creek, and for other Purposes therein* "*mentioned*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Sellers*, Mr. *John Minshall*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Thomas Minshall* and Mr. *Allen*

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Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to visit the *Pennsylvania Hospital*, and report the State thereof to the House.

*February* 9. Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 10.

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message of the Sixteenth *ult.* reported, they had a essayed Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair; and the same being read, was, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for a new Regulation of the Allotments of Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates belonging to the* Tinicum *Company, Owners and Possessors of drained Meadow Land in the Township of* Ridley, *in the County of* Chester," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Collector of the Duties on *Negroe* and *Mulattoe* Slaves imported into this Province, pursuant to Order, laid before the House, by a Member, the Amount of those Duties in each of the Counties of the said Province, since his Appointment, with some Reasons for his not having appointed Deputies in the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Berks*, which were read by Order, and, after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Collector do in future use his utmost Endeavours to appoint proper Persons as his Deputies in the Counties of *York*, *Cumberland* and *Berks*, and that he make Report of his Proceedings to the House.

An Address from the *American Philosophical Society in* Philadelphia, *for promoting useful Knowledge*, was presented to the House, read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in General Assembly met*,

*The humble Address of the* American Philosophical Society, *held at* Philadelphia, for promoting useful Knowledge.

*GENTLEMEN*,

Address from the Philosophical Society.

THE kind Reception, which the late Honourable House of Assembly, at their Session in *September*, were pleased to give to the humble Address presented to them by one of the Societies, whereof this Society is now composed, and the generous Vote passed in Pursuance of said Address, to purchase a reflecting Telescope, with its proper Apparatus, for observing the ensuing Transit of *Venus*, are Evidences, that the House were actuated by a laudable Desire to promote useful Knowledge, and the Reputation of their Country; and therefore it was judged, by the Gentlemen who presented that Address, a Duty incumbent on them to acknowledge, in the most public Manner, the grateful Light, in which this Mark of Favour and Protection, from the Representatives of their Country, ought to be considered by every Lover of Science and useful Arts in the Province.

But as an Union of two Societies, who at that Time pursued the same Ends on different Foundations, hath since happily taken Place, and we are now, in our united State, to share the common Benefit of the Assembly's Generosity, we therefore beg Leave, in the most humble Manner, to express our grateful Sense of the public Countenance given by the late Honourable Assembly to the Designs for which we are associated, and to request the Continuance of the like Favour and Protection from your Honourable House, in the further Prosecution of those Designs, as far as they may appear calculated to promote the public Good.

It would be needless, on this Occasion, to point out to you how many and various Benefits may accrue to any Country, and especially to young Colonies, from a Society instituted on so extensive a Plan as that of the *American Philosophical Society*, held at *Philadelphia, for promoting useful Knowledge*. The Experience of Ages shews, that by such Institutions, Arts and Sciences are in general advanced, useful Discoveries promoted and communicated, many ingenious Artists, who might otherwise remain in Obscurity, drawn forth, patronized and placed in public Usefulness; and (what is of great Consequence to these young Countries, especially in their present Situation) every domestic Improvement, that may help either to save or acquire Wealth, may, by such Means, be more effectually carried on. While such are our Views, we flatter ourselves, we shall never solicit the Countenance of the Assembly of *Pennsylvania* in vain.

We therefore now beg Leave to renew the Request, that you would be pleased to make some further Provision for carrying into Execution the Observation of the ensuing Transit, which is an Object of so much Importance, that most of the civilized States in *Europe* appear to be desirous of lending Assistance in it. As the Use of the Telescope, under such Directions as you may think proper, will be necessary as soon as it arrives, we further pray, that Leave may be given for erecting an Observatory in the State-House Ground,

1769. *February* 10. Ground, with ſuch public Aſſiſtance as you may think convenient for erecting the ſame, and alſo for making an Obſervation of the Tranſit, at leaſt as far Weſtward as Fort *Pitt*, which will be of great Uſe compared with Obſervations in this and other Places more to the Eaſtward.

Signed by Order, and in Behalf of the Society,

*February* 7, 1769. THOMAS BOND, V. P."

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, " *An Act to enable* John Cottringer *and* Joſeph Cauffman *to hold* " *Lands in this Province,*" was read the ſecond time, and ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *Mary Baſtone* was referred, made their Report in Writing, which being read, was referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to continue the* " *Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entituled,* " *An Act for appointing Wardens for the* " *Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay* " *of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port,*" and, after ſome Debate thereon, ordered, that the ſaid Bill do lie on the Table for further Conſideration.

The Governor, by the Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, " *An Act to diſſolve* " *the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County of* Lancaſter, *Iron-Maſter, with* Ann *his* " *Wife, late* Ann Few, *and to enable him to marry again;*" and " *An Act to enable the* " *Managers of the Contributions to the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of* " Philadelphia, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fourteen Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, towards* " *diſcharging their Debts, and to provide a Fund for redeeming and ſinking the ſaid Bills,*" with ſome Amendments to the ſame, which were ſeverally read by Order, and being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bills were ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Relief of* James Green, Benjamin Davis *and* " Paul Riffet, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Reſpect to the Im-* " *priſonment of their Perſons,*" was read the ſecond time, and ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 11. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Perſons from ſettling on Lands within this Province not purchaſed of the *Indians*, reported, they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage being tranſcribed, according to Order, was again read, ſigned by the Speaker, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

A Meſſage to the Governor from the Aſſembly. WE have taken into our Conſideration your Meſſage, acquainting us, that a general Boundary-Line was happily ſettled by Sir *William Johnſon*, his Majeſty's Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs, between the *Indians* of the *Six Nations*, the *Delawares* and *Shawaneſe*, and his Majeſty's middle Colonies. The Accompliſhment of a Meaſure ſo important to the *Britiſh* Intereſt in *America* could not fail to give us the utmoſt Satisfaction, as we have Reaſon to expect it will be the Means of preſerving that Harmony and Friendſhip between thoſe Colonies and the Natives, which have heretofore, from various Cauſes, been too frequently interrupted. It is alſo particularly agreeable to us, to learn, that the Proprietaries of this Province have purchaſed a large Tract of Country within that Boundary, from whence a Proſpect is afforded of new and extenſive Settlements, and a further Encreaſe of Inhabitants within this Province.

And as we eſteem it our incumbent Duty, it ſhall be our conſtant Care, to pay a ſtrict Regard and Attention to whatever Objects his Majeſty ſhall, in his Wiſdom, be graciouſly pleaſed to recommend to our Conſideration. Nothing therefore in our Power ſhall be wanting, which ſhall appear neceſſary and effectual to prevent future Settlements on the Lands unpurchaſed of the *Indians*, and every other Abuſe or Act of Injuſtice that can reaſonably create in them a Diſſatisfaction to the Colonies in general, or this Province in particular.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

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The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Addreſs from the *American Philoſophical Society for promoting uſeful Knowledge*, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be granted to the ſaid Society, to be laid out towards defraying the Expences neceſſary for obſerving the enſuing Tranſit of *Venus*, and that a Certificate for the ſaid Sum be prepared to be ſigned by the Speaker.

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The Representation from *Robert Smith*, of this City, Master-Builder, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising the Sum of* Sixteen Thousand Pounds, *for* "*the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts, and* "*for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Watson* do wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and also deliver the Answer of the House to his Honour's Message of the Sixteenth Instant.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 13. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same, together with the Answer of the House to his Message of the Sixteenth Instant, and that he was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

The Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the* "Wiccacoa *and* Moyamensing *Meadows to erect a Dam across* Hollander's *Creek, near* "*its Junction with* Hay *Creek, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act* "*to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers, and to* "*sue for and recover of them, their Executors or Administrators such Sums of Money as are* "*now due and unpaid on Account of the Lottery set up and drawn for erecting a new School-* "*house for the* High Dutch Reformed *Congregation, and for enabling the Vestry and War-* "*dens of* St. James's *Church, in the Borough of* Lancaster, *to complete the Work by them* "*begun,*" &c. being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Thomas Minshall* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Recorder of Deeds for the County and City of *Philadelphia*, to receive into his Custody the antient Books and Records of the Corporation of *Germantown*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 14.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed by the House last Night, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bills into Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The Commissioners appointed by Law for clearing the River *Schuylkill*, laid a State of their Accounts of Monies expended in that Work, before the House, which were read by Order, and referred for further Examination to the Committee of Accounts.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of* "*Marsh and Meadow Land therein described, situate in the Township of* Kingsess, *in the* "*County of* Philadelphia, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and* "*to raise a Fund to defray the Expence thereof,*" and, "*An Act for a new Regulation* "*of the Allotments of Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates, belonging to the* Tinicum "*Company, Owners and Possessors of drained Meadow Land in the Township of* Ridley, *in* "*the County of* Chester," being transcribed, according to Order, were read the third time and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a verbal Message to the House, requesting to be furnished with a List of the Orders and Certificates of Assembly, mentioned in the Bill, now under his Consideration, entituled, "*An Act for raising the Sum of* Six-"teen Thousand Pounds *for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment* "*of the public Debts, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent* "*Persons from settling on Lands within the Boundaries of this Province not purchased of* "*the* Indians," which, being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered,* That a Certificate be drawn and signed by the Speaker, payable to *Joseph Fox* and *James Pemberton*, Esqrs; for the Sum of *Fifty Pounds,* to be laid out in building a House, and such Necessaries as they shall think most useful to *Isaac Still*, *Indian*

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*February* 14. In Purſuance of the Governor's Meſſage by the Secretary, a Liſt of the Orders and Certificates of Aſſembly, payable out of the Supply Bill now before him, was prepared, and being examined at the Table,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 15. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with two Bills paſſed Yeſterday, and the Liſt of Orders and Certificates iſſued by Aſſembly in Diſcharge of the public Debts, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for aſcertaining the Securities to be given by the Provincial Treaſurer for the Time being, for the faithful Performance of his Truſt, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, which being read the firſt time, was again read by ſpecial Order, and directed to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the* "*Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of* Philadelphia, *to receive into his Cuſtody the* "*antient Books and Records of the Corporation of* Germantown," which being read a ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe being informed that there is a large Number of Deeds delivered over by the late Recorder of Deeds into the Hands of *Richard Waln* and *Timothy Matlack*, belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province, which ought to be depoſited in the Office for Recording of Deeds,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do call before them the ſaid *Richard Waln* and *Timothy Matlack*, and make due Enquiry into the Circumſtances of the Premiſes, and make Report thereof to this Houſe.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Bills, reſpectively entituled, "*An Act to enable* John Cottringer *and* Joſeph Cauffman *to hold Lands in this Province*;"——"*An Act to enable the Recorder of Deeds for* "*the City and County of* Philadelphia *to receive into his Cuſtody the antient Books and Re-*"*cords of the Corporation of* Germantown;"——"*An Act for aſcertaining the Security* "*to be given by the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Time being, for the faithful Performance* "*of his Truſt*;——"*An Act to prevent Perſons from ſettling on Lands within the Boun-*"*daries of this Province not purchaſed of the* Indians;" and, "*An Act for the Relief of* "James Green, Benjamin Davis *and* Paul Riffet, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* "Philadelphia, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County of* Lanca-"ſter, *Iron Maſter, with* Ann *his Wife, late* Ann Few, *and to enable him to marry* "*again*," and ſome Obſcurities appearing in the ſaid Amendments, an Anſwer to the ſame was drawn at the Table, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

THE Houſe agree to the Governor's Amendments, ſubmitting it to him whether the Word [as] in the latter Part of Line the 8th, in the third Amendment, and the Word [and] in the 13th Line of the ſaid Amendment, ought not to be omitted."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Knight* wait on the Governor with the five Bills above-mentioned, and the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Honour's Amendments to the Bill for diſſolving the Marriage of *Curtis Grubb*, of the County of *Lancaſter*, Iron Maſter, *&c.* and deliver the ſame for his Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills for a new Regulation of the Allotment of Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates belonging to the *Tinicum* Meadows, and for recovering certain Balances due to a Lottery drawn ſome Years ſince in the Borough of *Lancaſter*, and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

Mr. Secretary alſo brought down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing the Sum* "*of* Sixteen Thouſand Pounds *for the Support of the Government of this Province, and* "*Payment of the public Debts*," &c. and, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors* "*of the* Wiccacoa *and* Moyamenſing *Meadows, to erect a Dam acroſs* Hollander's *Creek,* "*near its Junction with* Hay *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," with Amendments to each of the ſaid Bills, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

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The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the five Bills above-mentioned, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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February 16.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising the Sum of* Sixteen "Thousand Pounds *for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of* "*the public Debts*," &c. after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether the House will adhere to the Bill? the same was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and acquaint him that the House adhere to the same, and request he will be pleased to give all convenient Dispatch to the other Matters before him, as the House incline to adjourn at the End of the Week.

The Members return, and report they had delivered the said Bill and Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would give all the Dispatch in his Power to the Business before him.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Grievances, on the Petition of *Mary Bastone*, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The following Certificates, *viz.* To *James Hamilton*, Esq; for £ 18 15 2. —— To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for £ 25 7 1. —— To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; and the Executors of *Isaac Norris* and *Edward Warner*, Esqrs; deceased, for £ 103 5 10.—To *Peter Bard*, for £ 86 16 4.—And to the Administrators of *William Leech*, deceased, for £ 9 16 4. ——Being prepared by Order, were signed by Mr. Speaker and the Clerk, to be delivered as respectively directed.

Adjournment

Post Meridiem

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving, and cleansing the High-* "*ways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the Water-* "*Courses and Common Sewers within the inhabited and settled Parts of the City of* Phila- "delphia," *&c.* being engrossed according to Order, was again read and compared at the Table.

The Committee appointed to visit the *Pennsylvania Hospital*, and report the State thereof to the House, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee appointed to visit the Pennsylvania Hospital.

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, your Committee beg Leave to report, that they have visited the *Pennsylvania Hospital*, and examined the several Wards therein, and find, besides several Lunaticks and insane Persons, admitted from divers Parts of this Province, there are in that noble and charitable Institution, a large Number of sick, maimed and infirm Patients, who, under the benevolent Care, Attention, and Direction of the Managers, are kept in a clean and comfortable Manner, and being attended by some of the most eminent Physicians of this City, your Committee make no Doubt but the most effectual Assistance is administered which their various Cases can admit, and the medical Art afford: An Institution so beneficial to the Distressed, must give Satisfaction to every charitable Benefactor, and reflect Honour on the Province in general.

EMANUEL CARPENTER,
THOMAS MINSHALL,
JOHN BROWNE,
JOHN MINSHALL,
JOSEPH FOX,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
SAMUEL POTTS,
JOSEPH WATSON,
JOHN SELLERS."

Adjournment

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The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pemberton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to oblige certain Persons who have a Number of Deeds belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province in their Custody, to deposit them in the Office for recording Deeds in the County of *Philadelphia*, and to report the same to the House.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the following Bills sent up for his Concurrence, *viz.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising the Sum of* Sixteen Thousand Pounds *for* "*the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts, and for* "*other Purposes therein mentioned*," with a verbal Message, as follows, *viz.*

*SIR*,

THE Governor returns the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising the Sum of* Sixteen Thousand Pounds *for the Support of the Government of this Province*," &c. and commands

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mands me to acquaint the Houſe, that he has reconſidered the two Amendments he propoſed to it, and as the firſt of them regards only Propriety of Expreſſion, and the other is of little Conſequence to the real Merits of the Bill, he conſents to wave them."

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County of* Lancaſter, *Iron-Maſter, with* Ann *his Wife, late* Ann Few, *and to enable him to marry again,*" and acquainted the Houſe that the Part they had objected to in his Amendment being an Error in Clerkſhip, he conſented to expunge the Words pointed out by their Anſwer.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Maſters of Ships, their Widows and Children,*" with a Meſſage that he could not agree to paſs the ſaid Bill into a Law.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of* Philadelphia, *to receive into his Cuſtody the antient Books and Records of the Corporation of* Germantown," with a litteral Amendment, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for aſcertaining the Securities to be given by the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Time being, for the faithful Performance of his Truſt,*" with a litteral Amendment, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Perſons from ſettling on the Lands within the Boundaries of this Province, not purchaſed of the* Indians," with an Amendment, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow Land therein deſcribed, ſituated in the Townſhip of* Kingſeſs, *in the County of* Philadelphia, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof,*" with two Amendments, which were agreed to by the Houſe, and

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* James Green, Benjamin Davis *and* Paul Riffet, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of the City of* Philadelphia, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons,*" with ſome Amendments, to one of which an Objection ariſing in the Houſe, an Anſwer to the ſame was drawn at the Table in the Words following, *viz.*

Page Line The Houſe adhere to the Bill, unleſs the Governor agrees to expunge the Words [ſubſequent to ſuch Aſſignment] in the 9th and 10th Lines of the ſame Page.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Amendments ſent down by the Governor, with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the* Wiccacoa *and* Moyamenſing *Meadows, to erect a Dam acroſs* Hollander's *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" and ſome Miſtake in Point of Clerkſhip appearing therein, an Anſwer to the ſaid Amendments was drawn at the Table as follows, *viz.*

The Houſe agree to the Governor's Amendments, provided he means to inſert the Word [little] after the Word [acroſs] in Page the 5th, Line the 7th, there being no ſuch Word as [acroſs] in Page the 3d.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Pawling* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Anſwers to his Amendments, and acquaint him that the Houſe being deſirous to adjourn this Week, propoſe, if his Honour has no Objection, that the Bills returned this Morning with his Concurrence, be paſſed in their tranſcribed Copies as they cannot be engroſſed in Time, and that he would be pleaſed to appoint ſome Gentlemen of the Council to join in comparing the Bills already engroſſed, with their Originals.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Petition of *Mary Baſtone* againſt *Daniel Rundle*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, referring the ſame to further Conſideration, recommended to the ſaid Committee to re-examine all the material Evidences on their Qualifications, and collect ſuch further Teſtimony as they may think deſerves the Attention of the Houſe.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had no Objection to the Propoſal of paſſing ſuch Bills in the tranſcribed Copies, as were not engroſſed, and ſhould appoint ſome Members of Council to aſſiſt in comparing the engroſſed Bills with their Originals.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Livezey* be a Committee to depoſit the antient Books and Records of the Corporation of *Germantown*, in the Office for recording of Deeds in the City of *Philadelphia*, and to take the Receipt of the Recorder for the ſame.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia* concerning the Sale of the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill*, reported they had, in Conſequence of their Appointment, had a Meeting with a Committee of the ſaid Corporation, and delivered them a Copy of the Minutes of the Houſe on that Matter;—that nothing

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final or conclusive has yet been done, the Committee of the Corporation not having any Power to dispose of the said Ferry, only to confer, but that the same Committee had promised to report to the Corporation what had passed at the Conference with the Committee of the House, and would again meet them. 1769. February 17.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* do join with the Members of Council, in comparing the several engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. February 18.

The Committee of Grievances reporting to the House, that *John Murgatroid*, a Witness duly cited before them to give Evidence in a Matter of Aggrievance, had declined to be qualified according to Law, the said *Murgatroid* was called in, and being asked by the Speaker, whether he would take the Qualification required by the Committee, informed the House he was ready to take it, and he was accordingly qualified by the Chief Justice, before the said Committee.

The Members appointed to meet the Gentlemen of the Council to compare the several engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same, according to Order, and found them to agree.

*Ordered*, That the said Members do see the Great Seat affixed to the said Bills, after they shall be enacted into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

The House then took into Consideration the Governor's Support, and, after some Time spent therein,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, towards his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum, being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, by Order of the House, to be delivered to his Honour, when the House shall attend him to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he has given his Assent.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Chapman* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the House would be glad to know his Result on the Bill before him for naturalizeing *John Cottringer* and *Joseph Cauffman*; that they incline to adjourn to the second *Monday* in *May*, if he has no Objection thereto, and request he would inform the House, at what Hour this Afternoon they shall attend him to enact into Laws the several Bills which have been returned with his Assent.

The Members return, and report they had waited on his Honour, and delivered their Message, according to Order; that he was pleased to say, he purposed to continue the Naturalization-Bill under Consideration till the next Meeting of the House; that he had no Objection to the proposed Time of Adjournment, and should be in the Council Chamber at Twelve o'Clock, to enact into Laws the several Bills which have been agreed on.

A Message by the Secretary:

*SIR*,

"The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Speaker and the House to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he has given his "Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber; and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour, and presented several Bills, respectively entituled, as follows, *viz*, "*A Supplement to an Act, entituled*, "*An Act for erecting Part of the* "*Counties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and* Lancaster, *into a separate County*;" —"*An Act* "*for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* One Thousand Six Hundred *and* Eighty "Seven Pounds Ten Shillings, *to be applied to the Payment of the Arrears of Debt due* "*for the erecting and finishing the* German Reformed *Church, and the* German Lutheran "*Church in* York Town, *and for the Payment of the Arrears of Debt due for the erecting* "*and finishing the* German Lutheran *Churches at* Heidelberg *and* Lebanon, *both of* Lan-"caster *County*;"—"*An Act for the Sale of a Church in the City of* Philadelphia, *to pay* "*the Debts now due for the building the same, and distributing the Residue of the Purchase* "*Monies arising from such Sale, among the several Persons who have been obliged to ad-*"*vance Monies on Account of the said Church*;"——"*An Act to enable the Commissioners* "*therein named to settle the Accounts of the Managers, and sue for and recover of them, their* "*Executors or Administrators, such Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid, on Account* "*of the Lottery set up and drawn, for erecting a new School-House for the* High Dutch Re-"formed *Congregation, and for enabling the Vestry and Wardens of* St. James's *Church, in* "*the Borough of* Lancaster, *to complete the Work by them begun, and also to enable the Ma-*"*nagers to sue for and recover the Monies due to them for the Sale of Tickets in said Lot-*"*tery*;"——"*An Act for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Three Thousand *and* "Ninety-nine Pounds Twelve Shillings, *for the Use of the first and third* Presbyterian "*Churches, and the second* Presbyterian *Church in the City of* Philadelphia, *and of the*

1769. February 18. "German Reformed *Church in the Township of* Worceſter;" "*An Act to enable the* "*Managers of the Contributions to the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of* "Philadelphia, *to raiſe the Sum of* Fourteen Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, towards* "*diſcharging their Debts, and to provide a Fund for redeeming and ſinking the ſaid Bills;*" —"*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow* "*Land therein deſcribed, ſituate in the Township of* Kingſeſs, *in the County of* Philadel- "phia, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund* "*to defray the Expence thereof;*"——"*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of the* "Wiccacoa *and* Moyamenſing *Meadows to erect a Dam acroſs* Hollander's *Creek, near* "*its Junction with* Hay *Creek, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;*"—"*An Act* "*to diſſolve the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County of* Lancaſter, *Iron-Maſter, with* "Ann *his Wife, late* Ann Few, *and to enable him to marry again;*"——"*An Act for* "*raiſing the Sum of* Sixteen Thouſand Pounds *for the Support of the Government of this* "*Province, and Payment of the public Debts, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned;*"— "*An Act for a new Regulation of the Allotments of Banks, Dams, Sluices and Flood-* "*gates belonging to the* Tinicum *Company, Owners and Poſſeſſors of drained Meadow Land* "*in the Township of* Ridley, *in the County of* Cheſter;"—"*An Act to enable the Recorder* "*of Deeds for the City and County of* Philadelphia *to receive into his Cuſtody the antient* "*Books and Records of the Corporation of* Germantown:"——"*An Act for the Relief of* "James Green, Benjamin Davis *and* Paul Riffet, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* "Philadelphia, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons;*"——"*An Act for* "*aſcertaining the Security to be given by the Provincial Treaſurer for the Time being, for* "*the faithful Performance of his Truſt;*"——"*An Act to prevent Perſons from ſettling* "*on Lands within the Boundaries of this Province not purchaſed of the* Indians;" and, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleanſing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and* "*Alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the Water-Courſes and Common Sewers* "*within the inhabited and ſettled Parts of the City of* Philadelphia: *for raiſing Money to* "*defray the Expences thereof, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*"——To which ſeveral Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into Laws.——The Speaker alſo reported, that he had then, in the Name and Behalf of the Houſe, preſented to the Governor their Certificate for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for which his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he was obliged to the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to enquire what Laws and Votes of this Province are out of Print, and into the Expediency of reprinting the ſame, and report their Opinion to the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſeveral Laws this Day paſſed, reported the ſame had been done, according to Order, and that they had depoſited the ſaid Laws in the Rolls Office.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* the Eighth of *May* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*May* 8. Adjournment. MR. Speaker, with Twenty Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 9. Adjournment. Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not yet appearing, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. A Quorum met purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Evans* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe being met in Purſuance of their Adjournment, are ready to receive any Buſineſs his Honour may be pleaſed to lay before them.

A Petition from divers Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the preſerving a Stock of wild Deer in the Woods has always been juſtly looked upon, by the Aſſemblies of this Province, as a Matter worthy of their particular Care, as appears from the many Regulations by Law made for that Purpoſe;——that the Law now in Force to prevent Killing of Deer out of Seaſon, which extends the Time of Hunting to the firſt of *January*, has already occaſioned that almoſt all the Deer are either killed or driven away from the inhabited Parts of the Province, as deep Snows frequently fall before that Time, in which they are continually chaſed, and more killed, when the Fleſh and Skins are not of half Value, than in all the Seaſon of Hunting before, and if they continue to decreaſe as they have done ſince the Paſſing of that Law, in a few Years the Breed will, in all Probability, become extinct, except far back in the Woods; which may induce the White People to hunt on the Lands not yet purchaſed of the *Indians*, which is a Matter we ought, by all Means in our Power, timely to guard againſt;——that if a Month or Six Weeks was taken off the latter Part of the Time, and the Law put in Practice againſt all Offenders, the Petitioners conceive the Deer might ſtill encreaſe and become plenty: Wherefore they requeſt the Houſe would be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and make ſuch Amendments to the ſaid Law, as they in their Wiſdom ſhall judge neceſſary.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Hillegas*

Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Livezey*, pursuant to the Order of the House of the Seventeenth of *February*, appointing them to deliver the Books and Records of the late Corporation of *Germantown*, to the Recorder of Deeds for the County of *Philadelphia*, reported they performed that Service according to Order, and have taken a Receipt from the said Recorder for the same, in the Words following, *viz.* 1769. *May* 9.

No. 1. Charter from *William Penn*, Esq; true and absolute Proprietary of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, incorporating certain Persons therein named, and therein after distinguished by the Name of Bailiffe, Burgesses and Commonality of *Germantown*, in the County of *Philadelphia*. ——— Recorded at *Philadelphia* in Patent Book A. Pa. 277.

No. 2. A Parchment Book containing the Records of the General Court of the said Corporation (wrote in *Dutch)* commencing the 2d of 4th *Month*, 1691, and ending the 7th of 11th *Month*, 1706-7.

No. 3. A Paper Book of Records held at the Corporation of *Germantown* aforesaid, commencing the 6th Day of the 8th *Month*, and ending the———of the———*Month*, 1706-7.

No. 4. A Parchment Book of Records of sundry Conveyances for Land in *Germantown* aforesaid.

No. 5. A Deed Poll on Parchment from *James Delaplain* to the Bailiffe, Burgesses and Commonality of *Germantown* aforesaid, for a Tract of Land in *Germantown* aforesaid, dated the 6th of the 11th *Month*, 1703-4, acknowledged in open Court at *Germantown* aforesaid.

No. 6. A Draught of a Tract of Land, Courses and Distance given, endorsed "*Tractus Germanopolitanus adscitam.*"

No. 7. A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Germantown* to the above Court, praying the said Court to grant them the Privilege of a Mill Race to run alongside Part of a Street, *&c.* which Petition was granted by the said Court.

RECEIVED, the 25th Day of *February*, 1769, of *Thomas Livezey* and *Michael Hillegas*, Esqrs; the Charter and Records mentioned and contained in the above Schedule, in order that the same may be deposited by me in the Office for recording of Deeds for the County of *Philadelphia*, pursuant to an Act of General Assembly passed the 18th Day of *February* instant, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Recorder of Deeds* "*for the City and County of* Philadelphia, *to receive into his Custody, the antient Books* "*and Records of the Corporation of* Germantown." Witness my Hand, the Day and Year first above written.

WILLIAM PARR, *Recorder.*"

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pemberton*, be a Committee to revise the Minutes of the last Sitting, and report the several Matters therein referred to the Consideration of the House at their present Meeting.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *May* 10.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to recommend to the Consideration of the House.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes, and report such Matters as were left unfinished at the last, and referred to the present Sitting of the House, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE have inspected the Minutes of the House, and find the following Matters referred to the present Sitting.

The Consideration of the most prudent Ways and Means of issuing a proper Quantity of Bills of Credit.

The Report to be made by the Committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia*, relating to their Ferry on *Schuylkill*, and the Consideration of the State of the Road to *Lancaster*.

The Bill directed to be brought in for regulating the Assize of Bread.

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners concerning the overflowing of the Common Sewers, at the Intersection of *Market-Street* and *Fourth-Street* in the City of *Philadelphia*, were to report to this Sitting.

The Committee appointed to view the Channel and Channels of the River *Schuylkill*, on each Side of *Barbados* Island, *&c.* were required to report to the House at this Sitting.

We

1769. *May* 10. We likewiſe find that the Act, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware," &c. expires this Sitting.

*Submitted to the Houſe,*

*May* 10th 1769.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
JAMES PEMBERTON."

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That *Elizabeth Curtz* hath behaved in an indecent and very diſorderly Manner, as well to the Members as to the Houſe itſelf, to the great Interruption of the public Buſineſs, and hath been guilty of a Contempt to the Houſe; therefore

*Ordered*, That the Serjeant at Arms do forthwith take the Body of the ſaid *Elizabeth Curtz* into his Cuſtody, and ſafely keep her until ſhe ſhall be diſcharged by Order.

Two Petitions, ſigned by a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, were preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the Ninth Year of the Reign of King GEORGE the Firſt, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*," it is enacted that the Fees to be paid for Surveying Land within this Province, ſhall be for every ſingle Hundred Acres, or leſſer Quantity, *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and for ſurveying any Tract of Land above One Hundred Acres, for the firſt Hundred *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and for every Hundred Acres above, the Sum of *Three Shillings*:—And as it is alleged on the Part of thoſe employed in the Surveying Buſineſs, that the Sum preſcribed by the ſaid Law is not a ſufficient Recompence, and was deſigned only for Tracts lying Square and contained under four Lines, a natural Conſequence of this is, that the ſaid Law, not being eſteemed a proper Standard (though ſtill in Force, as the Petitioners apprehend) is fallen into Diſuſe, and every Surveyor acts in this Matter according to his own Pleaſure, inſomuch that the Surveying of a ſmall Tract of Land frequently amounts to *Forty Shillings*, and in ſome Parts conſiderably above that Sum, which the Petitioners are conſtrained to complain of as an heavy Grievance, and earneſtly pray for Redreſs: They alſo beg Leave to repreſent to the Houſe, that notwithſtanding Reaſon would dictate that every Surveyor ought to reſide ſomewhere in his own Diſtrict, and conſequently his Travelling Charges be reckoned from ſuch Place of Reſidence, (which the Petitioners are perſuaded was the Intention of the Reſpectable Houſe that framed the above-mentioned Law, and will, they doubt not, be the Sentiment of the preſent Honourable Houſe) yet the Clauſe therein reſpecting Traveiling Charges is taken by ſome as allowing at the Rate of *Four Pence* per Mile from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Place where the Survey is made; according to which Interpretation of the ſaid Clauſe, the travelling Charges alone will, in many Parts on the Frontiers, amount nigh to *Three Pounds*, and in others conſiderably exceed that Sum;——That as many, in Conſequence of the late Purchaſe of Lands from the *Indians*, will incline to move thither to ſettle, the Petitioners cannot but eſteem it a ſore Grievance, that the great Inconvenience of being ſo remote from the capital City and Centre of Trade in the Province, ſhould be encreaſed by being obliged to pay the exorbitant Sum of near *Four Pounds*, or perhaps more to a Surveyor, as Charges for Travelling from *Philadelphia*, for every Survey made by him, when, according to the uſual Cuſtom, he may perform a Number of Surveys with leſs Travelling than a fourth Part of that Diſtance:——Wherefore the Petitioners earneſtly pray that this Matter may be taken into Conſideration, by the Honourable Houſe, and the ſaid travelling Charges duly regulated, or entirely laid aſide, and ſuch ſurveying Fees, excluſive thereof be allowed, as may appear a competent Reward to the Surveyor, and that the above-mentioned Law may be ſo explained, or amended and enforced, that there may be no Room in future for Miſtake or Impoſition in this Point, but a Standard eſtabliſhed, to which all concerned may appeal.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from a Number of Inhabitants and other Owners of Land on the River *Juniata*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that from the great Diſtance and Difficulty of making Roads over many Hills and Mountains to bring the Produce of the fruitful Country on and near *Juniata* to the Market of *Philadelphia*, the ſaid River muſt be made the Road and Conveyance for that Purpoſe, otherwiſe the Inhabitants will be under the Neceſſity of carrying their Produce to *Maryland*, to the great Loſs of the trading Part of this Province;——that the ſaid River *Juniata* has in general a fine Depth of Water, and might, at a ſmall Expence, be eaſily made navigable, if it was kept clear of fallen Timber, Fiſh-Dams, and a few Places cleared of ſmall Falls and Stones;——that if the ſaid River was thus made navigable, a Tract of Country, of near *Eighty* Miles in Extent, would have a cheap and eaſy Communication opened into *Suſquehannah*, and in ſhort that whole Country, by this Means, would be connected with *Philadelphia*, and brought as it were *Fifty* or *Sixty*, and in ſome Places nigh *Eighty* Miles,

Miles, nearer to the Market;——that as the ſaid River *Juniata*, and the River *Suſquehannah*, to *Harris's* Ferry, muſt be conſidered in the Nature of a public Road, the Petitioners pray that the Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed to paſs a Law to enable the ſeveral Townſhips on the ſaid River *Juniata*, and that Part of *Suſquehannah* that lies between the Mouth of *Juniata* and *Harris's* Ferry, to chuſe one or more Overſeers for each Townſhip, veſted with ſuch Powers and Authorities as the Houſe may think proper for calling in the Inhabitants of the reſpective Townſhips, from Time to Time, to clear the ſaid Rivers of fallen Wood, Fiſh-Dams, Rocks, Stones and other Impediments to Navigation; but the Petitioners would beg Leave to repreſent to the Honourable Houſe, that from the Length of ſome of the Townſhips upon the River, and their Settlements being ſo ſcattered, they are rendered unable to do any Thing in regard to the Falls, unleſs the trading Gentlemen of *Philadelphia*, ſhould generouſly contribute their Aſſiſtance in this neceſſary Part, which would enable the Inhabitants to perform all the reſt with more Chearfulneſs, and much leſs Expence than muſt be incurred by making any Sort of Waggon Road fit for bringing their Produce to Market. 1769. *May* 10.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report of the Committee,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, for a public Loan, agreeable to the Reſolves of the Houſe of the Nineteenth of *January* laſt.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment. *May* 11.

A Repreſentation, from the Provincial Treaſurer, concerning the Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-Reſidents in the County of *York*, with a Letter from the Commiſſioners of the ſaid County, were preſented to the Houſe, and, being ſeverally read, the ſame are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

*To the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania *in General Aſſembly met.*

PURSUANT to the Order of the Houſe of *January* the 5th, 1769, to me directed I wrote to the Commiſſioners of the County of *York*, reſpecting the Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-Reſidenters, and, that they might be fully informed of what the Houſe expected from them in that Caſe, ſent them a Copy of the Minute relative thereto; to which, having received their Anſwer incloſed, I beg Leave to lay it before the Houſe.

*Philadelphia*, Fifth *Month* 11th, 1769. OWEN JONES."

*The* COMMISSIONERS *Anſwer.*

" *York-Town* in the County of *York*, the 29th *April*, 1769.

*Reſpected Friend*,

WE received a Letter from you dated the 18th of the *Fourth Month*, 1769, relating to the Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-Reſidenters, requeſting us to ſend you a true State of thoſe Credits, given from Year to Year, and the Reaſons why the Monies have not been paid according to Law. This Method of giving our Treaſurers Credit for thoſe Taxes levied on certain Tracts of uncultivated Lands, was a Thing put in Practice the very firſt Year of the Provincial Tax, with what View we know not, except it was with an Expectation that thoſe People who held ſuch Lands, would voluntarily come and diſcharge the Taxes; but it hath ſtill, for the moſt Part, been neglected. Now when it became our Buſineſs to inſpect into the public Accounts, we found, in the Books of the former Commiſſioners, that thoſe Taxes remained unpaid, which gave us great Uneaſineſs, and how to proceed in order to recover the outſtanding Taxes we were, and are, at a Loſs, as the Accompts kept by the former Commiſſioners Clerk are ſo very irregular, that a great Part of them is rendered impracticable to collect; by Means of which Irregularity, and bad Conduct of the Clerk, we nor any other Perſons ſhall ever be able to collect all thoſe Monies. In the next Place, we are apprehenſive there have been ſeveral Tracts of Land taxed ſome Years paſt in our County, which were held by Claims only, and ſince have been located.——Now thoſe People refuſe paying the Taxes. We have advertiſed in the beſt Manner we knew, ſince which a conſiderable Number of Perſons hath come and diſcharged their Taxes, and we intend nothing ſhall be wanting on our Part, as far as in our Power, to collect the outſtanding Monies.

The above is a true State of the Taxes which our Treaſurers have from Year to Year had Credit for. We remain, very reſpectfully,

*Your Friends*,

JOS. UPDEGRAFF, WILLIAM GEMMILL."
HUGH DENWODY,

1769. *May* 11. *Ordered*, That the Commiſſioners of the County of *York* do attend the Committee of Accounts, on the firſt Day of *September* next, and bring with them a State of the Aſſeſsments and Accounts of all Non-Reſidenters Eſtates within their County, which have been made, ſince the firſt Provincial Taxes have been laid, with all the Books, Papers and other Vouchers neceſſary to give full Information reſpecting the Mode of aſſeſſing and levying thoſe Taxes, and that in the mean Time they uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to collect and raiſe all ſuch Taxes as now are in Arrear, and due in the ſaid County.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Five o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* — The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Twenty Thouſand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, *&c.* reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair; and the ſame, being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 12. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment, and proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*Poſt Meridiem* — The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a circulating Medium of Commerce and Induſtry within this Province,*" which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*May* 13. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, "*in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and for providing a circulating Medium of Commerce and Induſtry within this Province,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*May* 15. *Poſt Meridiem* — A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment, and being informed, that Mr. Speaker was prevented, through Indiſpoſition, from attending this Evening, it was moved, that the Clerk do, by Direction of the Members, put the Queſtion for adjourning them till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning, and they were adjourned to that Hour accordingly.

Adjournment

*May* 16. The Members preſent laſt Night met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and being acquainted, that Mr. Speaker is ſtill indiſpoſed, and unable to attend the Service of the Chair,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Watſon* and Mr. *Aſhbridge* be a Committee to wait on the Speaker with the Compliments of the Members, and enquire when he expects his Diſorder may admit of his Attendance on the Buſineſs of the Public.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Speaker return, and report they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order, and that he requeſted they would inform the Members, that, although he found himſelf not well enough to leave his Chamber To-day, he hoped he might do it with Safety To-morrow; but in Caſe it ſhould prove otherwiſe, he would endeavour to accommodate them at his own Houſe.

It was then moved, that the Clerk do, by Direction of the Members, put the Queſtion for adjourning them till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning, and they were adjourned to that Hour accordingly.

Adjournment

*May* 17. Mr. Speaker (being better in Health) attended with the Members preſent Yeſterday, according to Adjournment, and a new Clauſe propoſed to be added to the Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Twenty Thouſand Pounds*, having been preſented to the Chair, was read, and after ſome Debate thereon, referred to further Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage, with a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage*, which were read by Order, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

*A Meſſage from the* GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'YOU will perceive, by a Letter I have received from General *Gage*, which I have ordered the Secretary to lay before You, that Sir *William Johnſon*, in Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, is under the Neceſſity of diſcharging the Commiſſaries, Interpreters, and Smiths appointed by him at the Poſts in the interior Country, where the *Indian* Trade is carried on; and that the General expects I ſhall be able, without Delay, to appoint Officers to ſucceed thoſe at Fort *Pitt* and the *Illinois*. This, Gentlemen, cannot be done until Proviſion is made for adequate Salaries for thoſe Officers.

'And

' And as the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade is a Matter of public Concern, I doubt not but you will make the neceſſary Proviſions for enabling me to anſwer the above Requiſition.

*May the* 16th, 1769. *JOHN PENN.*" 1769. *May* 17.

*The* GENERAL'S *Letter to the* GOVERNOR.

*SIR,* *New-York, March* 24, 1769.

HIS Majeſty having thought proper to take the Management of the Trade with the *Indian* Nations out of the Hands of his Superintendants of *Indian* Affairs, and to leave the Management thereof to the Provinces concerned in ſaid Trade, Sir *William Johnſon* finds himſelf under the Neceſſity of diſcharging immediately the Commiſſaries, Interpreters and Smiths appointed by him in the Poſts and Forts in the interior Country. I take the Liberty to acquaint you of this Event, and hope you will be able, without Delay, to appoint Officers to ſucceed thoſe diſmiſſed by Sir *Willam Johnſon*, that the Trade may not ſuffer through the Want of proper Perſons to ſuperintend it. Sir *William Johnſon* can give the beſt Advice concerning the Inſtructions that ſhould be given to ſaid Officers, as well as concerning the Laws and Regulations neceſſary to be made for the better carrying on the Trade. I am only to deſire to be informed, when you ſhall have ſettled thoſe Points, in what Shape I can be of Uſe, that I may ſend Orders accordingly to the Commanders of the ſeveral Poſts and Forts in the *Indian* Country, to co-operate with your Officers, and give them Aſſiſtance in the Execution of their Inſtructions, whenever their Aid ſhall be required. The General's Letter to the Governor.

If the Provinces will appoint Officers to ſuperintend the Trade in ſuch Parts of the *Indian* Country where they appear, from their Situations, to enjoy the chief Benefit of the Trade, *Pennſylvania* will appoint at Fort *Pitt* and the *Illinois*; *New-York* at *Niagara* and the *Detroit*; and *Quebec* at *Miſilimakanak*; though the Province of *Quebec* would have only one Poſt to ſuperintend, yet the very great Concourſe of *Indians* every Year at *Miſilimakanak*, will make it much more expenſive than any of the reſt. I have the Honour to be, with great Regard, Sir,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

THOMAS GAGE."

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Clauſe propoſed to be added to the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds," &c. and, after a long Debate, having agreed thereto, it was ordered to be inſerted in the Bill, but ſome Objections afterwards ariſing to the ſaid Bill, the ſame was recommitted for Alterations and Amendment to the Committee that brought it in.

A Member preſented to the Chair, Draughts of two Bills reſpectively entituled as follow, *viz.* " *An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* " *An Act for appointing Wardens* " *for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and* " *Bay of* Delaware, *and Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port;*" and " *An Act to* " *continue an Act, entituled, an Act to amend the Act, entituled,* " *An Act for the better* " *Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict* " *of* Southwark, *the Townſhips of* Moyamenſing, Paſſyunk *and the* Northern Liberties;" which ſaid Bills, being read the firſt time, were ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, " *An Act for granting the* " *Sum of* Sixty Thouſand Pounds *to the King's Uſe, and for ſtriking* Fifty-five Thouſand " Pounds *thereof, in Bills of Credit, and to provide a Fund for ſinking the ſame.*"

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *May* 18.

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from the Directors of the *Library Company* of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that for the Advancement of Knowledge and Literature, ſeveral public Libraries have been erected in this City; but for the more effectually anſwering that good End, it has been thought expedient to unite them under the Charter, Laws and Title of the *Library Company* of *Philadelphia*; —— that a Plan formed on thoſe generous and extenſive Principles, which influenced the Founders of the ſaid Library, and which the Petitioners are diſpoſed to purſue, will, it is conceived, be attended with public Emolument and Provincial Reputation; —— that the ſaid Library is now very conſiderable, and will, in a Courſe of Years, be greatly encreaſed and enriched with further Supplies of the beſt and moſt valuable Books, and alſo with ſuch uſeful Machines, *&c.* as may aſſiſt in the Illuſtration of the Sciences; —— that for the Reception of the Books, *&c.* a large Building will be neceſſary, the Petitioners therefore pray,

1769. *May* 18. pray, that the Houſe will grant them Permiſſion to erect on ſome Part of the State-houſe Lot ſuch a Building as may be proper for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and which they flatter themſelves may be executed in a Manner conſiſtent with the Plan the Honourable Houſe may have formed for improving that public Square. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Berks* and *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that a public Road has been laid out and confirmed by his Honour the Governor and Council, from the Town of *Reading*, in the ſaid County of *Berks*, to the Waters of *Suſquehanna*, near Fort *Auguſta*;—that the ſaid Road paſſes through a large Tract of Land as yet unſettled, and where no Townſhips have been laid out, ſo that there is no Law now in Force, by which the ſaid Road can be opened;——that ſince the laſt Purchaſe vaſt Numbers of People have ſettled themſelves above and about *Shamokin*, and a very conſiderable Settlement is there forming, whence the Petitioners apprehend, that, by due and proper Encouragement, a moſt beneficial Trade may be opened from the City of *Philadelphia* into that Country, and ſo on to the *Ohio* and the Lakes, to the great Benefit of the Province in general;—— that nothing will ſo much advance this deſirable Event, as the opening the above-mentioned Road, which is now become abſolutely neceſſary to accommodate the numerous Settlers in that new Country;—that, in Caſe the Province ſhould be ſo unhappy as to be engaged in another *Indian* War, the having this Road would be a great Benefit, and the Petitioners are well aſſured, that the opening the ſaid Road, on that Account, would be a great Encouragement to the Settlers;——that the Petitioners have been at a very conſiderable Expence in viewing and laying out the ſaid Road; and as they apprehend it to be of public Uſe, ſo they preſume it ſhould be done at a public Expence:— The Petitioners, therefore, pray the Honourable Houſe to paſs a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners, veſted with due Powers, to open the ſaid Road as laid out, and for providing Money to defray the Expence thereof in ſuch Manner as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem fit.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee, to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One "Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds," *&c.* was recommitted for Amendment, reported the ſaid Bill with ſome Alterations, which being read, were agreed to by the Houſe, and the ſaid Bill ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty "Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. being tranſcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Rodman* carry the ſaid Bill to the Governor, and deſire his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 19. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Bill paſſed laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Committee of this Houſe appointed to ſuperintend the printing the ſeveral Sums of *Fourteen* and *Sixteen Thouſand Pounds*, for the Benefit of the Houſe of Employment, and Payment of the public Debts, this Day, by the Hands of Mr. *Hillegas*, produced to the Houſe the Receipts of *Henry Drinker*, Treaſurer to the ſaid Houſe of Employment, and *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treaſurer, for the above Sums to them reſpectively delivered by the ſaid Committee; together with twenty-ſeven unſigned ſupernumerary Sheets of the *Fourteen*, and five and an half of the *Sixteen Thouſand Pounds*, which were examined and counted at the Table by the Speaker, and then burnt by Order, in the Preſence of the Houſe.

The Committee appointed to view the River *Schuylkill*, and meaſure the Depth of Water above, below, and on either Side of *Barbadoes* Iſland, in the ſaid River, preſented to the Chair a Report thereon, in Writing, together with a Draught of the Iſland aforeſaid, to which they refer, and the ſaid Report, being read by Order, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

PURSUANT to the Order of the Houſe of the Thirty-firſt of *January* laſt, your Committee have carefully viewed that Part of the River *Schuylkill*, at and near *Barbadoes* Iſland, ſounded the Channel on both Sides of the ſaid Iſland, and do find the Depth of the Water to be agreeable to a Draught under the Hands of *John Lukins* and *John Sellers*, herewith delivered, to which we refer.

ISAAC PEARSON, ROWLAND EVANS,
*May* the 19th, 1769. JOHN MINSHALL, WILLIAM RODMAN,
JOHN SELLERS, SAMUEL FOULKE."
JOSEPH RICHARDSON,

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1769. May 19.

A Memorial from *Owen Jones*, Esq; Provincial Treasurer, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that pursuant to the Order of the House to him directed, *January* 5, 1769, respecting the Recovery of the Balance due to the Province from *Jonas Seely*, he was proceeding as the Law directs, but before his Order for that Purpose came to the Hand of the Sheriff of *Berks* County, he was informed, that the said *Jonas Seely's* Title to the most valuable Part of his Estate was very defective, and withal, that the said *Seely* was taking Measures to perfect it, and that it would certainly be perfected before the latter End of *August* next;——that the Memorialist therefore thought it most consistent with the Trust reposed in him, and also his Duty to acquaint the House thereof, before he proceeded further, lest his ordering a Sale, under the present Circumstances, should occasion a Loss to the Province, and requests that the House will be pleased to give him such further Directions in the Premises as to them shall seem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *James Johnston*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner having transacted the Business of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, from *September* 1765, to *September* 1767, without receiving any Compensation for the same, requests the Favour of the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and allow him such Recompence for his Services, as to their Wisdom and Justice shall seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue an* "*Act, entituled an Act to amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the better Employment,* "*Relief and Support of the Poor within the City of* Philadelphia," &c. and the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the* "*Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* "Delaware," &c. which, being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, were ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee of Grievances presented a Report to the Chair upon the Complaint of *James Claxton*, of the County of *Chester*, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

JAMES CLAXTON, of *Chester* County, having preferred a Complaint to the Committee of Grievances against *John Hannum* and *Richard Reily*, Esquires, two of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the said County, your Committee think it just and right to report thereupon, that they have heard the said Complaint, and the Answers and Defence of the said Justices, and are of Opinion, that the Complaint aforesaid of the said *James Claxton* is frivolous, and without any just Cause or Foundation, that what the said Magistrates did, and of which he complains, was done in the Execution of their Office, and the Trust reposed in them, and what by Law they ought to have done; all which is humbly submitted by

HENRY PAWLING, JOHN ROSS,
JAMES PEMBERTON, JOSEPH WATSON,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOHN JACOBS, *jun.*
GEORGE TAYLOR, JACOB CARPENTER."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

*Resolved*, That this House do unanimously approve the same, and that either of the said Magistrates, therein mentioned, be furnished with a Copy thereof, upon Application to the Clerk for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Bills for continuing the Pilot Act, and the Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor, being transcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table. *Post Meridiem*

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson* and Mr. *Hillegas* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the County of *Bucks*, for an Amendment of the Act against Killing of Deer out of Season, and, after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Petition lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the County of *Cumberland*, concerning the Expediency of a better Regulation of Surveyors Fees, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration at the next Meeting of the House.

The Petition from the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks*, concerning a new Road laid out from the Town of *Reading* to the Waters of *Susquehanna*, near Fort *Augusta*; and the Petition for clearing and making navigable the River *Juniata*, being taken up and read a second time, the same, after some Debate, were also referred to further Consideration, at the next Meeting of the House.

1769. *May* 19. The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed this Afternoon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſame into immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 20. The Committee appointed at the laſt Sitting, to examine what Laws and Votes of this Province are out of Print, and to report their Opinion of the Expediency of reprinting the ſame, made Report thereon in Writing, which being preſented to the Chair, was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

AGREEABLE to the Order of the Houſe, of the 18th of *February* laſt, we have made Enquiry, and find that there are Three complete Volumes of the Votes of Aſſembly, from the firſt Settlement of the Province, to the Year 1744, incluſive, which were reprinted by Directions of the Aſſembly ſome Years ago, and we are of Opinion, that the Reprinting the Votes or Journals from that Time to the preſent, may be of public Utility; alſo that the reprinting the Laws of the Province, from the Year 1759, is become neceſſary, excepting ſuch as are of a private Nature, and others that are expired or ſupplied, and that ſome ſkilful Perſon ſhould be employed to reviſe and digeſt them into proper Order, and make out a plain and clear Index, for their being reprinted with Care and Accuracy, will be of general Service, the Conſideration whereof we ſubmit to the Houſe.

JAMES PEMBERTON, THOMAS LIVEZEY,
*May* 20th, 1769. WILLIAM RODMAN, JOSEPH RICHARDSON."
JOSEPH FOX,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the ſixteenth Inſtant, together with the Letter, accompanying the ſame, from his Excellency General *Gage*, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Aſhbridge* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*May* 22. *Poſt Meridiem* Twenty-ſeven Members met, purſuant to Adjournment, and being acquainted that the Speaker, from an Encreaſe of his late Indiſpoſition, was again confined to his Chamber,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Watſon* wait on the Speaker, and enquire whether the preſent State of his Diſorder will ſafely admit of his coming out this Evening.

The Gentlemen return, and report they had waited on the Speaker, purſuant to Order, who deſired them to preſent his Compliments to the Members convened, and inform them, that his Indiſpoſition having encreaſed ſo much ſince laſt Week as to leave no Proſpect of his attending the Service of the Houſe for ſome Days, he recommended that a new Speaker be choſen in his Room to prevent Delay to the public Buſineſs.

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Meſſage the Members preſent proceeded to chuſe another Speaker, when *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen Speaker, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Jacob Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Taylor* wait on his Honour, and acquaint him, that the Indiſpoſition of the late Speaker having made it neceſſary the Members ſhould chuſe another in his Room, they have made Choice of *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; and deſire to know at what Hour To-morrow the Houſe ſhall wait on the Governor to preſent their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return and report they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be in the Council Chamber at Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning to receive the Houſe with their Speaker.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 23. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary.

*SIR*,

" The Governor is in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Houſe with their " Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on the Governor, and preſented their Speaker, of whom his Honour had been pleaſed to approve; and that he (the Speaker) had then obſerved, that, as his Predeceſſor had already claimed, in Behalf of the preſent Aſſembly, their uſual Privileges, it was unneceſſary for him to repeat that Claim, except in Reſpect to himſelf,

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as Speaker, *viz.* "that his unwilling Mistakes might be excused, and not imputed to "the House," which his Honour was pleased to assent to. 1769. May 23.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Taylor* be added to the Committee appointed to bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act* "*for granting the Sum of* Sixty Thousand Pounds *to the King's Use*," &c.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking* "*the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emit-* "*ted on Loan*," &c. with a Number of Amendments to the same, which were read by Order, and, after some Debate, referred to further Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message of the Sixteenth Instant, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for granting the Sum of* Sixty Thousand Pounds *to the King's Use*," &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was, by special Order, again read, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Directors of the *Library Company* of *Philadelphia*, for Permission to erect a Building for a Library, on some Part of the State-House Square, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration of the House at their next Meeting in *September*.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *James Johnston*, praying a Compensation for his Services as Clerk of the General Loan-Office, from *September* 1765, to *September* 1767, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to the Committee of Accounts for Enquiry, with Orders to report thereon to the House at their next Meeting.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *May* 24.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message of the Sixteenth Instant being transcribed, according to Order, was compared at the Table, signed by Mr. Speaker, by Order of the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

WE have considered your Message of the Sixteenth Instant, and the Letter from his Excellency General *Gage*, therewith laid before us, and are chearfully disposed to give the utmost Attention to maintaining and preserving the Peace and Friendship, now happily re-established with the *Indians*, and wherein our Laws for regulating the Trade with them, appear to be deficient, to alter and amend them; but as our attempting to extend the Laws of this Province, beyond the Limits thereof, would be vain and ineffectual, to regulate and restrain the Traders from the adjacent Colonies, we conceive it is not in our Power to apply a Remedy, adequate to the Occasion. A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

When Sir *William Johnson* communicates to your Honour, as intimated by General *Gage*, his Sentiments and Advice concerning this Business, and points out the Insufficiency of the Laws of this Province now in Force, for the Purpose, we shall be better enabled to join with your Honour, in the further Consideration thereof.

*Signed by Order of the House*,

*May* the 24th, 1769. JOSEPH FOX, *Speaker*."

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for explaining and amending the Act, entituled*, "*An* "*Act for granting the Sum of* Sixty Thousand Pounds *to the King's Use*," &c. being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Krewson* and Mr. *Shepherd* do carry the said Bill to the Governor, and desire his Assent to the same, and that they also deliver to his Honour the Answer of the House to his Message of the Sixteenth Instant.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor with the said Message and Bill, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the same into immediate Consideration.

The House then resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand "Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan*," &c. and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds, *Post Meridiem*

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1769. *May* 24. " *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. and, after full Deliberation thereon, having agreed to ſome, and rejected others of the ſaid Amendments, an Anſwer thereto was drawn at the Table accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Pennock* wait on the Governor, and deliver the ſaid Bill, with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments, for his Conſideration.

Adjournment *May* 25. The Houſe then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments, and return the Bill, to which they refer, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take them into immediate Conſideration, and acquaint the Houſe with his Reſult.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Memorial from the Provincial Treaſurer, concerning the Balance due to the Public from *Jonas Seely*, late Treaſurer, for the County of *Berks*, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, ordered the ſame to lie on the Table.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills for continuing the Pilot Act, and the Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor, and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The Secretary alſo delivered the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for explaining and amend-* " *ing the Act, entituled,* " *An Act for granting the Sum of* Sixty Thouſand Pounds, *to* " *the King's Uſe,*" &c. with ſome Amendments thereto, which being read and conſidered, were agreed to by the Houſe, and the ſaid Bill ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Secretary likewiſe returned the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* " One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on* " *Loan,*" &c. with his Honour's Reply, to the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments, to the ſaid Bill, which being in Part read and conſidered,

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Reply, to the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments, to the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One " Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. and after ſome Time ſpent therein, an Anſwer to the ſaid Reply, being prepared at the Table,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor, and deliver the ſame, with the Bill, to which it refers, and the following verbal Meſſage, *viz.*

Verbal Meſſage to the Governor from the Aſſembly. THE Houſe, deſirous to agree with the Governor on a Bill of ſo great Importance to their Conſtituents as that entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. have reconſidered the ſame with his Amendments thereto, and now beg Leave to offer to his Conſideration, ſuch Corrections and Alterations of the ſaid Bill, as are herewith ſent up, inſtead of ſome of his propoſed Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Members do make Enquiry of his Honour, for the Naturalization Bill, left under his Conſideration, ſince the laſt Sitting of the Houſe.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 26. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, and deliver the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Reply, to their Anſwer to his Amendments, ſent down with the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, " *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. with the verbal Meſſage from the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take them into Conſideration, and that the Houſe ſhould hear from him To-day, upon the Naturalization Bill, left under his Conſideration, ſince the laſt Sitting.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee, concerning the Reprinting ſome of the Votes of the Aſſemblies, and Laws of this Province, and, after ſome Debate thereon, referred the ſame to further Conſideration, at the next Sitting of the Houſe.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Governor, by the Secretary, again ſent down the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for* " *ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to* " *be emitted on Loan,*" &c. with a written Meſſage, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLE-*

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*May* 26. A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

*GENTLEMEN,*

I FIND by your verbal Message of Yesterday, sent up to me with your Answer to my Reply, respecting the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hun- "dred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. that the only material Points in which we disagree, are the Disposition of the Interest Money, and the Appointment of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office. All I contend for is, that the Governor, who is the King's Representative here, shall have a Share with the Representatives of the People, in the Exercise of both these Powers. But you insist on reserving to yourselves the sole and exclusive Right of nominating all the Trustees, and of applying all the Interest Money. I offer to divide with you those Rights, which, by the English Constitution, are allowed to be the undoubted Prerogatives of the Crown; but you are not to be satisfied without assuming the whole. To save Time, Gentlemen, I must tell you in a few Words, that your Claims appear to me so unreasonable, that I cannot accede to them. At the same Time, I cannot help expressing my Concern, that a Bill, which you agree to be of so much Importance to the Country, should miscarry, by your insisting that the Assembly should be invested with Powers which I cannot allow consistent with my Duty to the Crown.

*May* 26, 1769. *JOHN PENN.*"

With the above Message, Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bill, left under the Consideration of the Governor, since the last Sitting, entituled, "*An Act to enable* John "Cottringer *and* Joseph Cauffman *to hold Lands in this Province,*," and acquainted the House that his Honour could not agree to pass the same into a Law.

Upon Consideration of the foregoing written Message from the Governor,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Knight*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Jacob Carpenter* be a Committee to consider the said Message, and prepare an Answer to the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Chapman* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that, as the House incline to adjourn To-morrow, they request he will be pleased to appoint some Members of Council, to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, and acquaint the House, at what Hour they shall attend him to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *May* 27.

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would direct the Secretary, to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, and should be himself in the Council Chamber at Eleven o'Clock this Morning, to enact the said Bills into Laws.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* join with the Secretary in collating the engrossed Bills.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message of Yesterday reported to the House, that, finding they had not Time to prepare a full and proper Answer to the same, they had thought it best to digest such Observations, as had occurred to them in considering the said Message, into the Form of a Report, which they begged Leave to present to the Chair, and the same being read and considered, was accepted by the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

Committee's Answer to the Governor's Message.

THE Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message, consider the Subject Matter it contains to be interesting and important, and the two Points mentioned by the Governor, in which the House disagree with him on the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds, "*in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. very "material" to the People of this Province, and have been so considered by both Branches of the Legislature in former Years.

Your Committee therefore apprehend the Importance of the Matter demands a full, clear and explicit Answer, in order to shew the Governor, from the many Precedents, to be collected from the Minutes of the Assemblies and Laws of the Province, which have received the Royal Approbation, that the Claims of the House are not new, nor "un- "reasonable," but allowed by former Governors to be equitable, necessary and consistent with the just Rights of the People, to enable them to support the Honour of Government, under our present Constitution, and, we conceive, remain to be equally forcible and proper at this Time.

But as the House has come to a Resolution to adjourn this Day, until *September* next, there is not sufficient Time to prepare such an Answer, as the Occasion appears to us to require, to demonstrate the Reasons upon which the House has proceeded in Respect to these "two material Points," and why the Clause proposed by the Governor in his twenty-sixth Amendment cannot be agreed to; it being, in our Opinion, not only un-

1769. *May* 27. neceſſary, but ſo extenſive as may tend to depreciate the Bills of Credit to be emitted, and to deſtroy the Benefit deſigned to the People by the Bill which has been under Conſideration.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

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GILES KNIGHT, JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
ISAAC PEARSON, ROWLAND EVANS,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JAMES PEMBERTON,
JACOB CARPENTER, JOSEPH WATSON."

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee be continued to prepare a particular Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, to be laid before the Houſe at their next Meeting.

Mr. *Hillegas* reported, that he had joined with the Secretary in comparing the engroſſed Bill with its Original, and found them to agree.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Hillegas* ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Bills which have been agreed on, after they ſhall be enacted into Laws, and the ſaid Laws depoſited in the Rolls Office.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Committee of the Houſe concerning the Survey of the River *Schuylkill*, on each Side of *Barbadoes* Iſland in the ſaid River, be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe at their next Sitting.

A Meſſage by the Secretary:

*S I R*,

" The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the " Houſe, to enact into Laws the Bills that have been returned with his Aſſent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair and reported that they had waited on his Honour and preſented three Bills, reſpectively entituled, as follows, *viz.* " *An Act for explaining and amending an Act, entituled,* " *An Act for grant-* " *ing the Sum of* Sixty Thouſand Pounds, *to the King's Uſe, and for ſtriking* Fifty-five " Thouſand Pounds *thereof in Bills of Credit, and to provide a Fund for ſinking the ſame;*"— " *An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* " *An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port* " *of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* De- " laware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port;*" and, " *An Act to con-* " *tinue an Act, entituled,* " *An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the better* " *Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict* " *of* Southwark, *the Townſhips of* Moyamenſing *and* Paſſyunk, *and the* Northern Li- " berties;"——to which Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting them into Laws. Mr. Speaker alſo reported, that he had acquainted his Honour, the Houſe propoſed to adjourn to *Monday* the Eighteenth of *September* next, to which he was pleaſed to ſay he had no Objection.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk tranſmit to *James Webb*, Eſq; a Copy of the Order of the Houſe of the Second of *February* laſt, and acquaint him, that as he has not yet complied with the ſaid Order, they expect, and hereby require, his punctual Performance of the ſame, at the next Sitting of the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk prepare a fair Copy of the Minutes of the Houſe, with all convenient Diſpatch, for the Reviſal of the Committee, that the ſame may be printed without Delay.

Adjournment

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday* the Eighteenth of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker,

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MR. Speaker, with Eighteen Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, To-morrow Afternoon. *September* 18.

Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with One and Twenty Members, met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night, and a Quorum being ſtill wanting. *September* 19. *Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That written Notices be prepared and ſent by the Serjeant at Arms to Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Knight*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Jacob Carpenter* and Mr. *Webb*, requiring their immediate Attendance, on the Service of the Houſe, and that the Expence of ſending ſuch Notices, be defrayed by the ſaid abſent Members.

The Members preſent then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, and the Members preſent Yeſterday, met purſuant to Adjournment, and the Clerk reporting that the Serjeant at Arms had ſent off Meſſengers with Notices to Five of the abſent Members, as directed laſt Night, none of whom being yet come to Town, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* *September* 20.

Adjournment

Purſuant to Adjournment this Morning the Members met, and a Quorum appearing. *Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pennock* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the Houſe is met, and ready to receive any Buſineſs he may be pleaſed to lay before them.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr *Humphreys* be a Committee to receive, examine and report to the Houſe the ſeveral Accounts of incidental Expences for the current Year.

The Members appointed at the laſt Sitting, to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſeveral Laws then paſſed, reported they had ſeen the ſame done according to Order, and depoſited the ſaid Laws in the Rolls Office.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing to lay before the Houſe at preſent, that required their Conſideration.

The Committee of Accounts preſented to the Chair a written Report on the State of the Accounts of the late Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, ſince the Settlement laſt Year, which was read by Order, being as follows.

## *The* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, *with the Province of* Pennſylvania, *on Account of the* BILLS *of* CREDIT *iſſued by* ACT *of* ASSEMBLY, *in the Year* 1755, *for the Exchanging torn and ragged Bills.* No. 1.

| Dr. | | | | | Cr. | | | | |
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| 1768. *Sept.* 12. | TO Balance in the Hands of the Truſtees, per Account of this Date, ſettled by the Committee and confirmed by the Houſe, September 24, 1768, | £ | 4,655 | 4 9 | 1768. *Sept.* 29. | BY Bills of Credit paid by Mary Norris, Adminiſtratrix to the Eſtate of Charles Norris, deceaſed, late acting Truſtee of the ſaid Loan-Office, to the Committee of the Aſſembly, and by them burned, per Receipt, Four Thouſand Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Four Shillings and Nine-pence, —— | £ | 4,655 | 4 9 |

*See the Note at the End of the Votes of Aſſembly for laſt Year.*

## *On Account of* Bills *of* Credit *put into the Hands of the ſaid* TRUSTEES *and lent out on Mortgage.* No. 2.

| Dr. | | | | | Cr. | | | | |
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| 1768. *Sept.* 12. | TO Balance due to the Province per Account ſettled by the Committee of this Date, and confirmed by the Houſe, September 24, 1768, —— | £ | 10,058 | 6 0¼ | 1769. *May* 19. | BY Bills of Credit paid by Mary Norris, Adminiſtratrix to the Eſtate of Charles Norris, deceaſed, late acting Truſtee of the ſaid Loan Office, to the Committee of the Aſſembly, and by them burned, —— —— | £ | 1,614 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | *Aug.* 10. | By ditto paid by the ſaid Mary Norris to the ſaid Committee, and by them burned, —— —— —— —— | | 1,300 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | 24. | By ditto paid by the ſaid Mary Norris to the ſaid Committee, and by them burned, | | 300 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | *Sept.* 1. | By ditto paid by the ſaid Mary Norris to the ſaid Committee, and by them burned, —— —— —— —— | | 600 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | 14. | By ditto paid by the ſaid Mary Norris to the ſaid Committee, and by them burned, — — — — — — | | 326 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 4,140 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | | By Caſh lent on three Mortgages, on the tenth Re-emiſſion of the ſecond Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, omitted to be charged in any of the Accounts heretofore ſettled, viz. | | | |
| | | | | | 1756. *Aug.* 7. | To Iſaac Bolton, —— — — — — £ 57 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | | 24. | To Thomas Clemſon, — — — — — 45 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | | *Oct.* 8. | To Richard Hope, —— — — —— 45 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | —— | | 147 | 0 0 |
| | | | | | | By an Allowance per Law on £ 4,655 4 9 Balance of new Exchange, as above, at 6*s.* per Thouſand Pounds, —— — — — | | 13 | 19 3 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 4,300 | 19 3 |
| | | | | | | Balance due to the Province, | | 5,757 | 6 9¼ |
| | | £ | 10,058 | 6 0¼ | | | £ | 10,058 | 6 0¼ |

*On Account of the ſeveral* GRANTS *of the* ASSEMBLY *for the* KING's *Uſe, and the Sums allotted by the* PARLIAMENT *of Great Britain, No.*

Dr.

| | | | | | Cr. | | | |
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| 1768. *Sept.* 12. | TO Balance due to the Province per Account ſettled by the Committee of this Date, and confirmed by the Houſe, September 24, 1768, —— | £ | 4,894 | 3 1½ | 1769. *Feb.* 14. | BY Caſh paid Charles Townſhend per Order of the Superintendants of the State-Houſe, for a Lot of Ground contiguous to the State-Houſe Lot, —— —— | £ | 385 0 0 |
| | | | | | Ditto. | By Caſh paid Robert Erwin, per Order of the ſaid Superintendants, for another Lot, —— —— —— —— | | 276 4 0 |
| | | | | | 21. | By Caſh paid William Parr, per Order of the ſaid Superintendants, for drawing ſundry Deeds and recording them, —— —— | | 10 3 0 |
| | | | | | *Aug.* 2. | By Caſh paid Turbutt Francis, per Order of the Governor, and the Speaker of Aſſembly, for a Preſent of Condolence to Seneca George, an Indian, on Account of the Murder of his Son on the Frontiers of this Province. —— | | 100 0 0 |
| | | | | | 1755. *Aug.* 22. | By the following Articles omitted to be ſettled in any former Account, viz. By Caſh paid John Jones for 30 Buſhels of Lime delivered at the State-Houſe, —— —— —— | £ 1 5 0 | |
| | | | | | 1758. *Dec.* 19. | By one Piece of Iriſh Linen, 26 Yards at 2/4 per Yard, for Andrew Montour's Children, —— —— | 3 0 8 | |
| | | | | | | | | 4 5 8 |
| | | | | | | | £ | 775 12 8 |
| | | | | | | Balance due to the Province, —— | | 4,118 10 5½ |
| | | £ | 4,894 | 3 1½ | | | £ | 4,894 3 1½ |

WE have examined the foregoing Accounts of the late Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, with the Orders, Receipts and other Vouchers relating thereto, and have received from Mary Norris, Adminiſtratrix to the Eſtate of Charles Norris, deceaſed, late acting Truſtee, in Bills of Credit of this Province, on the ſeveral Days at which they are credited in the ſaid Accounts reſpectively, viz.

Four Thouſand Six Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Four Shillings and Nine-pence Exchange Money, on the 29th Day of September, 1768, Credited in Account No. 1. which we burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, as noted at the End of the Votes of the Houſe laſt Year; and the further Sum of Four Thouſand One Hundred and Forty Pounds in Bills of Credit, on the Days Credited in Account No. 2. which we alſo burnt and deſtroyed according to Law.

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| The Balance remaining due to the Province in the Account No. 2. is Five Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty-ſeven Pounds Six Shillings and Nine-pence Farthing, —— —— —— | £ | 5,757 6 | 9¼ |
| And the Balance remaining due to the Province in the Account No. 3, is Four Thouſand One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds Ten Shillings and Five-pence Half-penny, —— —— | | 4,118 10 | 5½ |
| Balance Total, | £ | 9,875 17 | 2¾ |

*Submitted to the Houſe*, Philadelphia, September 15th 1769.

JOSEPH FOX,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
JAMES PEMBERTON,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
ISAAC PEARSON."





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1769. September 20. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Galloway* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the preceding Sitting of Aſſembly, and report to the Houſe ſuch Matters as were left unfiniſhed and recommended to their Conſideration at the preſent Meeting.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Watſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts.

An Account from *Archibald Thompſon*, of *Norriton*, for the Expences of the Committee of Aſſembly appointed to make a Survey of Part of the River *Schuylkill*, amounting to *Three Pounds Eighteen Shillings* and *Eight-pence*, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and referred to the Committee for incidental Charges.

A Petition from *Abraham Howell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Saddler, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he is now confined in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, on Account of Debts, *&c.* and praying Relief in Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Wright Stanley*, a Priſoner, for Debt, in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief in Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Relfe*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Merchant, in the Cuſtody of the Sheriff of *Philadelphia* County and City, on Account of Debts, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief in Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the *American Philoſophical Society*, held at *Philadelphia*, for promoteing uſeful Knowledge; was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that from the Aſſiſtance which they have received, and are daily receiving from the Lovers of Science and Friends of their Country, in different Parts of the Continent, they entertain fond Hopes of being able to execute their Plan, in a Degree that will be beneficial to their Country, and do Honour to this City; that ſundry Papers, on uſeful Subjects, have already been communicated to them, and ſundry curious Models of Machines for facilitating Labour and advancing the manual Arts, together with Specimens of Natural Hiſtory, have been ſubmitted to their Inſpection; that, encouraged by the Proſpect of Succeſs, and animated with the Countenance and generous Aſſiſtance which the Honourable Aſſemblies of this Province have been pleaſed to grant them, the Society are reſolved to proſecute their Plan with Ardor and Diligence; that at preſent they labour under great Inconveniencies for Want of a proper Place to meet in, and where to depoſite the Curioſities of Nature and Art, which are or may be tranſmitted to them; the Petitioners, therefore, pray the Honourable Houſe to grant them the Privilege of erecting, on ſome Part of the State-Houſe Square, a commodious Building ſuitable for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, which, they humbly hope, may be executed in a Manner not inconſiſtent with the Plan the Houſe may have formed for improving that Square.

*Signed by Order of the Society,*

THOMAS BOND, V. P."

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes and report to the Houſe ſuch Matters as were left unfiniſhed at the laſt, and referred to Conſideration at the preſent Sitting made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

WE the Committee appointed to examine and collect from the Minutes ſuch Matters as were left unfiniſhed by the late, and referred to the Conſideration of the preſent Sitting of Aſſembly, report as follows, *viz.*

That on the 26th of *January* laſt, the Petitions and Affidavits of a Number of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland*, concerning the Hardſhips and Loſſes ſuffered by them in furniſhing Waggons, *&c.* to Colonel *Wilkins*, on his March to Fort *Pitt*, and not being paid for the ſame, was referred to further Conſideration; and on the 27th of the ſaid Month, this Matter was further debated, and the Papers referred to the Examination of the Committee of Grievances, with Orders to the ſaid Committee to direct the Petitioners to ſtate their ſeveral Accounts in proper Form and make due Proof, on each, before ſome Magiſtrate of their reſpective Counties.

That the Petition from the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Berks*, concerning a new Road laid out from *Reading* to the Waters of *Suſquehanna*, near Fort *Auguſta*, and the Petition for clearing and making navigable the River *Juniata*, were recommended to Conſideration at this Sitting of the Houſe.

That

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That the Petition of *James Johnson*, for a Compensation for his Services, as Clerk of the Loan-Office from the Year 1765 to 1767, was referred to the Committee of Accounts for Enquiry, with an Order to the said Committee to report thereon to the present Meeting.

That the Consideration of the Report of the Committee concerning the Reprinting some of the Votes of the Assemblies and Laws of this Province, was referred to this Sitting of the House.

That the Committee, which brought in a short Report at the Close of the last Sitting, in Answer to the Governor's Message of the 26th of *May*, on the Bill for striking *One Hundred* and *Twenty Thousand Pounds* to be emitted on Loan, was continued to prepare a more particular Answer to the said Message, and ordered to lay the same before the House at their present Meeting.

That the Report of the Committee appointed to make a Survey of the River *Schuylkill*, on each Side of *Barbadoes* Island, in the said River, together with the Petition from the Directors of the *Library Company*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, for Permission to erect a Building for a Library on some Part of the *State-House* Square, and the Petition from the County of *Cumberland* for a further Regulation of Surveyors Fees, were likewise referred to the Consideration of the House at this Sitting, which is humbly submitted to the House, by

*September* 21, 1769.

JOSEPH GALLOWAY,
JOHN ROSS."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the Public Debts, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same, being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose obtained at the last Sitting, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Three "Thousand Five Hundred *and* Forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, *one Moiety or half* "*Part for erecting a Bridge over* Conestogo *Creek, where the Road crosses the same,* "*leading from* Philadelphia *to* Lancaster; *and the other Moiety for paving the Streets of* "Lancaster, *the Distance of the first four Squares from the Court-House,*" which, being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from *Abraham Howell*, *John Wright Stanley* and *John Relfe*, languishing Prisoners for Debt, in the Gaol of this City, for Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to the Committee of Grievances, for Examination.

Upon Motion,

The Petition, from the *American Philosophical Society*, presented Yesterday, and the Petition to the last Sitting from the Directors of the *Library Company* of the City of *Philadelphia*, were again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, with Recommendations to the Petitioners to lay before the said Assembly particular Draughts, or Plans, of the Buildings they propose to erect.

The House then proceeded to a second Reading of the Report of the Committee, on the several Matters referred from the last to the present Sitting, and having considered the Petitions from the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks*, concerning a new Road laid out from *Reading* to the Waters of *Susquehanna*, near Fort *Augusta*, and the Petition for clearing and making navigable the River *Juniata*, recommended the same to the particular Notice and Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

The Consideration of the Report of the Committee concerning the Reprinting some of the Votes of the Assemblies and Laws of this Province, and the Report relating to the Survey of the River *Schuylkill*, on each Side of *Barbadoes* Island, were likewise recommended to the Attention of the next Assembly, together with the Petition from *Cumberland* County for a further Regulation of Surveyors Fees.

The House also taking into Consideration that the Laws from Time to Time passed for clearing the Navigation, and preserving Fish, in some of the Rivers of this Province, have not hitherto had the good Effect intended,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *George Ross* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to the Governor, praying an Exertion of his Authority with the Magistracy for the better Execution of the said Laws.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *Robert Nicholson*, a languishing Prisoner for Debt in the Goal of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.——Referred to the Committee of Grievances, for Enquiry.

Upon

1769. *September* 21. Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Truſtees of the *State-Houſe* make Enquiry of the Owners of the Lots oppoſite the Front thereof, between *Cheſtnut-* and *Market-Streets*, at what Sum they will diſpoſe of the ſame, and report their Anſwer to the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

The Committee of Accounts preſented to the Chair a written Report on the State of the Public Accounts, for the preſent Year, in the Words following, *viz.*

## REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the State of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1769.

*Purſuant to the Appointment of the* HOUSE, *We have inſpected and examined the ſeveral Public Accounts mentioned in this Report, and have ſunk and deſtroyed the Bills of Credit received into the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE, *on Account of the Quotas, or principal Sums due on the Mortgages, and the Bills of Credit paid into the Treaſury, on Account of the Provincial Taxes, the Duty on Slaves, and the Exciſe on Spirituous Liquors, as ſpecified in the State of the reſpective Accounts, as follows*, viz.

### WE FIND THAT,

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

SAMUEL Preſton Moore, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, has received ſince laſt Year's Settlement, ſundry principal Sums or Quotas, due on the Mortgages (put under his Care by the ſaid Truſtees on the 21ſt of October, 1767) for which he Credits the Province,

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons from September the 16th, 1768, to September the 8th, 1769, Quotas due on the ſeveral Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, —— —— —— —— —— —— —— £ 657 12 6

And he Charges, viz.

To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of the Aſſembly, and by them burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, —— —— —— —— £ 657 12 6

AND on Account of Intereſt received on the ſaid Mortgages, he Credits,

By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account ſettled the 16th of September, laſt Year, —— —— —— —— £ 1,030 13 2

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons ſince laſt Settlement, for Intereſt due on their ſeveral Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, —— 335 18 5

£ 1,366 11 7

And he Charges, viz.

To Caſh paid for a Provincial Note, iſſued by the Aſſembly 1755, which was now paid to the Committee, and by them burnet, — £ 5 0 0

Paid the Intereſt due on the ſaid Note, —— —— 2 17 6

£ 7 17 6

Balance remaining in the Hands of the ſaid Samuel Preſton Moore, on Account of Intereſt which we have counted, —— —— —— —— 1,358 14 1

£ 1,366 11 7

QUOTAS remaining outſtanding due, and to become due on the 21ſt of October, 1767, when the Truſtees put the Mortgages under the Care of Samuel Preſton Moore, —— —— —— —— —— —— £ 7,287 10 0

Received and burnt, per Report of the Committee, 1768, — £ 866 11 0

And this Year, 1769, —— —— —— 657 12 6

1,524 3 6

Remains due, and to become due, Quotas, —— —— —— £ 5,763 6 6

And on inſpecting the Mortgage Deeds, we obſerve there are conſiderable Sums on ſeveral of them due for Quotas and Intereſt; and on others neither Quotas or Intereſt paid ſince the Date of them.

## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the ſeveral COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

PHILADELPHIA County Provincial TAX, 1768, PHILIP SYNG, Treaſurer. Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee, September 7th, 1768. —— —— £ 3662 19 0½

To Taxes recovered from ſundry Perſons, on whoſe Account Allowances were made laſt Year, —— —— —— 4 13 0

£ 3,667 12 0½

CONTRA CREDITOR,

By further Deficiencies allowed by the Commiſſioners of the County ſince laſt Settlement, —— —— —— —— £ 111 7 6

By Caſh paid by Philip Syng to the Provincial Treaſurers, viz.

1768. To Samuel Preſton Moore, late Treaſurer, per Re-

*Sept.* 23. ceipt, —— —— £ 612 0 0

*Oct.* 18. To ditto, Four Hundred Pounds, —— 400 0 0

£ 1,012 0 0

Debit and Credit carried forward,

| 1768. | | | | | | | | | | | | 1769. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Debit brought forward, | £ | 3,667 | 12 | 0½ | | |
| | | Credit brought forward, | £ | 1,012 | 0 | 0 | £ | 111 | 7 | 6 | | *September* 21. |
| *Nov.* 19. | Paid to Owen Jones, preſent Treaſurer, | £ | 405 | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | |
| *Dec.* 20. | To ditto, Six Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds, 13/8. | | 648 | 13 | 8 | | | | | | | |
| 28. | To ditto, Two Hundred and Three Pounds, 19/5. | | 203 | 19 | 5 | | | | | | | |
| 1769. | To ditto, Sixty-one Pounds Two Shil- | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Jan.* 18. | lings, | | 61 | 2 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| *Feb.* 27. | To ditto, One Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds 3/7. | | 159 | 3 | 7 | | | | | | | |
| *April* 1. | To ditto, Two Hundred Pounds and Eight-pence, | | 200 | 0 | 8 | | | | | | | |
| 18. | To ditto, Sixty-nine Pounds, 1/3, | | 69 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | | |
| *Aug.* 28. | To ditto, Fifty Pounds, 4/6. | | 50 | 4 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| *Sept.* 8. | To ditto, Ninety-one Pounds, 16/6, | | 91 | 16 | 6 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 1,889 | 6 | 9 | | | | |
| | By Caſh paid Commiſſioners Order to John Jervis, Clerk, for additional Services, | £ | 8 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | By ditto, paid to George Beal, for his Attendance on the Aſſeſſors, | | 3 | 18 | 9 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 11 | 18 | 9 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 2,913 | 5 | 6 | |
| | By the County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on the Sum of 2,913 5 6, at 20/. per Cent, | | | | | | | | 29 | 2 | 7¾ | |
| | | | | | | | | | £ 3,053 | 15 | 7¾ | |
| | Balance ſtill remaining, ſaid to be uncollected, | | | | | | | | 613 | 16 | 4¼ | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | £ 3,667 | 12 0½ |

PHILADELPHIA County Provincial TAX, 1769, BARNABY BARNES, Treaſurer. Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the full Amount of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, | £ | 11,458 | 7 | 0 | |
| To a Fine received from a Perſon refuſing to ſerve as Collector, | | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £ 11,468 7 0 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

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| By Charges attending the levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, and Abatements as ſettled by the Commiſſioners of the County, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed by the Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. | | | | | £ | 224 | 6 | 6 |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | | | 280 | 16 | 5½ |
| County Commiſſioners Attendance, | £ | 37 | 2 | 6 | | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors, ditto, | | 118 | 13 | 4 | | | | |
| Townſhip and Ward Aſſeſſors, | | 123 | 0 | 0½ | | | | |
| Clerks Wages, and for Books, Paper, &c. | | 95 | 8 | 0 | | | | |
| | £ | 374 | 3 | 10½ | | | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| 1769. One Thouſand Four Hundred and Ninety | | | | | | | | |
| *June* 20. Pounds, 16/6. | | 1,490 | 16 | 6 | | | | |
| *July* 7. One Thouſand Four Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds, 6/1. | | 1,429 | 6 | 1 | | | | |
| 24. Four Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds, 4/6. | | 438 | 4 | 6 | | | | |
| *Aug.* 10. One Thouſand Four Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds, 1/1. | | 1,484 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| 17. One Thouſand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five Pounds, 16/. | | 1,985 | 16 | 0 | | | | |
| 30. Six Hundred and Sixty-ſeven Pounds, 18/10. | | 667 | 18 | 10 | | | | |
| | | 7,496 | 3 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 7,870 | 6 | 10½ | |
| By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 7,870 6 10½ at 20/. per Cent, | | | | | 78 | 14 | 1 | |
| | | | | | £ 8,454 | 3 | 10¾ | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be uncollected, | | | | | 3,014 | 3 | 1¼ | |
| | | | | | | | £ 11,468 | 7 0 |

BUCKS County Provincial TAX, 1768, PAUL PRESTON, Treaſurer. Dr.

| | | | | |
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| TO Balance due to the Province at Settlement, September 1ſt, 1768, on the 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | £ | 417 8 2 |

CONTRA CREDITOR,

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| By ſundry Charges on the 11th Eighteen penny Tax, excluſive of thoſe ſettled September 1, 1768, viz. | | | | | | |
| — Deficiencies allowed by County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. | £ | 6 | 6 | 0 | | |
| — Collectors Fees, | | 12 | 15 | 6 | | |
| | | | | | £ 19 | 1 6 |
| — County Commiſſioners, Townſhip Aſſeſſors and Clerks Fees, | £ | 13 | 5 | 6 | | |
| By Caſh paid Samuel Preſton Moore, late Provincial Treaſurer, September the 20th, 1768, One Hundred and Thirty Pounds, | £ | 130 | 0 | 0 | | |
| By ditto, paid Owen Jones, as follows, viz. | | | | | | |
| 1769. Two Hundred and Thirty | | | | | | |
| *June* 30. Pounds, | £ | 230 | 0 | 0 | | |
| *Sept.* 5. Nineteen Pounds Nineteen Shillings, | | 19 | 19 | 0 | | |
| 6. Fifteen Shillings and Eight-pence, | | 0 | 15 | 8 | | |
| | | 250 | 14 | 8 | | |
| | | 380 | 14 | 8 | | |
| By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 394 0 2 at 20/. per Cent, and Commiſſions allowed ſhort laſt Year, | | | | | 394 | 0 2 |
| | | | | | 4 | 6 6 |
| | | | | | £ 417 | 8 2 |

1769. *September* 21.

BUCKS County Provincial TAX, 1769, PAUL PRESTON, Treaſurer. Dr.

TO the full Amount of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, £ 2530 1 0

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By ſundry Charges on the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, as follows, viz.

| | | | |
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| Deficiencies allowed by the County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. | | £ 10 1 6 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 49 10 5 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 26 11 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 35 10 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 61 15 0 | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 31 17 6 | | |
| | £ 155 13 6 | | |

By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz.

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| 1769. One Thouſand Four Hundred and Two | | | |
| *June* 30. Pounds, | £ 1,402 0 0 | | |
| *Sept.* 5. Three Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Five-pence, | 353 18 5 | | |
| | 1,755 18 5 | | |
| | | 1,911 11 11 | |

By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,911 11 11, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, £ 19 2 3

Mileage, 0 15 0

19 17 3

£ 1,991 1 1

Balance due to the Province, ſaid to remain uncollected 538 19 11

£ 2,530 1 0

CHESTER County Provincial TAX, 1768, LEWIS DAVIS, Treaſurer. Dr.

TO Balance due on the 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled and reported Sept. 1768, £ 1,099 3 0

To ſhort Charge in that Tax, being an Error ſince rectified by the Commiſſioners of the County, 160 11 7

To an Error in the Settlement of the 9th Eighteen-penny Tax, as rectified by the ſaid Commiſſioners, 50 0 0

£ 1,309 14 7

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By ſundry Charges attending the levying and collecting ſaid Tax and Abatements, not adjuſted laſt Year, viz.

| | | | |
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| Deficiencies allowed by the County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. | | £ 191 13 6 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 112 5 9 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 38 14 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors, ditto, | 95 14 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 104 14 5 | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 42 9 0 | | |
| | £ 281 11 5 | | |

By Caſh paid Samuel Preſton Moore, late Provincial Treaſurer, October 4, 1768, £ 154 10 0

By ditto paid Owen Jones, preſent Treaſurer, viz.

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| 1768. Two Hundred and Four Pounds, | | |
| *Dec.* 17. Fourteen Shill. 4Pence, | £ 204 14 4 | |
| 1769. One Hundred and Twenty- | | |
| *Feb.* 11. ſeven Pounds 15*ſ.* | 127 15 0 | |
| *Apr.* 8. One Hundred and Seventy- four Pounds 11*ſ.* 4 | 174 11 4 | |
| *June* 3. Fifty Pounds (in full for the 9th 18*d.* Tax) | 50 0 0 | |
| *Sept.* 9. Two Pounds Nineteen Shillings and One penny, | 2 19 1 | |
| | 559 19 9 | |
| | 714 9 9 | |
| | 996 1 2 | |

By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 946 1 2 (being excluſive of the £ 50, paid June 3d, on which Sum Commiſſions were allowed by the County Commiſſioners, at their Settlement of the 9th Eighteen-penny Tax) at 20 Shillings per Cent, £ 9 9 2

Mileage, 0 5 0

9 14 2

£ 1,309 14 7

*Cheſter* County Provincial *Tax*, 1769, *Lewis Davis*, Treaſurer. Dr.

TO the full Amount of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, £ 4,316 18 0

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By ſundry Charges attending the levying and collecting ſaid Tax and Abatements as follow, viz.

| | | | |
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| Deficiencies and Inſolvents, allowed by County Commiſſioners, | | £ 120 1 0 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 107 18 5 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 34 15 6 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 59 1 6 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 94 11 0 | | |
| Clerks, ditto, | 25 15 6 | | |
| | £ 214 3 6 | | |
| Credit carried forward | £ 214 3 6 | £ 227 19 5 | |

Debit carried forward, £ 4,316 18 0

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Debit brought over, | £ 4,316 | 18 0 |
| | Credit brought over, | £ 214 | 3 6 | £ 227 | 19 5 | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, as follows, viz. | | | | | | | |
| 1769. One Thousand Six Hundred and Ten | | | | | | | |
| *June* 3. Pounds 5/10. —— | £ 1,610 | 5 10 | | | | | |
| *Aug.* 19. One Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds, —— | 186 | 0 0 | | | | | |
| *Sept.* 2. One Thousand and Eighteen Pounds 1/4, —— | 1,018 | 1 4 | | | | | |
| | | | 2,814 | 7 2 | | | |
| | | | | | 3,028 | 10 8 | |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 3,028 10 8, at 20*s.* p. Cent, | | | | | 30 | 5 3 | |
| | | | | | £ 3,286 | 15 4 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to remain uncollected, —— —— | | | | | 1,030 | 2 8 | |
| | | | | | | £ 4,316 | 18 0 |

*Lancaster* County Provincial *Tax*, 1768, *Matthias Slough*, Treasurer. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as per Settlement with the Committee, 1768, on the 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | £ | 832 15 8½ |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | |
| 1769. *May* 11. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, —— | £ 650 16 6 | | |
| *Sept.* 8. Paid ditto, in full, One Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds 19/2½, —— | 181 19 2½ | | |
| | | £ | 832 15 8½ |

*Lancaster* County Provincial *Tax*, 1769, *Matthias Slough*, Treasurer. Dr.

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|---|---|---|---|
| TO the full Amount of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— —— | | £ | 3679 14 8 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | |
| By sundry Charges attending the levying and collecting said Tax and Abatements, as follow, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies and Insolvents, allowed by County Commissioners, —— | £ 181 | 10 10 | |
| Collectors Fees, —— —— —— —— | 88 | 0 2 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, —— £ 36 4 6 | | | |
| County Assessors ditto, —— 49 0 0 | | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, —— 113 5 0 | | | |
| Clerks —— ditto, —— —— 19 15 0 | | | |
| Paid Isaac Saunders, for administring Qualifications to the Commissioners and Assessors, —— —— 1 0 0 | | | |
| £ 219 4 6 | | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, —— 1,963 0 8 | | | |
| | 2,182 | 5 2 | |
| By the County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 2,182 5 2, at 20*s.* per Cent, —— —— —— £ 21 16 5 | | | |
| Commissions short credited, at last Settlement, on £ 417 7 0, at 20*s* per Cent, —— —— 4 3 5 | | | |
| | 25 | 19 10 | |
| | £ 2,477 | 16 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be uncollected, —— —— | 1,201 | 18 8 | |
| | | £ 3,679 | 14 8 |

*York* County Provincial *Tax*, 1768, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, on the 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled, by the Committee of the Assembly, last Year, —— —— —— —— —— —— | | £ | 539 1 5 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | |
| By further Deficiencies, allowed by County Commissioners, since last Settlement, | £ 50 | 4 6 | |
| By Non-residents Taxes, yet uncollected (the Owners of the Lands not living in the County) to be accounted for by the Commissioners, with those of former Years, | 26 | 12 10½ | |
| By sundry Charges paid, being further allowed by County Commissioners, per their Order, since last Settlement, —— —— £ 21 11 0 | | | |
| 1769. *Sept.* 5. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, —— 434 15 11 | | | |
| | 456 | 6 11 | |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 456 6 11, at 20*s.* per Cent, —— | 4 | 11 0 | |
| | £ 537 | 15 3½ | |
| Balance due to the Province (carried to the Debt of next Year's Account) | 1 | 6 1½ | |
| | | £ 539 | 1 5 |

*York* County Provincial *Tax*, 1769, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of the 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled above, —— —— | £ | 1 6 | 1½ |
| To the full Amount of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— —— —— | 1,347 | 16 1 | 1½ |
| | | £ 1,349 | 3 1 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | |
| By further Deficiencies, allowed by County Commissioners, since last Settlement, —— | £ 71 | 3 6 | |
| By Non-residents Taxes, yet uncollected (the Owners of the Lands not living in the County) to be accounted for by the Commissioners, with those of former Years, —— —— —— —— —— —— | 5 | 16 3 | |
| By sundry Charges attending the levying and collecting the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Collectors Fees, —— —— —— | 33 | 13 11 | |
| Credit carried forward, | £ 110 | 13 8 | |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ 1,349 | 3 1 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought over, | | £ 1,349 3 1 |
| | Credit brought over, | £ 110 13 8 | |
| County Commiſſioners, County and Townſhip Aſſeſſors, and Clerks Fees, | £ 193 1 11 | | |
| 1769. *Sept.* 5. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | 600 5 1 | | |
| | | 793 7 0 | |
| By the County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 793 7, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 7 18 7 | | |
| Mileage, | 3 2 6 | | |
| | £ 11 1 1 | | |
| And Commiſſions due to ſaid Treaſurer, on his paying £ 68 19 to Samuel Preſton Moore (the late Provincial Treaſurer) and the Sum of £ 38, paid to the preſent Treaſurer (Owen Jones) the 5th Inſtant; which Sums are in Part of the Debt due from the ſaid County, on Account of Taxes payable from Non-reſidents, Account whereof is to be ſettled with the Commiſſioners of the ſaid County, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 1 1 4 | | |
| | | 12 2 5 | |
| | | £ 916 3 1 | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be uncollected, | | 433 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 1,349 3 1 |

WILLIAM Mathews, one of the Adminiſtrators to the Eſtate of John Blackburn, deceaſed, late Treaſurer for the County of York, has exhibited an Account of the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, for ſaid County, in the Year 1767, adjuſted by the Commiſſioners, and certified under their Hands, the 30th of Auguſt laſt, by which, they ſay, there remains in the Hands of the ſaid Adminiſtrators, the Sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds 14/7¼.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | £ 758 14 7¼ | |
| In Part of which the ſaid William Mathews has paid to Owen Jones, the Treaſurer, the 11th Inſtant, the Sum of | 33 0 0 | |
| Balance remaining due to the Province, on Account of the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | £ 725 14 7¼ |

*York* County, on Account of *Taxes* due from Non-reſidents, returned outſtanding, and charged in the ſeveral Accounts, ſettled by the Commiſſioners, from the firſt Aſſeſsments of the Provincial Tax, in the ſaid County, and not yet accounted for to the Province. **Dr.**

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| 1756. | To Amount charged on the Six-penny Tax, | £ 25 6 9 | |
| 1757. | To ditto — on the Twelve-penny ditto, | 44 8 6 | |
| 1758. | To ditto — on the firſt Eighteen-penny Tax, | 47 3 0 | |
| 1759. | To ditto — on the ſecond ditto, | 90 15 3 | |
| 1760. | To ditto — on the third ditto, | 75 8 3 | |
| 1761. | To ditto — on the fourth ditto, | 71 13 3 | |
| 1762. | To ditto — on the fifth ditto, | 53 9 10 | |
| 1763. | To ditto — on the ſixth ditto, | 38 1 10 | |
| 1764. | To ditto — on the ſeventh ditto, | 56 9 10 | |
| 1765. | To ditto — on the eighth ditto, | 36 2 7 | |
| 1766. | To ditto — on the ninth ditto, | 35 1 7 | |
| 1767. | To ditto — on the tenth ditto, | 27 10 3 | |
| 1768. | To ditto — on the eleventh ditto, | 26 12 10½ | |
| 1769. | To ditto — on the twelfth ditto, | 5 16 3 | |
| | | | £ 634 0 0½ |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

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| 1768. *Sept.* 8. | By Samuel Preſton Moore, Treaſurer, who Credits, by Caſh received of Robert M'Pherſon, as per Account ſettled laſt Year, and reported to the Houſe, | £ 68 19 0 | |
| 1769. *Sept.* 5. | By Owen Jones, Treaſurer, who received of Robert M'Pherſon, | £ 38 0 0 | |
| 6. | By ditto, who received of the Commiſſioners, per William Leas, | 103 7 0 | |
| | | 141 7 0 | |
| | | £ 210 6 0 | |
| | Balance due to the Province, | 423 14 0½ | |
| | | | £ 634 0 0½ |

THE Commiſſioners of the County of York attended your Committee, agreeable to the Directions of the Houſe, and produced to us the Books containing the Accounts of the Aſſeſsments in the ſaid County, from the firſt Provincial Tax to the preſent Time; on Examination of which it appears, that the Debt outſtanding, as ſtated in the above Account, proceeds from the Inattention and Remiſsneſs of the former Aſſeſſors and Commiſſioners, who have neglected the neceſſary Care of collecting the Taxes aſſeſſed on Lands, the Property of Perſons who do not reſide in the County. —— The preſent Commiſſioners aſſure us, that ſince they received Notice of ſuch Deficiency, they have exerted themſelves to collect the Monies due for thoſe Taxes, ſome Part of which they have lately received, and paid to the Provincial Treaſurer, as credited in the above Account; that they ſhall continue their beſt Endeavours to collect what remains; but, as the Returns of the Aſſeſsments are very irregular and inexplicit, and their Predeceſſors have neglected recovering them in due Time, they fear they ſhall not be able to ſucceed in recovering the whole Arrears.

## *Berks* County Provincial *Tax*, 1769, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer. Dr.

1769.

TO the full Amount of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — — £ 1,250 8 6 *September* 21.

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By Charges attending the levying and collecting said Tax, as settled by the Commissioners, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies allowed by the County Commissioners, for Insolvents, &c. | | £ 25 14 0 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 30 11 4 | |
| County Commissioners, £ 29 4*s*. Assessors, £ 26 5*s*. | £ 55 9 0 | | |
| Township Assessors, £ 54 15*s*. Clerks Fees, &c. £ 29 8*s*. 6*d*. | 84 3 6 | | |
| | | £ 139 12 6 | |
| 1769. *May* 15. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ 400 0 0 | | |
| *Sept*. 6. Paid ditto, Six Hundred and Forty-one Pounds 5*s*8. | 641 5 8 | | |
| | | 1,041 5 8 | |
| | | | 1,180 18 2 |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,180 18*s*. 2*d*. at 20*s*. per Cent, | | £ 11 16 0 | |
| Mileage, | | 1 9 0 | |
| | | 13 5 0 | |
| | | | £ 1,250 8 6 |

## *Cumberland* County, for the Provincial *Tax*, *John Montgomery*, Treasurer. Dr.

TO the Balance on the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, as reported to the House, Sept. 1768, — £ 690 16 10

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By sundry Charges on that Tax, heretofore unaccounted, viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies, settled by County Commissioners, | £ 5 9 2 | |
| Collectors Fees, | 4 14 0½ | |
| Assessors ditto, | £ 0 15 0 | |
| 1769. *Sept*. 11. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | 40 18 7 | |
| | 41 13 7 | |
| By the County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 41 13 7 at 20*s*. p. Cent, | 0 8 4 | |
| | £ 52 5 1½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to remain uncollected, | 638 11 8½ | |
| | | £ 690 16 10 |

## *Cumberland* County, *on the* 11*th Eighteen-penny* Tax, 1768. Dr.

TO Balance due on the said Tax, as reported to the House, September, 1768, — £ 1,187 8 2½

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By sundry Charges and Abatements on that Tax, not before accounted for, viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies settled by County Commissioners, | £ 29 1 5 | |
| Collectors Fees, | 18 5 1½ | |
| County Commissioners Fees, £ 5 15 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, 5 10 0 | | |
| | £ 11 5 0 | |
| 1769. *May* 8. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, £ 145 19 2 | | |
| *Aug*. 22. Paid ditto, Eighty Pounds, 80 0 0 | | |
| *Sept*. 11. Paid ditto One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds 8/9. 131 8 9 | | |
| | 357 7 11 | |
| | 368 12 11 | |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 368 12 11, at 20*s*. per Cent, | 3 13 8 | |
| | £ 419 13 1½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to remain uncollected, | 767 15 1 | |
| | | £ 1,187 8 2½ |

## *Cumberland* County, *on the* 12*th Eighteen-penny* Tax, 1769. Dr.

| | | |
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| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | £ 1,880 16 8 | |
| To a Fine received from a Person refusing to serve as Collector, | 10 0 0 | |
| To Cash received from Non-residents, | 4 10 0 | |
| | | £ 1,895 6 8 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By sundry Charges and Abatements on said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 14 12 2 | |
| Collectors Fees, | 1 8 1½ | |
| Commissioners ditto, £ 36 9 0 | | |
| County Assessors ditto, 38 0 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, 108 0 0 | | |
| Clerks ditto, 42 10 9 | | |
| | £ 224 19 9 | |
| 1769. *May* 8. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, £ 100 0 0 | | |
| *Aug*. 22. Paid ditto One Hundred and Ten Pounds, 110 0 0 | | |
| *Sept*. 1. Paid ditto Seventy Pounds, 70 0 0 | | |
| 11. Paid ditto Twenty-four Pounds 18/3. 24 18 3 | | |
| | 304 18 3 | |
| | 529 18 0 | |
| Credit carried forward, | £ 545 18 3½ | |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ 1,895 |

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| | | | | Debit brought forward, | £ | 1,895 6 8 |
| 1769. | | | | Credit brought forward, £ 545 18 3½ | | |
| *September* 21. | By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 529 18, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ | 5 5 11¼ | | | |
| | Mileage, | | 3 0 0 | | | |
| | | | 8 5 11¼ | | | |
| | | | | £ 554 4 3¼ | | |
| | Balance due to the Province, said to be uncollected, | | | 1,341 2 4¾ | | |
| | | | | | £ | 1,895 6 8 |

*Northampton* County Provincial *Tax*, 1769, *John Wagle*, Treasurer. Dr.

| | | | | | |
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| TO the full Amount of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | | £ | 1,108 11 0½ |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | | | |
| By Charges attending the levying and collecting said Tax, as settled by the Commissioners of the County, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiency allowed for an Insolvent, | £ | 4 7 7½ | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 27 14 3 | | | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | | 39 7 6 | | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | | 41 5 0 | | | |
| Clerks Fees and for Paper, &c. | | 34 0 0 | | | |
| Township Assessors for making a Return of the Inhabitants, &c. | | 62 18 6 | | | |
| Justices administring Qualifications to the Commissioners, &c. | | 0 7 6 | | | |
| | | | £ | 210 0 4½ | |
| By Cash paid to Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| 1769. *April* 12. Six Hundred and Three Pounds, 13/6. | £ | 603 13 6 | | | |
| 13. Thirty Pounds, | | 30 0 0 | | | |
| *Aug.* 17. Two Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds, 5/7. | | 252 5 7 | | | |
| | | | | 885 19 1 | |
| By County Treasurers Commissions and Mileage, | | | | 12 11 7 | |
| | | | | £ | 1,108 11 0½ |

The ESTATE of the PROPRIETARIES (*THOMAS PENN* and *RICHARD PENN*, Esqrs;) on Account of their Provincial TAXES, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties. Dr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1760. *Feb.* 1. | TO Amount of their Six-penny, Twelve-penny, and Three Eighteen-penny Taxes, for Philadelphia County, as per Account settled by the Commissioners, | £ | 532 16 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | | 158 14 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | | 82 2 5¼ | | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | | 273 3 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | | 550 19 10 | | | |
| | To ditto, York, | | 229 2 8 | | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | | 188 0 4 | | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | | 159 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | £ | 2,173 18 3¼ | |
| 1761. | To ditto (their fourth Eighteen-penny Tax for Philad.) | £ | 133 4 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | | 39 9 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | | 20 9 5 | | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | | 88 12 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | | 106 3 3 | | | |
| | To ditto, York, | | 57 4 6½ | | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | | 65 16 7 | | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | | 52 6 6 | | | |
| | | | | | 563 5 9½ | |
| 1762. | To ditto, (their fifth Eighteen-penny Tax for Philadel.) | £ | 147 16 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | | 37 8 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | | 20 9 5 | | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | | 75 0 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | | 90 12 10 | | | |
| | To ditto, York, | | 57 4 8½ | | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | | 65 5 3 | | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | | 58 9 5 | | | |
| | | | | | 552 6 7½ | |
| 1763. | To ditto, their 6th Eighteen-penny Tax for Philad. County, | £ | 147 16 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | | 37 8 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | | 20 8 9 | | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | | 79 13 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | | 99 5 11½ | | | |
| | To ditto, York, | | 58 4 8 | | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | | 62 6 5 | | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | | 75 12 2 | | | |
| | | | | | 580 15 11½ | |
| 1764. | To ditto, their seventh Eighteen-penny Tax for Philad. | £ | 161 17 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | | 37 8 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | | 20 9 5 | | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | | 84 0 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | | 88 19 4 | | | |
| | To ditto, York, | | 58 4 7 | | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | | 64 6 5 | | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | | 78 6 2 | | | |
| | | | | | 593 11 5 | |
| 1765. | To ditto, their eighth Eighteen-penny Tax for Philadel. | £ | 142 10 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | | 38 18 7 | | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | | 37 17 6 | | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | | 98 0 0 | | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | | 106 16 5 | | | |
| | To ditto, York, | | 57 4 8 | | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | | 100 4 9 | | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | | 110 18 4 | | | |
| | | | | | 692 10 3 | |
| | | | | Debit carried forward, | £ | 5,156 8 3¾ |

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September 21.

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| | Debit brought forward, | | | £ 5,156 8 3¾ |
| 1766. | To ditto, their 9th Eighteen-penny Tax for Philadelphia, | £ 150 0 0 | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | 59 17 9 | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | 37 15 3 | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | 110 3 6 | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | 105 11 11 | | |
| | To ditto, York, | 50 19 3 | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | 130 17 8 | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | 111 2 8 | | |
| | | | 736 8 0 | |
| 1767. | To ditto, their tenth Eighteen-penny Tax for Philadel. | £ 150 0 0 | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | 39 16 6 | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | 38 1 3 | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | 108 0 9 | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | 247 1 2¼ | | |
| | To ditto, York, | 50 19 3½ | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | 128 12 6 | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | 111 3 5 | | |
| | | | 873 14 10¼ | |
| 1768. | To ditto, their eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax for Philad. | £ 150 0 0 | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | 39 19 9 | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, | 37 15 3 | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, | 110 3 6 | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, | 282 1 10 | | |
| | To ditto, York, | 54 13 7¾ | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | 128 12 6 | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | 116 18 2¼ | | |
| | | | 920 4 8 | |
| 1769. | To ditto, their 12th Eighteen-penny Tax for Philadelph. | £ 150 0 0 | | |
| | To ditto, for Bucks, | 40 1 0 | | |
| | To ditto, Chester, } These Accounts are not brought in { | | | |
| | To ditto, Lancaster, } These Accounts are not brought in { | | | |
| | To ditto, Cumberland, } These Accounts are not brought in { | | | |
| | To ditto, York, | 54 13 7¾ | | |
| | To ditto, Berks, | 156 0 9 | | |
| | To ditto, Northampton, | 118 1 8 | | |
| | | | 518 17 0¾ | |
| | | | | £ 8,205 12 11¼ |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

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| By their free Gift, Anno 1756, | £ 5,000 0 0 | |
| 1769. By Cash, paid by the Receiver General, to Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| | | £ 6,000 0 0 |
| Balance due to the Province, exclusive of the Taxes from Chester, Lancaster and Cumberland, for the Year 1769, | | 2,205 12 11¼ |
| | | £ 8,205 12 11¼ |

## STATE of the ACCOMPTS of the Collectors of the EXCISE on *Spirituous Liquors*, in the several Counties.

*Joseph Stretch*, Collector for *Philadelphia* County. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the Amount of Excise from July 1768, to July 1769, | £ 2,736 13 8 | |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, | 300 0 0 | |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | 154 4 0 | |
| | | £ 3,190 17 8 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

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| By Balance due to him, per Account settled September 12th, 1768, | £ 14 0 3½ | |
| 1768. By Cash paid Samuel Preston Moore, Provincial Treasurer, per Receipt, *Oct.* 10. £ 152 11 5 | | |
| 28. Paid ditto, per Receipt, 100 1 9 | | |
| | £ 252 13 2 | |
| By ditto, paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, per Receipts, as follows, viz. | | |
| 1768. Two Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds | | |
| *Dec.* 12. 18/3. | £ 294 18 3 | |
| 1769. One Hundred and Eighty Pounds | | |
| *Jan.* 17. Ten Shillings, | 180 10 0 | |
| *Mar.* 13. One Hundred and Fifty Pounds 5/. | 150 5 0 | |
| *May* 22. One Hundred and Fifty-seven Pounds 14/5. | 157 14 5 | |
| *July* 11. Two Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds 8/10. | 251 8 10 | |
| *Aug.* 8. Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds 2/7. | 375 2 7 | |
| 15. Two Hundred and Ninety six Pounds 10/4. | 296 10 4 | |
| 28. Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds 15/8. | 360 15 8 | |
| *Sept.* 4. Three Hundred and Forty Pounds 6/4 | 340 6 4 | |
| | £ 2,407 11 5 | |
| By Cash paid Attorney's Fees on recovering several Debts, | 4 15 0 | |
| | £ 2,664 19 7 | |
| By Commissions on £ 2,664 19 7 at 5 per Cent, | | 133 5 0 |
| By sundry Debts due from divers Persons who are become Insolvents, &c. in the Year 1767, | £ 29 5 6 | |
| Ditto, in the Year 1768, | 30 11 8 | |
| | | 59 17 2 |
| | | £ 2,872 2 0½ |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 318 15 7½ |
| | | £ 3, 190 17 8 |

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## *John Woolston*, Collector for *Bucks* County. Dr.

*September* 21. TO Amount of Excise from July the 1st, 1768, to July 1st, 1769, £ 318 11 4
To sundry Retailers, per Annum, 67 10 0
To a Moiety of a Fine, 1 0 0
£ 387 1 4

CONTRA CREDITOR.

1769. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, Sixty
*Mar.* 23. Pounds, £ 60 0 0
*June* 26. Paid ditto £ 111 19 6—Sept. 1st, paid ditto £ 6,—Sept. 6,
paid ditto, £ 168 17 9, 286 17 3
£ 346 17 3
By an Allowance of a Fee paid an Attorney, on recovering a Debt, 1 10 0
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, 38 14 1
£ 387 1 4

## *Charles Humphreys*, Collector for *Chester* County. Dr.

TO Amount of Excise, from July 1st, 1768, to July 1st, 1769, £ 510 0 0
To sundry Retailers, per Annum, 113 15 0
To a Moiety of Fines, 2 10 0
£ 626 5 0

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By Balance due to him, per Account settled September, 1768, £ 0 19 11
1769. *Aug.* 12. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, £ 114 16 0
28. By ditto paid ditto, One Hundred and Twenty-three
Pounds, 3*s.* 123 3 0
*Sept.* 19. By ditto paid ditto, Three Hundred and Twenty-four
Pounds 13*s*7. 324 13 7
562 12 7
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, 62 12 6
£ 626 5 0

## *Jasper Scull*, Collector of Excise for *Berks* County. Dr.

TO Balance of his Account settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, £ 61 7 10
To Amount of the Excise from August 12, 1768, to August 8, 1769, £ 327 7 6
Retailers, per Annum, 89 5 0
416 12 6
£ 478 0 4

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, per Receipts, viz.
1769. *Aug.* 15. One Hundred and Eighty Pounds 15*s.* £ 180 15 0
23. Sixty-five Pounds Nine Shillings, 65 9 0
*Sept.* 4. One Hundred Pounds, 100 0 0
£ 346 4 0
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, 34 12 4
£ 380 16 4
Balance due to the Province, 97 4 0
£ 478 0 4

## *Jesse Jones*, Collector of Excise for *Northampton* County. Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, settled by the Committee of Assembly, Sept. 8th, 1768, £ 82 4 1
To Amount of Excise, from July 1st, 1768, to July 1st, 1769, £ 176 3 8
Retailers, per Annum, 27 15 0
203 18 8
£ 286 2 9

CONTRA CREDITOR.

1768. *Sept.* 26. By Cash paid Samuel Preston Moore, late Treasurer, per Receipt, £ 27 0 0
By ditto paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, per Receipts, viz.
1769. *Jan.* 11. Twelve Pounds, £ 12 0 0
*March* 21. Twenty Pounds, 20 0 0
*July* 21. Sixty-eight Pounds, 68 0 0
*Sept.* 1. One Hundred Pounds 9*s*1. 100 9 1
£ 200 9 1
By his Commissions on £ 227 9 1 at 10 per Cent, 22 14 11
£ 250 4 0
Balance due to the Province, 35 8 9
£ 286 2 9

## *George Eichelberger*, Collector of Excise for *York* County. Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, settled by the Committee of Assembly, Sept. 1, 1767, £ 35 10 10
To an Omission in that Settlement, 3 0 0
To Amount of Excise from August 1, 1767, to August 1, 1768, £ 22 16 8
Sundry Retailers, per Annum, 170 15 0
193 11 8
To Amount of Excise from August 1, 1768, to August 1, 1769, £ 10 0 0
Sundry Retailers, per Annum, 239 5 0
249 5 0

Debit carried forward, £ 481 7 6

Debit brought forward, £ 481 7 6 1769. *September* 21.

CONTRA CREDITOR.

1768. By Cash paid Samuel Preston Moore, late Provincial Treasurer, at several Payments, — £ 169 14 9
*Oct.* 7. Paid ditto, Fifteen Pounds, — 15 0 0
£ 184 14 9
1769. *Sept.* 5. By ditto paid Owen Jones, present Treasurer, — 180 0 0
£ 364 14 9
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, — 36 9 5
£ 401 4 2
Balance due to the Province, — 80 3 4
£ 481 7 6

## *James Lindsay*, Collector of Excise for *Cumberland* County.

HAS not appeared, nor sent his Account for the present Year.
The Balance due from him last Year was — £ 49 5 7
Since which he has paid to Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, in Part thereof, — 23 10 0
Balance still due, and no Payment made on Account of this Year's Excise, — £ 25 15 7

## *James Webb*, Collector of Excise for *Lancaster* County. Dr.

TO Balance of his Account settled September 19, 1768, — £ 32 4 11
To Amount of Excise, from July 1, 1768, to July 1, 1769, — £ 430 4 0
Sundry Retailers, per Annum, — 148 17 6
579 1 6
£ 611 6 5

CONTRA CREDITOR.

1769. *Sept.* 21. By Cash paid to Owen Jones, the Provincial Treasurer, £ 503 0 0
By Commissions at 10 per Cent, — 50 6 0
£ 553 6 0
Balance due to the Province, — 58 0 5
£ 611 6 5

His Account as Barrack-Master remains to be settled.

## *Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for building and supporting a Light-House at *Cape-Henlopen*. Dr.

TO the Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from September 5, 1768, to September 7, 1769, — — £ 1,448 10 6

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, per Receipts, £ 1,361 12 10½
Commissions, at 6 per Cent, — 86 17 7½
£ 1,448 10 6

He has not exhibited his Account of the Duties received on Slaves imported for the present Year; but it appears he has paid to Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, on that Account, the Sum of Two Hundred and Sixty-eight Pounds 19/6. — £ 268 19 6

## *Joseph Fox*, Barrack-Master, in *Philadelphia*. Dr.

TO Cash paid him by the Provincial Treasurers, viz.
By Samuel Preston Moore, late Treasurer, at twice, — £ 640 11 3
By Owen Jones, present Treasurer, at several Payments, — 767 14 8½
£ 1,408 5 11½
To Cash received of two Officers for four Pair of Sheets lost, — — 2 5 0
£ 1,410 10 11½

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Fire Wood, Candles, Vinegar, Small Beer, &c. from Sept. 14, 1768, to Sept. 14, 1769, — — £ 1,410 10 11½

## *Jonas Seely*, late Treasurer for the County of *Berks*. Dr.

TO Balance due from him, on Account of Taxes paid into his Hands, as Treasurer of the said County, per Account settled by the Committee of the Assembly last Year, reported to the House on the 19th of September, 1768, — — — £ 2,935 18 3½

CONTRA CREDITOR.

By Cash paid by him to Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.
1769. *May* 18. Three Hundred Pounds, — — — £ 300 0 0
19. Forty Pounds, — — 40 0 0
*July* 31. Sixty Pounds, — — — 60 0 0
£ 400 0 0
Balance still due to the Province, — — — — 2,535 18 3½
£ 2,935 18 3½

1769. *September* 21. STATE of the ACCOUNTS of *Samuel Preſton Moore*, late Provincial Treaſurer, who received and paid ſundry Sums of Money, after the Settlement of his Account laſt Year, to the Time his Succeſſor *(Owen Jones)* entered upon the Execution of his Office, viz.

On Account of Tonnage and Duties, per Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1758, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account ſettled by the Committee, September, 1768, | | £ 2 10 7½ |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Caſh paid to Owen Jones, preſent Treaſurer, | | £ 2 10 7½ |

On Account of the *Province* Iſland, and Tenements on the *State-Houſe* Lot. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Accounts, ſettled by the Committee, September 16, 1768, | | £ 271 4 8 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Caſh paid Philip Kinſey, one of the Adminiſtrators to the Eſtate of John Kinſey, deceaſed, per Order, | £ 6 1 3 | |
| By his Commiſſions, | 13 11 2 | |
| | £ 19 12 5 | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, the Balance, | 251 12 3 | |
| | | £ 271 4 8 |

On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Uſe, paſſed 1763. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account ſettled by the Committee, Sept. 16, 1768, | | £ 1,761 10 5 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Caſh paid Joſeph Fox, Eſq; for building the Colonel's Houſe at the Barracks, | £ 200 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, | 8 16 0 | |
| | £ 208 16 0 | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, the Balance, | 1,552 14 5 | |
| | | £ 1,761 10 5 |

On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for building and ſupporting the *Light-Houſe* on *Cape-Henlopen*. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account ſettled by the Committee, Sept. 16, 1768, | | £ 543 1 0 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Caſh paid Peter Reeve, per Order, | £ 540 6 6 | |
| By his Commiſſions, | 2 14 3 | |
| | £ 543 0 9 | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, the Balance, | 0 0 3 | |
| | | £ 543 1 0 |

On Account of the Exciſe on *Spirituous Liquors*. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account ſettled by the Committee, Sept. 16, 1768, | | | £ 1 0 3½ |
| To Caſh received of Joſeph Stretch, | £ 252 13 2 | | |
| To ditto, —— of Jeſſe Jones, | 27 0 0 | | |
| To ditto, —— of George Eichelberger, | 15 0 0 | | |
| | | 294 13 2 | |
| To ditto, —— of Thomas Minſhall, in full of his Account ſettled laſt Year, | £ 249 14 6 | | |
| And a Debt he ſince recovered, | 9 9 11 | | |
| | | 259 4 5 | |
| | | | £ 554 17 10½ |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | |
| By his Commiſſions, | £ 27 14 10 | | |
| By Bills of Credit paid the Committee of Aſſembly, and by them burnt, | 526 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 553 14 10 | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, the Balance, | | 1 3 0½ | |
| | | | £ 554 17 10½ |

On Account of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Philip Syng, at two Payments, | £ 1,012 0 0 | |
| To ditto, —— of Paul Preſton, | 130 0 0 | |
| To ditto, —— of Lewis Davis, | 154 10 0 | |
| | | £ 1,296 10 0 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Bills of Credit paid the Committee of Aſſembly, and by them burnt, | £ 1,293 5 3 | |
| By his Commiſſions, 5*ſ.* per Cent, | 3 4 9 | |
| | | £ 1,296 10 0 |

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On Account of the Act for raising £ 20,000 for the Support of Government, passed the 20th of *May*, 1767. Dr. 1769. *September* 21.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account settled by the Committee, Sept. 16, 1768, | | £ 3,319 19 7½ |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Cash paid Joseph Fox, Esq; for quartering Soldiers, | £ 640 11 3 | |
| By ditto paid Frederick Speigle, per Certificate, dated May 18, 1765, | 8 5 0 | |
| By his Commissions, | 16 11 10 | |
| | £ 665 8 1 | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, the Balance, | 2654 11 6½ | |
| | | £ 3,319 19 7½ |

On Account of the Act for raising and applying the Sum of £ 3,000, towards removing the Discontent of the *Indians*, &c. passed *February* 17, 1768. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account settled by the Committee, Sept. 16, 1768, | | £ 71 14 8 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Cash paid Joseph Shippen, jun. and John Allen, per Order, | £ 46 13 6 | |
| By ditto paid Owen Jones, the Balance, | 25 1 2 | |
| | | £ 71 14 8 |

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of *Owen Jones*, present Provincial Treasurer, *viz.*

On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act of Assembly passed 1758. Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Samuel Preston Moore, late Treasurer, Balance of his Account, | £ 2 10 7½ |
| Which Sum of £ 2 10 7½ remains in his Hands. | |

On Account of the *Province-Island*, and Tenements on the *State-House* Lot. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Samuel Preston Moore, late Treasurer, Balance of his Account, | £ 251 12 3 | |
| To ditto, —— of Joseph Fox, Esq; Balance for a Year's Rent, | 119 8 0 | |
| To ditto, —— of Samuel Rhoads, in full of the Debt due from him, reported last Year, | 46 2 6 | |
| | | £ 417 2 9 |
| Which Sum of £ 417 2 9 remains in his Hands. | | |

On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the KING's Use, passed 1763. Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Samuel Preston Moore, late Treasurer, Balance of his Account, | £ 1,552 14 5 |
| Which Sum remains in his Hands. | |

On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, at sundry Times, | | £ 268 19 6 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 267 12 8 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 1 6 10 | |
| | | £ 268 19 6 |

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Samuel Preston Moore, late Treasurer, Balance of his Account, | | £ 1 3 0½ | |
| To ditto, —— of Joseph Stretch. Collector for Philadelphia County, | £ 2,407 11 5 | | |
| of Charles Humphreys, for Chester, | 562 12 7 | | |
| of John Woolston, for Bucks, | 346 17 3 | | |
| of James Webb, — for Lancaster, | 503 0 0 | | |
| of George Eichelberger, for York, | 180 0 0 | | |
| of James Lindsay, — for Cumberland, | 23 10 0 | | |
| of Jasper Scull, —— for Berks, | 346 4 0 | | |
| of Jesse Jones, —— for Northampton, | 200 9 1 | | |
| of the Executors of Joseph Hamton, deceased, late Collector of Bucks County, in full of the Balance due from him, as settled the 19th of September, 1768, | 60 13 9 | | |
| | | 4,630 18 1 | |
| | | | £ 4,632 1 1½ |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | |
| By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed May 20th, 1767, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000 raised for the Support of Government, and Payment of public Debts, | | £ 4,216 0 0 | |
| By Commissions, at 5 per Cent, | | 210 16 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 205 5 1½ | |
| | | | £ 4,632 1 1½ |

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## On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for building and supporting the *Light-Houſe* at *Cape-Henlopen*. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Samuel Preſton Moore, late Treaſurer, Balance of his Account, | £ | 0 0 3 | |
| To ditto, received of Thomas Coombe, at ſundry Times, | | 1,361 12 10½ | |
| | | | £ 1,361 13 1½ |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid Peter Reeve, by Order of the Commiſſioners, | £ | 830 0 0 | |
| By Commiſſions, at 10*ſ.* per Cent, | | 4 3 0 | |
| | £ | 834 3 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 527 10 1½ | |
| | | | £ 1,361 13 1½ |

## On Account of the Act for raiſing £ 20,000 for the Support of Government, paſſed *May* 20, 1767. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Samuel Preſton Moore, late Treaſurer, Balance of his Account, | | | £ 2,654 11 6 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid Thomas Willing, Eſq; the Judges Expences on the Circuit, | £ | 11 18 8 | |
| By ditto paid John Paul's Certificate for Caſh advanced B. Franklin, | | 10 0 0 | |
| By ditto paid Thomas Willing, Eſq; the Judges Expences on the Circuit, | | 20 10 11 | |
| By ditto paid Joſeph Fox, Eſq; Barrack-Maſter, for Philadelphia, at ſundry Times, | | 767 14 8½ | |
| | £ | 810 4 3½ | |
| By Commiſſions 10*ſ.* per Cent, | | 4 1 2½ | |
| | £ | 814 5 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 1,840 6 0 | |
| | | | £ 2,654 11 6 |

## On Account of the Act for raiſing and applying the Sum of £ 3,000 towards removing the Diſcontent of the *Indians*, &c. paſſed *February*, 1768. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Samuel Preſton Moore, late Treaſurer, Balance of his Account, | | | £ 25 1 2 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid James Pemberton, per Certificate advanced by him, per Order of the Governor, as a preſent to Connoy Sam, an Indian Ally, in Conſideration of his Loſſes on the Frontiers, in the Year 1764, | £ | 20 0 0 | |
| By Commiſſions at 10*ſ.* per Cent, | | 0 2 0 | |
| | £ | 20 2 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 4 19 2 | |
| | | | £ 25 1 2 |

## On Account of the Eighth Eighteen-penny Tax. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of David M'Conoughy, for York County, | | | £ 83 0 0 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 82 15 10¼ | |
| By Commiſſions, 5*ſ.* per Cent, | | 0 4 1¾ | |
| | | | £ 83 0 0 |

## On Account of the Ninth Eighteen-penny Tax. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of William Matthews, Adminiſtrator to the Eſtate of John Blackburn, deceaſed, late Treaſurer of York County, in full of the ſaid Tax, | £ | 21 0 3 | |
| To ditto received of Lewis Davis, being a Balance due on this Tax, omitted heretofore, as ſettled by the Commiſſioners of the County, | | 50 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 71 0 3 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ | 70 16 8½ | |
| By Commiſſions, 5*ſ* per Cent, | | 0 3 6½ | |
| | | | £ 71 0 3 |

## On Account of the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax. Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of William Matthews, Adminiſtrator to the Eſtate of John Blackburn, deceaſed, late Treaſurer of York County, in Part, | £ | 33 0 0 | |
| To ditto received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland, | | 40 18 7 | |
| | | | £ 73 18 7 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ | 73 14 11 | |
| By Commiſſions, 5*ſ* per Cent, | | 0 3 8 | |
| | | | £ 73 18 7 |

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## On Account of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax. Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1769. *September* 21. | TO Cash received of Philip Syng, Treasurer for Philadelphia County, | | £ | 1,889 | 6 | 9 | |
| | of Paul Preston, | Bucks, | | 250 | 14 | 8 | |
| | of Lewis Davis, | Chester, | | 509 | 19 | 9 | |
| | of Matthias Slough, | Lancaster, | | 832 | 15 | 8½ | |
| | of Robert M'Pherson, | York, | | 434 | 15 | 11 | |
| | of John Montgomery, | Cumberland, | | 357 | 7 | 11 | |
| | | | | | | | £ 4,275 0 8½ |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ | 4,264 | 6 | 11½ |
| By Commissions 5*s.* per Cent, | | 10 | 13 | 9 |
| | | | | £ 4,275 0 8½ |

## On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax. Dr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Treasurer for Philadelphia County, | £ | 7,496 | 3 | 0 | | |
| of Paul Preston, | Bucks, | 1,755 | 18 | 5 | | |
| of Lewis Davis, | Chester, | 2,814 | 7 | 2 | | |
| of Matthias Slough, | Lancaster, | 1,963 | 0 | 8 | | |
| of Robert M'Pherson, | York, | 600 | 5 | 1 | | |
| of John Montgomery, | Cumberland, | 304 | 18 | 3 | | |
| of John Wagle, | Northampton, | 885 | 19 | 1 | | |
| of Christopher Whitman, | Berks, | 1,041 | 5 | 8 | | |
| | | | | | £ 16,861 | 17 4 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 16,819 | 14 | 4 |
| By Commissions 5*s.* per Cent, | | 42 | 3 | 0 |
| | | | | £ 16,861 17 4 |

## On Account of the Debt due from *Jonas Seely*, for Provincial Taxes, for *Berks* County. Dr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1769. *May* 18. | TO Cash received from Jonas Seely, Three Hundred Pounds, | £ | 300 | 0 | 0 | |
| 19. | received from ditto, Forty Pounds, | | 40 | 0 | 0 | |
| *July* 31. | received from ditto, Sixty Pounds, | | 60 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | | £ 400 0 0 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ | 399 | 0 | 0 |
| By Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | £ 400 0 0 |

## On Account of Provincial Taxes due from the Estates of Non-Residents in *York* County. Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of William Leas, | £ | 103 | 7 | 0 | |
| To ditto, of Robert M'Pherson, | | 38 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £ 141 7 0 |

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ | 140 | 19 | 11 |
| By Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent. | | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| | | | | £ 141 7 0 |

## On Account of the Proprietaries Provincial Tax. Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physic, Receiver General, £ 1000 0 0

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ | 997 | 10 | 0 |
| By Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | £ 1,000 0 0 |

## On Account of the Act for raising £ 16,000 for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769. Dr.

TO Paper Bills of Credit, struck in Pursuance of said Act, and paid him by the Committee, — £ 16,000 0 0

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | | |
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| By CERTIFICATES paid as follows, viz. | | | | |
| The Honourable John Penn, Esq; — | £ | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Kirke, | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; | | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Ditto, | | 25 | 7 | 1 |
| Edward Duffield, | | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Peter Bard, | | 86 | 16 | 4 |
| Joseph Fox, the Heirs of Isaac Norris and Edward Warner, deceased, | | 103 | 5 | 10 |
| Carried forwards, | £ | 1,305 | 9 | 3 |
| Brought forwards, | £ | 1,305 | 9 | 3 |
| William Cocks, £ 44 14 0 and Interest, £ 1 4 8 | | 45 | 18 | 8 |
| Andrew M'Nair (two Certificates) | | 18 | 7 | 2 |
| Ditto, for Support of Indians, | | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Joseph Richardson (advanced by him for purchasing a Reflecting Telescope £ 100 Sterl. at 67 per Cent, £ 167 Interest, £ 3 6 9) | | 170 | 6 | 9 |
| Carried forwards, | £ | 1,545 | 8 | 4 |

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| Brought forward, | £ 1,545 | 8 | 4 |
| Joseph Kichardson, | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| The Executors of William Leech, | 9 | 16 | 4 |
| James Pemberton, | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| Lieutenant Henry Hollar, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| William Parr, | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| Dr. Benjamin Franklin, £ 500 Sterl. at 62½ per Cent, | 812 | 10 | 0 |
| Philip Syng (for the American Philosophical Society) | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Fox, | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| Ditto, Barrack-Master, | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| Ditto for Balance due on his Account, for building the Barracks, £ 1,015 1 11¼ | | | |
| Interest, 91 9 4 | | | |
| | 1,106 | 11 | 3¼ |
| Richard Jackson, Esq; £ 200 Sterling, | 330 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Shippen, | 7 | 8 | 11 |
| Ditto, | 30 | 7 | 6 |
| Hall and Sellers, | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| Michael Hillegas, | 21 | 10 | 0 |
| John Hill, | 16 | 7 | 0 |
| John Lawrence, Esq; | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Phineas Bond, | 175 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Carried forwards, | £ 4,616 | 9 | 4¼ |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Debit brought forward, | | | £ 16,000 0 0 |
| Brought forward, | £ 4,616 | 9 | 4¼ |
| Philip Miller, | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Hockley, | 11 | 2 | 0 |
| William Allen, Esq; | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Benjamin Chew, Esq; | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Isaac Pearson, | 17 | 10 | 0 |
| James Pemberton and Joseph Fox, for the Use of Isaac Still, an Indian, | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Charles Moore, | 170 | 10 | 0 |
| Thomas Yardley, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| James Hamilton, Esq; | 18 | 15 | 2 |
| Sir William Johnson, Bart. | 26 | 12 | 6 |
| Joseph Fox, for Repairs at the State-House, | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Wharton, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, per Order of the Signers of this Emission of Paper Bills, | 20 | 5 | 0 |
| | £ 5,425 | 4 | 0¼ |
| Commissions, 10*s.* p. Cent, | 27 | 2 | 6 |
| | £ 5,452 | 6 | 6¼ |
| Balance remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer, | 10,547 | 13 | 5¾ |
| | | | £ 16,000 0 0 |

## The Amount of the Paper BILLS of CREDIT, burnt and destroyed, in the Presence of the Committee, this Year, is £ 38,609 13 10¼.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| ON Account of Exchange Money received of Mary Norris, Administratrix to the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased, | | | | £ 4,655 4 9 |
| On Account of the Quotas paid into the General Loan-Office, received from Mary Norris, Administratrix to the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased, | | £ 4,140 | 0 0 | |
| On Account of Quotas received by Samuel Preston Moore, on the Mortgages in his Hands, on Behalf of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, | | 657 | 12 6 | |
| | | | | 4,797 12 6 |
| One Provincial Note, issued by the Assembly, 1755, received from Samuel Preston Moore, | | | | 5 0 0 |
| From the Provincial Treasurers, viz. | | | | |
| On Account of Taxes, viz. | | | | |
| From Samuel Preston Moore, late Treasurer, | | £ 1,293 | 5 3 | |
| From Owen Jones, present Treasurer, | | 22,848 | 18 8¼ | |
| | | | | 24,142 3 11¼ |
| On the Negro Duty, | | | | 267 12 8 |
| On the Excise, in Bills issued by the Act passed in May, 1767, viz. | | | | |
| From Samuel Preston Moore, | | £ 526 | 0 0 | |
| From Owen Jones, | | 4,216 | 0 0 | |
| | | | | 4,742 0 0 |
| | | | | £ 38,609 13 10¼ |

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Fifteen Thousand and Ninety-eight Pounds one Shilling and seven Pence three Farthings, viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On Account of Tonnage and Duties on Merchandize, | £ 2 10 | 7½ |
| On Account of the Province Island, and Tenements on the State-House Lot, | 417 2 | 9 |
| On Account of the £ 24,000 granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, | 1,552 14 | 5 |
| On Account of the Excise, per Act passed May, 1767, | 205 5 | 1 |
| On Account of Duty on the Tonnage of Ships, for Support of the Light House, at Cape-Henlopen, | 527 10 | 1½ |
| On Account of the £ 20,000 granted for the Support of Government, per Act passed, May, 1767, | 1,840 6 | 0 |
| On Account of the £ 3,000 appropriated for removing Indian Discontents, | 4 19 | 2 |
| On Account of the £ 16,000 granted for the Support of Government, per Act passed February 18, 1769, | 10,547 13 | 5¾ |
| | £ 15,098 1 | 7¼ |

Which Sums we have counted in the Treasurer's Hands.

THE Commissioners appointed, by Act of Assembly, for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, have produced their Accounts for Money received and expended in that Business, by which it appears,

| | | |
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| They received from the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, by the Hands of Charles Norris, late Acting Trustee, deceased, the Sum of One Thousand Pounds, according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly, passed in the first Year of his present Majesty's Reign, | £ 1000 0 0 | |
| That they have procured Subscriptions from divers private Persons, to be applied towards promoting this Work, the Sum of £ 1,586 19 6 in Part of which they have received, | 984 19 4 | |
| | | £ 1,984 19 4 |
| And there remains, uncollected from several Subscribers, the Sum of £ 602 0 2 | | |

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And they have expended, in Wages to the Workmen, Implements, Tools, and other Materials, viz.

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| Sundry Expences of the Commissioners and others, at their different Meetings, &c. paid by John Potts, Esq; deceased, per his Account, | £ 42 1 0 | | |
| Rum, for the Workmen, paid by ditto, | 18 13 10 | | |
| Powder, for blowing up the Rocks, paid by ditto, | 162 13 6½ | | |
| | | £ 223 8 4½ | |
| Sundry Implements, Materials, &c. paid by Benjamin Lightfoot, and Francis Yarnall, per Account, | £ 4 8 4½ | | |
| Rum, for the Workmen, | 30 8 6 | | |
| Powder, for blowing up the Rocks, | 38 14 8½ | | |
| Engineers, Tradesmen, and Labourers Wages, | 239 14 6 | | |
| | | 313 6 1 | |
| Sundry Materials, Implements, &c. paid by Joseph Millard, per his Account, | £ 17 4 4 | | |
| Labourers Wages, &c. paid by ditto, | 132 12 6 | | |
| | | 149 16 10 | |
| Sundry Implements, Tools, Materials, &c. paid by David Davis, per Account, | £ 52 3 10 | | |
| Labourers Wages, and his own Attendance, &c. | 1,187 7 4 | | |
| | | 1,239 11 2 | |
| Tradesmen and Labourers Wages, paid by Isaac Levan, including his own Attendance, per Account, | | 36 16 3 | |
| | | £ 1,962 18 8½ | |
| Balance remaining in their Hands, | | 22 0 7½ | |
| | | | £ 1,984 19 4 |

BRYAN WILKINSON has exhibited to us an Account, dated the 20th of August, 1756, for carved Work, done for the State-House, amounting to £ 85 8 10

Towards which he received of Thomas Leech, on the 20th January, 1757, the Sum of Thirty Pounds, and, on the 29th of the same Month, Five Pounds, 35 0 0

Balance remaining due to said Bryan Wilkinson, which does not appear, on our examining the Accounts of the Trustees of the Loan Office, to have been paid by them, or any other Person, £ 50 8 10

## Debts outstanding, due to the Province, *viz.*

FROM the late Trustees of the Loan-Office, £ 9,875 17 2¾

## On Account of Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FROM Philadelphia County, on the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, | £ 613 16 4¾ | | |
| on the Twelfth ditto, | 3,014 3 1¼ | | |
| | | £ 3,627 19 6 | |
| Bucks County, Twelfth ditto, | | 538 19 1 | |
| Chester County, Twelfth ditto, | | 1,030 2 8 | |
| Lancaster County, Twelfth ditto, | | 1,201 18 8 | |
| York County, Estate of John Blackburn deceased, Due on the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, | £ 725 14 7¼ | | |
| Balance on Non-Residents, | 423 14 0½ | | |
| On the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, | 433 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 1,582 8 7¼ | |
| Cumberland County on the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, | £ 638 11 8½ | | |
| Eleventh ditto, | 767 15 1 | | |
| Twelfth ditto, | 1,341 2 4¾ | | |
| | | £ 2,747 9 2¼ | |
| The Honourable the Proprietaries, | | 2,205 12 11¼ | |
| Jonas Seely, | | 2,535 18 3½ | |
| | | | £ 15,470 8 11¼ |

## On Account of Excise, *viz.*

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| FROM Joseph Stretch, Collector for Philadelphia County, | £ 318 15 7½ | | |
| James Webb, Lancaster, | 58 0 5 | | |
| George Eichelberger, York, | 80 3 4 | | |
| James Lindsay, Cumberland, besides the whole of this last Year's Excise, | 25 15 7 | | |
| Jasper Scull, Berks, | 97 4 0 | | |
| Jesse Jones, Northampton, | 35 18 9 | | |
| | | 615 17 8½ | |

## And of the Debts, due last Year, there remains outstanding, *viz.*

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| FROM Estate of Richard Pearne, deceased, | £ 1,818 5 11 | | |
| Commissioners of the Indian Trade, as then reported, | 3,056 5 3 | | |
| | | 4,874 11 2 | |
| | | | £ 30,836 15 0½ |

IN our Report last Year, we mentioned that there appeared to be due, from the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, £ 138 13 9¼ the Settlements made by the Commissioners of the County of York not being then before us, but being since produced by them, on Examination thereof, and the Provincial Treasurer's Accounts, we find that only £ 21 0 3 Part of that Sum was really due from the Estate of the said Blackburn, being the Balance on the Ninth Tax, for the Year 1766, which

1769. *September* 21. which Sum William Matthews, the Adminiſtrator, has paid to Owen Jones the Treaſurer, on the 11th Inſtant, and the other Part thereof was due from David M'Connoughy, who was Treaſurer for the ſaid County of York, in the Year 1765, for the Eighth Eighteen-penny Tax, in Part of which the ſaid M'Connoughy paid to the Provincial Treaſurer, on the 7th Inſtant, as credited in his Account, now reported the Sum of —— —— —— £ 83 0 0

*We ſubmit the foregoing Report to the Conſideration of the Houſe,*

*Philadelphia, Sept.* 21, 1769. JOSEPH FOX, JOSEPH RICHARDSON, JAMES PEMBERTON, MICHAEL HILLEGAS, ISAAC PEARSON."

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The foregoing Report of the Committee of Accounts being in Part read, by Order,

Adjournment *September* 22. the Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and having proceeded further in reading the Report of the Committee on the State of the Public Accounts, for the preſent Year, and remarking thereon,

*Ordered*, That it be, and it is hereby recommended to the ſucceeding Aſſembly, to diſmiſs *George Eichelberger*, of *York* County, from the Office of Collector of Exciſe, in Caſe he ſhall be appointed High Sheriff of the ſaid County, for the enſuing Year.

*Ordered*, That it be, and it is hereby recommended to the ſucceeding Aſſembly, to require *James Lindſay*, Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Cumberland*, to ſettle his Account as ſoon as may be, and then to remove him from the ſaid Office, that ſome other more ſuitable Perſon may be appointed in his Room.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe proceeded in reading the Report of the Committee on the State of the Public Accounts, for the preſent Year, and having gone through the ſame, recommended the ſaid Report to the particular Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly, that due Care be taken to have the ſeveral outſtanding Sums due to the Province, as ſpeedily collected as poſſible.

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer uſe his utmoſt Endeavours with the Delinquents, from whom the Sums are due to the Province, as ſet forth in the Report of the Committee on the State of the Public Accounts, for the moſt expeditious and effectual Recovery of the ſame.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Report of the Committee of Accounts be copied by the Clerk for the Preſs, and that he furniſh the Provincial Treaſurer, with a Tranſcript of the foregoing Order.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sup-*
"*port of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts*," which, being read the third time, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment *September* 23. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and*
"*Payment of the public Debts*," being tranſcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Thomas Minſhall* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Committee of Accounts preſented to the Chair a written Report on the Petition of *James Johnſton*, late Clerk to the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, referred to their Conſideration, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

AGREEABLE to the Order of the Houſe, we have conſidered the Petition of *James Johnſton* to us referred, and, on Enquiry into the Services performed by him, find that during the laſt Sickneſs of *Charles Norris*, and from the Time of his Deceaſe, to the Time the Truſtees of the Loan-Office committed the Mortgages into the Hands of *Samuel Preſton Moore*, viz. on the 21ſt of *October* 1767, the Affairs of the ſaid Loan-Office were managed by the ſaid *James Johnſton*, being in the whole about two Years; and as no Part of the Salary has been allowed to the Truſtees ſince the Year 1765, we think it may be proper to make a ſuitable Compenſation for the Services performed by the Petitioner, it appearing to us he was employed in the Buſineſs by the ſaid Truſtees, and attended the Service.

*Submitted to the Houſe,*

*September* 22, 1769. MICHAEL HILLEGAS, JOSEPH RICHARDSON, ISAAC PEARSON, JAMES PEMBERTON."

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The House taking into Consideration the foregoing Report, ordered, that the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* be allowed to the said *James Johnston*, as a full Compensation for his Services in the said Office, it appearing to the House, that he has transacted the whole Business thereof for two Years successively, without any Assistance from the Trustees, and is therefore the only Person entitled to an Allowance from the Public during that Space of Time. 1769. *September* 23.

The Committee of Accounts also reported, that since their Settlement of the Public Accounts, and Report thereon, *James Webb*, late Barrack-Master for the County of *Lancaster*, had produced his Account, which they have examined, and find, that he has expended, since the Settlement of his Account in *September*, 1767, for the Use of the Soldiers quartered in the said Barracks, in Firewood, Candles and other Necessaries, and in some Repairs to the said Barracks, the Sum of *Sixty-six Pounds Seven Shillings*, and that he received of *Samuel Preston Moore*, late Treasurer, as mentioned in their Report last Year, the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, which makes a Balance of *Sixteen Pounds Seven Shillings* due to the said *James Webb*,

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 25.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act* *Post Meridiem*
"*for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*"
reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power.

An Account was presented to the Chair by a Member, from *James Webb*, jun. Sheriff of the County of *Lancaster*, for Expences in Pursuit of *Frederick Stump* and *John Ironcutter*, and in bringing down a certain *Peter Reed*, charged with the Murder of an *Indian* (the Son of *Seneca George*) to the Gaol of this City, amounting to £
which Account was read by Order, and referred to the Committee of Accounts.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter received from *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; a Member for the County of *Lancaster*, requesting that his Absence from the House, during the present Sitting, may be excused, on Account of the Indisposition of his Family, which will not admit of his leaving Home.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of *September* 26.
the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Three Thou-
"sand Five Hundred *and* Forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, *one Moiety, or half*
"*Part, for erecting a Bridge over* Conestogoe *Creek, where the Road crosses the same,*
"*leading from* Philadelphia *to* Lancaster," *&c.* which, being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee of Grievances presented to the Chair a written Report on the State of the several Prisoners in the Gaol of this City, who have petitioned the House for Enlargement, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

YOUR Committee pray Leave to report, that they have visited the Prisoners in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, who have made Application to the House for Relief from the Imprisonment of their Persons, have heard their respective Allegations, and the Answers of such of their Creditors as were present, and opposed their Discharge. Report of the Committee of Grievances, concerning Prisoners.

That as to *John Relfe*, they find in the Month of *December*, 1767, he was a Prisoner in *England*, in the *King's Bench* Prison, that he was then declared a Bankrupt, and a Statute of Bankruptcy taken out against him, that Commissioners and Assignees under them were duly appointed, and, in the Month of *March* following, he made an Assignment, upon Oath, of all his Estate, real and personal, for the Use and Benefit of his Creditors, of whom only two attended and made Objections to his Discharge; but their Objections appear to the Committee not very material, or reasonable, as they require the Prisoner to do such Matters as seem inconsistent with his Oath and Assignment aforesaid, as a Bankrupt.

That they have also heard *Abraham Howell*, and although his several Creditors had due Notice to attend and object, if they thought proper, to his Release, yet none appeared, from which the Committee conclude it will not be disagreeable to them, that he should receive the Relief he prays for.

That they have made Enquiry into the Circumstances of *Robert Nicholson*, and find that he is a Stranger in this Province, and had contracted a Debt of about *Twenty Pounds*, without any Prospect of paying the same; that his Creditor is averse to his Discharge, alleging not only the great Injury he should suffer in the Loss of this Debt, but that the Prisoner has good Friends in *Ireland*, who, he doubts not, on Request, would relieve him, had he Inclination to apply to them.

That they have also heard the Case of *John Wright Stanly*, who asserts, that he has Effects in the Island of *Jamaica* and Bay of *Honduras*, sufficient to pay all his just Debts; that he is willing to assign the same to his Creditors, and be upon Oath not to inter-

1769. September 26. meddle therewith, by himſelf or others, ſo as to defeat his Creditors of any Part thereof; that his Creditors, on the other hand, inſiſt he is a very unjuſt Man, and, in Caſe of a Diſcharge, they apprehend a total Loſs of their Debts, which is humbly

*Submitted to the Houſe, by*

JOHN ROSS,
JOSEPH WATSON,
THOMAS MINSHALL."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Galloway* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *John Relfe* and *Abraham Howell*, languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of this City, with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

The Committee of Grievances likewiſe made Report in Writing, on the Petitions, Accounts and Affidavits of divers of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland*, employed in tranſporting the Baggage of Colonel *Wilkins's* Corps, in their March to Fort *Pitt*, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

AGREEABLE to the Order of the Houſe, of the Twenty-ſeventh of *January* laſt, to the Committee of Grievances, they humbly report upon the Petitions of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland*, whoſe Waggons were taken into the King's Service, that purſuant to the ſaid Order, the Petitioners have exhibited their Accounts, regularly ſtated and proved before ſome one of the Magiſtrates of the Counties aforeſaid, whereby it appears that there are due, in the County of *Lancaſter*, to the Perſons hereafter mentioned for their Waggons, Horſes and Drivers, employed by Colonel *Wilkins* in the above Service, after deducting all Monies paid them, by the ſaid Colonel, with all the Forage and Paſture procured for them and charged by him, and alſo all Profit that happened to ſome of them for Back-Carriage, the ſeveral Sums to their Names reſpectively annexed, as follows, *viz.*

To Fort PITT.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To *Henry Reſh*, | £ 33 | 17 | 6 |
| To *Jacob Minchart*, | 40 | 12 | 0 |
| To *John Huber*, | 32 | 3 | 2 |
| To *Jacob Sherick*, | 34 | 17 | 6 |
| To *Benjamin Bowman*, | 35 | 18 | 6 |
| To *Jacob Ruppele*, | 34 | 8 | 5 |
| To *Abraham Hare*, | 27 | 2 | 6 |
| To *Peter Witmore*. | 20 | 17 | 6 |

To Fort LOUDON.

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| To *Henry Funk*, | 11 | 15 | 6 |
| To *Henry Nieff*, | 14 | 7 | 0 |
| To *Chriſtian Hertgler*, | 14 | 12 | 0 |
| To *Henry Stoner*, | 32 | 15 | 0 |
| To *Jacob Snevely*, | 14 | 11 | 0 |
| To *Chriſtian Gerber*, | 12 | 17 | 6 |
| To *Nicholas Bower*, | 15 | 3 | 0 |
| To *John Burkholder*, | 11 | 5 | 0 |
| To *John Killheffer*. | 28 | 18 | 0 |
| | £ 416 | 1 | 1 |

For CUMBERLAND County.

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| No. 1. *Robert Miller's* Waggon, Horſes, *&c.* amounts to — But he and the *Lancaſter* People charge Wages for his Driver, Monies laid out for Hay, Oats, *&c.* above the 15*ſ. per* Day, which is ſubmitted to the Houſe, whether to be allowed or not. | £ 48 | 15 | 0 |
| No. 2. *James Campbell's* Account, proved, amounts to —— This Demand ariſes for eight Acres of Meadow taken by Colonel *Wilkins* for the Carriage Horſes to Fort *Pitt*. | 19 | 15 | 0 |
| No. 3. Meſſrs. *Alliſon*, *Brown* and *Stoner* have exhibited two Accounts, one of them for three Waggons, and Balance due thereon, — —— — —— | 34 | 10 | 0 |
| Carried forwards, | £ 519 | 1 | 1 |

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| | Brought forwards, | £ 519 | 1 1 | 1769. |
| | Balance due on the other | 40 | 1 3 | September 26. |
| No. 4. *John Clark's* Account, proved, Charges as above, Balance due, | | 35 | 13 5 | |
| | | £ 594 | 15 9 | |

*All which is humbly ſubmitted by*

JOHN ROSS,
JOSEPH WATSON,
THOMAS MINSHALL."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That the ſame be, and it is hereby recommended to the particular Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

A Petition from *Robert Miller*, *John Holmes*, *John Miller* and *Robert Magaw*, Commiſſioners appointed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Commiſſioners therein after named, to ſettle the Accounts of a Lottery, drawn for the Uſe of the firſt* Preſbyterian *Congregation in* Carliſle, *under the Paſtoral Care of the Reverend* John Steel," was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they had found it impracticable to collect all the Debts due to ſaid Lottery, in the Time limited by ſaid Act, for the Continuance thereof; and praying that a Bill, to continue the ſaid Act one Year longer, might be paſſed. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

A Petition from *John Galbreath*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Addreſs to the Governor, reported they had made an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which, being read by Order, was referred to further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Robert Miller*, *John Holmes*, *John Miller* and *Robert Magaw*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Galloway* and Mr. *George Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the Act of General Aſſembly, mentioned in their Petition.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *September* 27.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *John Relfe* and *Abraham Howell*, Priſoners in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and, being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Addreſs to the Governor, brought in Yeſterday, which, being again read, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *John Galbreath*, a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of *Cheſter*, preſented Yeſterday, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Galloway* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Petitioner, with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Bill to continue an Act, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Commiſſioners to ſettle the Accounts of the Managers, and to ſue for and recover from ſeveral Perſons ſuch Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid, on Account of the Lottery ſet up and drawn for erecting a Houſe of Worſhip at the Town of* Carliſle," *&c.* reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and, being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by the Secretary, ſent down a verbal Meſſage to the Houſe, requeſting to be furniſhed with a Liſt of the Orders and Certificates of Aſſembly, mentioned in the Bill, now under his Conſideration, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.*"

Purſuant to the above Meſſage from his Honour, a Liſt of the Orders and Certificates of Aſſembly, payable out of the Supply-Bill, now before him, having been prepared and examined at the Table,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Knight* and Mr. *Krewſen* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Liſt, and deliver the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with a Liſt of the Orders and Certificates

1769. tificates of Assembly referred to in the Supply-Bill, reported they had delivered it, according to Order.

*September* 27. The Members appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *John Galbreath*, a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of *Chester*, with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and being read the first time, was, by special Order, again read, and directed to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Address to the Governor being transcribed, according to Order, was again read, compared at the Table, and, being signed by the Speaker, follows in these Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable* JOHN PENN, *Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *and Counties of* Newcastle, Kent *and* Sussex *upon* Delaware,

*The* ADDRESS *of the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the said Province, in Assembly met,*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

A Message to the Governor from the Assembly.

WE, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in Assembly met, beg Leave to represent, that, taking under our Consideration the several Laws lately passed for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers *Delaware*, *Susquehanna* and *Schuylkill*, and making the last mentioned River navigable, we find, notwithstanding the salutary Provisions in the said Laws, a large Number of Wears, Dams, Baskets and other Obstructions have been, and daily continue to be, erected in the said Rivers, whereby the good Intentions of the Legislature are rendered ineffectual, and the Mischiefs intended to be remedied remain unremoved; and that a Continuance of those Mischiefs is principally occasioned by the Neglect of the Magistracy and Constables concerned in the due Execution of the Powers vested in them by those Laws.

We therefore earnestly request, your Honour will be pleased to issue your Proclamation, requiring and commanding the Magistrates, and all other Officers for the several Counties adjoining the said Rivers, to pay due Attention to the said Laws, and exert their utmost Endeavours to enforce a faithful and strict Obedience to them.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*September* 27, 1769. JOSEPH FOX, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Thomas Minshall* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor, and deliver to him the foregoing Address.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief* "*of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Re-* "*spect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" which, being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion, and after some Debate,

The Question being put, whether *James Webb*, the present Collector of Excise for the County of *Lancaster*, shall be removed from the said Office, and another appointed in his Room?——Resolved in the Affirmative, by a great Majority.

Adjournment. The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*September* 28. The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

*Post Meridiem* The Bills respectively entituled, as follow, *viz.* "*An Act for raising, by Way of Lot-* "*tery, the Sum of* Three Thousand Five Hundred *and* Forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shil- "lings, *one Moiety, or half Part, for erecting a Bridge over* Conestogoe *Creek, where* "*the Road, leading from* Philadelphia *to* Lancaster, *crosses the same, and the other Moiety* "*for paving the Streets of* Lancaster, *the Distance of the first four Squares from the Court-* "*House*;"——"*An Act for the Relief of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *Prisoners* "*in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;"—— "*An Act for the Relief of* John Galbreath, *a Prisoner in the Gaol of* Chester, *with Re-* "*spect to the Imprisonment of his Person*;" and "*An Act to continue the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to enable the Commissioners herein after named to settle the Accounts of the Ma-* "*nagers, and to sue for and recover from several Persons such Sums of Money as are now* "*due and unpaid, on Account of the Lottery set up and drawn for erecting a House of Wor-* "*ship at the Town of* Carlisle, *for the Use of the first* Presbyterian *Congregation, under the* "*pastoral Care of* John Steel," being severally transcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *George Ross* wait on the Governor therewith, and deliver the same for his Consideration.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That *Sebastian Graff*, of the County of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed

appointed Collector of Excise for the said County, in the Room and Stead of *James Webb*. 1769.

*September* 28. Adjournment *September* 29.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the several Bills passed Yesterday by the House, reported they had delivered them, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bills into Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The Governor, by the Secretary, sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Three Thousand Five Hundred *and* Forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, *one Moiety or half Part thereof for erecting a Bridge over* Conestogoe *Creek, where the Road crosses the same, leading from* Philadelphia *to* Lancaster," *&c.* with the following verbal Message, *viz.*

*SIR,*

THE Governor returns the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raising, by Way of Lottery, the Sum of* Three Thousand Five Hundred *and* Forty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings," *&c.* and commands me to inform the House, that he has lately been honoured with his Majesty's Orders, by the Advice of the Privy-Council, "strictly enjoining him, on no Pretence whatever, to give his Consent to any future Act for raising any Sum or Sums of Money, by Way of Lottery, without previously writing to know his Majesty's Pleasure therein, and fully stating the several Reasons which may appear to him to make the passing such Act advisable," and that, in Obedience to this Order, he is under the Necessity of refusing his Assent to this Bill."

Verbal Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

The Secretary also brought down four other Bills, entituled as follow, *viz.* "*An Act for the Relief of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;" — "*An Act for the Relief of* John Galbreath, *a Prisoner in the Gaol of* Chester, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," —— "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to enable the Commissioners, herein after named, to settle the Accounts of the Managers, and to sue for and recover from several Persons such Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid, on Account of the Lottery set up and drawn for erecting a House of Worship at the Town of* Carlisle, *for the Use of the first* Presbyterian *Congregation, under the pastoral Care of* John Steel;" and "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" and acquainted the House, that his Honour would be ready to pass the said Bills, when presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered,* That the Supply-Bill be immediately engrossed.

With the above-mentioned Bills, Mr. Secretary likewise laid before the House a Copy of the late Conference held at Fort *Pitt*, by Colonel *Francis*, on Behalf of this Government, with *Seneca George*, a Chief of the *Delawares*, and an antient Friend of this Province, on Occasion of the Murder of his only Son, by some white Person unknown, together with the following verbal Message, *viz.*

*SIR,*

THE Governor commands me to acquaint the House, that he will issue a Proclamation to enforce the several Laws of this Province for the Preservation of Fish, *&c.* agreeable to the Request of the House, in their Address of the Twenty-seventh Instant.

Verbal Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor, and inquire at what Hour the House shall attend him, to enact into Laws the several Bills returned with his Assent, and to request that he will be pleased to appoint some Member of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Copy of the Supply-Bill with its Original.

The Members return, and report they had delivered their Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would send down the Secretary to assist in comparing the engrossed Bill, and should be himself in the Council Chamber, at Eleven o'Clock To-morrow, to enact into Laws the several Bills that have been agreed on.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Ross* join with the Secretary in comparing the engrossed Bill with its Original.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered,* That the Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, of the Township of *Goshen*, concerning certain Title Deeds lost by him be, and the same is hereby recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

The House then taking into Consideration that a Number of Deeds, left in the Office of *Charles Brockden*, late Recorder of Deeds for the County of *Philadelphia*, are

1769. now in the Poſſeſſion of *Timothy Matlack* and *Richard Waln*, of this City, who have no particular Claim to them.

*September 29. Poſt Meridiem* *Ordered*, That it is the Opinion of the Houſe that the ſaid Deeds ought to be delivered, on Demand, into the Hands of *William Parr*, Eſq; the preſent Recorder of Deeds, for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and that he advertiſe the ſame in the public News-Papers of this City, that the ſeveral Proprietors thereof may know where to apply for them.

The Houſe then took into Conſideration the Minutes, ſent down by the Governor, of the Conference lately held at Fort *Pitt*, with *Seneca George*, which being read through by Order, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*September 30.* The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and, taking into Conſideration the Services done by the Governor, in the current Year,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province.

And a Certificate, for the ſaid Sum, being prepared at the Table, it was ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be delivered by him, when the Houſe ſhall attend his Honour to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills which have been agreed on.

The Houſe then, upon Application of *Nicholas Tetamy*, an *Indian*, taking into Conſideration the Services of his Father, an Interpreter and faithful Friend to this Province, and, being deſirous, on Account thereof, to make ſome Compenſation to the Son,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Pemberton*, in Behalf of the Houſe, requeſt the Governor to grant, to the ſaid *Nicholas Tetamy*, a Warrant for Two Hundred Acres of Land, to be taken up in ſuch Place as the ſaid *Nicholas Tetamy* ſhall fix upon, and acquaint him this Houſe will provide for the Payment of the Proprietaries uſual and accuſtomed Demands for the ſame; and that they alſo deſire that the ſaid Warrant may be formed in ſuch Terms as to veſt the Occupation and Uſe of the ſaid Lands in the ſaid *Nicholas Tetamy*, and his Deſcendants, in ſuch Manner and Form as to prevent his or their Alienation thereof.

*Ordered*, That a Certificate be drawn, and ſigned by the Speaker, payable to *Joſeph Fox* and *James Pemberton*, Eſquires, for the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, to be laid out in building a Houſe, and for ſuch Neceſſaries as they ſhall think moſt uſeful to the ſaid *Nicholas Tetamy*, in the Settlement of the Land given to him, in Conſideration of his Father's Services to this Province.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the verbal Meſſage, ſent down by the Governor, Yeſterday, with the *Coneſtogoe* Lottery Bill, be, and the ſame is hereby referred to the Conſideration of the next Aſſembly, together with the Petition from the Miniſter, Church-Wardens and Veſtrymen of the Epiſcopal Church in *Yorktown*, concerning a Piece of Land deviſed to the ſaid Church.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary:

*S I R*,

" The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the " Houſe, to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills returned with his Aſſent."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Krewſen* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills, after they ſhall be paſſed into Laws, and depoſite the ſaid Laws in the Rolls Office.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, in the Council Chamber; and, being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that they had waited on his Honour, and preſented four Bills, reſpectively entituled, as follow, *viz.* " *An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public* " *Debts*,"—" *An Act for the Relief of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *Priſoners in* " *the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*;"——" *An* " *Act for the Relief of* John Galbreath, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Cheſter, " *with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon*," and, " *An Act to continue the Act*, " *entituled*, " *An Act to enable the Commiſſioners, herein after named, to ſettle the Ac-* " *counts of the Managers, and to ſue for and recover from ſeveral Perſons ſuch Sums of* " *Money as are now due and unpaid, on Account of the Lottery ſet up, and drawn, for* " *erecting a Houſe of Worſhip at the Town of* Carliſle, *for the Uſe of the firſt* Preſbyterian " *Congregation, under the paſtoral Care of* John Steel;" —— to which ſeveral Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into Laws. Mr. Speaker further reported that he had, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, preſented to his Honour their Certificate for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, and acquainted him of the *Fifty Pounds* allowed to *Nicholas Tetamy*, as it was not included in the Eſtimate laid before him, to which he was pleaſed to ſay, he was obliged to the Houſe for their Certificate to himſelf, and had no Objection to their Donation to *Nicholas Tetamy*.

The Committee for incidental Charges preſented to the Chair their Report of Expences,

pences, for the current Year, which was read by Order, and the several Accounts, therewith exhibited, allowed by the House. 1769. *September* 30.

The Certificates, and Orders for Payment of the same, being then prepared at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, the House rose.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1769.

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| To the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor, — | £ 1,000 | 0 | 0 | Incidental Expences. |
| To *Richard Jackson*, Esq; one of the Agents for this Province, in *London*, his Salary of £ 200 Sterling, at 57 and a half per Cent, Exchange, ——— | 315 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Ditto, his Salary of £ 500 Sterling, at 57 and a half per Cent, Exchange, ——— | 787 | 10 | 0 | |
| To *William Allen*, Esquire, his Salary as Chief-Justice, ——— | 200 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant-Judges, ——— | 100 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; Ditto, ——— | 100 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Extra-Services to the House, —— | 60 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; his Salary as Attorney-General, — — | 75 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Joseph Richardson*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts—29 Days, at 10*s.* per Diem, —— | 14 | 10 | 0 | |
| To *James Pemberton*, Esq; for Ditto—26 Days at Ditto, ——— | 13 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for Ditto—29 Days at Ditto, —— | 14 | 10 | 0 | |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Ditto—28 Days at Ditto, —— | 14 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for Ditto—23 Days at Ditto, —— | 11 | 10 | 0 | |
| To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of Assembly, and for transcribing and engrossing Laws, *&c. &c. &c.* — — | 214 | 7 | 0 | |
| To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, — | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| To Ditto, for his Account of Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, *&c.* — — — | 12 | 8 | 0 | |
| To Ditto, for his Account of public Letters, *&c. &c.* — | 11 | 15 | 7 | |
| To *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the *State-House* Clock, — | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-Master, — — | 60 | 0 | 0 | |
| To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, *&c. &c.* — — | 56 | 15 | 0 | |
| To Ditto, for Stationary, as per Account, — — | 7 | 10 | 5 | |
| To *Archibald Thomson*, his Account for Expences of a Committee of the Assembly appointed to view the River *Schuylkill*, — | 3 | 18 | 8 | |
| To *William Goddard*, for printing Laws, Votes, *&c.* as per Account, | 140 | 4 | 6 | |
| To *Edmund Physick*, Esq; for affixing the Great Seal to Laws, Commissions of the Peace, *&c. &c.* as per Account, —— | 10 | 16 | 0 | |
| To *Andrew M'Nair*, for *Indian* Expences, as per Account, —— | 9 | 13 | 8 | |
| To Ditto, as Door-keeper, and for other Services to the House, — | 22 | 16 | 6 | |
| To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, as per Account, —— | 24 | 13 | 3 | |
| To Ditto, for a General Index of the Records, from the Beginning of that Office to the Year 1762, —— — | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Samuel Taylor*, his Account for binding Books, —— | 1 | 2 | 0 | |
| To *John Lukens* and *John Sellers*, their Account for surveying the River *Schuylkill*, at *Barbados* Island, — — — | 16 | 14 | 0 | |
| To *Henry Miller*, for printing Laws, as per Account, — — | 33 | 15 | 0 | |
| To *William Sheed*, Door-keeper to the Council—30 Days, at 2*s.* 6*d.* per Diem, — — — — — | 3 | 15 | 0 | |
| To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Cash paid for Freight, &c. on the Provincial Telescope, — — —— — | 11 | 1 | 0 | |
| To *Samuel Kirk*, Serjeant at Arms, for his Salary, — — | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| To Ditto, his Account for Extra-Services to the House, — | 5 | 19 | 0 | |
| To *James Johnson*, for Services in the Loan-Office, — — | 200 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Bryan Wilkinson*, Balance of Account of carved Work for *State-House*, — — — — | 50 | 8 | 10 | |
| To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; on Account of Wood for the ensuing Year, | 27 | 10 | 0 | |
| To *Nicholas Tetamy*, Son of *Moses Tetamy*, in Consideration of his Father's Services to the Province, during the Troubles with the *Indians*, and to assist the said *Nicholas* in settling a Tract of Land for himself, — — — | 50 | 0 | 0 | |
| Carried forwards, £ | 3,750 | 3 | 5 | |

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| Brought forwards | £ | 3,750 | 3 5 |
| To *Hugh M'Killip*, a Conſtable, for bringing *Peter Read* to *Lancaſter* Gaol, | | 1 | 15 0 |
| To Amount of the Members Attendance for the paſt Year, as per Liſt, | | 717 | 14 6 |
| | £ | 4,469 | 12 11 |

WE, the Committee for incidental Expences, have examined the ſeveral Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

*Philadelphia, Sept.* 30, 1769. THOMAS LIVEZEY, JOSEPH WATSON, WILLIAM RODMAN, CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

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## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1769, *P.M.*

October 14. BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to ſerve in Aſſembly as Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, for the enſuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
*Rowland Evans,*
*Henry Pawling,*
*Michael Hillegas,*
*Thomas Livezey,*
*Joſeph Fox,*
*Samuel Potts,*
*Joſeph Galloway,*
*Joſeph Richardſon.*

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
*James Pemberton,*
*John Roſs.*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*Henry Krewſen,*
*John Brown,*
*Peter Shepherd,*
*Benjamin Chapman,*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*Joſeph Watſon,*
*Giles Knight,*
*William Rodman,*
*John Foulke.*

For the County of *Cheſter.*
*George Aſhbridge,*
*Charles Humphreys,*
*Iſaac Pearſon,*
*John Sellers,*
*John Jacobs,*
*John Minſhall,*
*John Croſby,*
*John Morton.*

For the County of *Lancaſter.*
*Emanuel Carpenter,*
*Jacob Carpenter,*

For the County of *Lancaſter.*
*James Webb,*
*George Roſs.*

For the County of *York.*
*Michael Swoope,*
*Thomas Minſhall.*

For the County of *Cumberland.*
*William Allen,*
*John Montgomery.*

For the County of *Berks.*
*Edward Biddle.*

For the County of *Northampton.*
*George Taylor.*

A Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſquire, was unanimouſly choſen Speaker of the Houſe for the enſuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Krewſen*, Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter* and Mr. *Swoope* be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that, purſuant to the Charter and Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, have proceeded to chuſe a Speaker for the enſuing Year, and requeſt to know at what Hour, on *Monday* next, his Honour will be pleaſed to receive the Houſe, that they may preſent their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor and delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be in the Council Chamber at Eleven o'Clock on *Monday* next, in order to receive the Houſe with their Speaker.

Adjournment October 16. The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday* next, at Ten o'Clock, *A. M.*

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Meſſage by Mr. Secretary:

*SIR,*

" The Governor is in the Council Chamber, agreeable to his Appointment, and re-
" quires the Attendance of the Houſe to preſent their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker with the whole Houſe waited on his Honour in the Council Chamber,

Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on the Governor and presented their Speaker, whom his Honour had been pleased to approve; and that he (the Speaker) had then in the Name, and on Behalf of the House, claimed their usual Privileges, *viz.* 1769. October 16.

*First*, That the Members of the House, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may at all seasonable Times have Access to the Governor, the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

*Thirdly*, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into a Resolve, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused, and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania* in Assembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might always rely on his Protection.

The Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and subscribed first by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeding as usual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk to this House for the ensuing Year; and he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Samuel Kirk* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Doorkeeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Owen Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *George Ross* and Mr. *Swoope* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other Public Accounts for the ensuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records, by the Serjeant of Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House for the ensuing Year, before they are printed.

*Resolved*, That the said Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed with all convenient Dispatch, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, That *Richard Jackson*, Esq; of the *Inner Temple* in *London* be, and he is hereby appointed one of the Agents of this Province for the ensuing Year, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*; and that the said Gentleman be allowed for his Services as aforesaid, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* Sterling per Annum.

*Resolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; late of this City, be, and he is hereby appointed and continued joint Agent with Mr. *Jackson* aforesaid, to solicit and transact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain*, for the ensuing Year.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to their Adjournment. October 17.

*Resolved*, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master, for the ensuing Year, of the Barracks in the Northern Liberties of this City.

*Resolved*, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master for the ensuing Year of the Barracks in the said Borough.

*Resolved*, That *Joseph Stretch*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia* for the ensuing Year.

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*Reſolved*, That *John Woolſton* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Bucks* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Charles Humphreys*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cheſter* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Sebaſtian Graaf* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Lancaſter* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jacob Billmeyer*, jun. be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *York* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *John Holmes* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cumberland* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jaſper Scull* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Berks* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jeſſe Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northampton* for the enſuing Year.

Two Petitions from *James Thompſon* and *Robert Nicholſon*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.——Referred to further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correſpondence do prepare and bring in a Draught of Inſtructions, to be tranſmitted to the Agents for this Province in *London* by the firſt Opportunity.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Hillegas* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe propoſe to adjourn to *Monday*, the Firſt of *January* next, unleſs his Honour has any Buſineſs to lay before them which may require their immediate Conſideration.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, that as he had no Buſineſs at preſent to lay before the Houſe, he had no Objection to their propoſed Term of Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Letter to the Agents in *London*, reported they had made an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, which being read, agreed to by the Houſe and tranſcribed, was ſigned by the Committee, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN*,

Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence to the Agents.

BY Order of Aſſembly we incloſe you the Reſolves appointing you Agents for this Province, to tranſact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*, as well as that by which we are nominated a Committee of Correſpondence, to whom you will communicate from Time to Time all ſuch Occurrences as may be neceſſary to be laid before the Aſſembly.

The preſent Houſe have taken into their ſerious Conſideration the ſeveral Inſtructions which you have received from their Predeceſſors, and nothing of immediate Importance to the Province in particular, or the Colonies in general, occurring to them, more than what has been recommended in thoſe Inſtructions to your Notice and Attention, we are directed to deſire you will refer yourſelves to them for the particular Matters relative to the Revenue Acts, the Laws of Trade, Change of Government, the Reſtraint on American Bills of Credit, and every other Thing therein mentioned, and that you would act in Purſuance of thoſe Inſtructions with all that Prudence and Caution ſo warmly recommended by former Aſſemblies, and more eſpecially while the preſent Adminiſtration continue to be ſo unfavourably diſpoſed towards the Colonies. We are,

*GENTLEMEN*,

*Your aſſured Friends*,

*Philadelphia*, *Oct.* 17, 1769.

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
JOSEPH FOX,
JAMES PEMBERTON,
JOHN ROSS,
ISAAC PEARSON."

*To* Richard Jackſon, *and* Benjamin Franklin, *Eſquires*, *Agents for the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* London.

Two Petitions from *John Wright Stanley* and *William Moore*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.——Referred to further Conſideration at the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the Firſt Day of *January* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

Mr. Speaker,

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January 1.
Adjournment
January 2.

MR. Speaker, with Eighteen Members, met purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

A Quorum met purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Richardſon*, one of the Repreſentatives for the County of *Philadelphia*, this Day appearing in the Houſe, for the firſt Time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Potts* and Mr. *Morton* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum being met agreeable to Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Buſineſs he may be pleaſed to lay before them.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* be added to the Committees of Accounts and Correſpondence for the enſuing Year.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe return, and report they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had no Buſineſs at preſent to recommend to the Conſideration of the Houſe, but if any ſhould occur in the Courſe of their Sitting, he would lay it before them.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

A Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch Goods to the Perſons diſtraining the ſame, for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds and Abuſes committed by Tenants*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Four Petitions from *William Moore*, *Robert Nicholſon*, *Archibald Wiſeman* and *John Searſon*, languiſhing Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Petitions,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee, to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of inſolvent Debtors.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to examine the Journals, and report ſuch Matters as they find referred from the laſt to the Conſideration of the Houſe at their preſent Sitting, together with ſuch Laws of the Province as are near expiring, and may require to be renewed.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment. *January* 3.

A Petition from *John Wright Stanley*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Journals, and report to the Houſe ſuch Buſineſs as was left unfiniſhed at the laſt, and recommended to Conſideration at their preſent Sitting, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

WE the Committee appointed to examine what Matters and Things were referred over by the late to the preſent Aſſembly, and what uſeful and neceſſary Laws are already expired or near being ſo, do humbly report that the following Particulars were referred to the preſent Aſſembly, *viz.* Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Journals.

Certain Petitions from the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Berks* concerning a new Road laid out from *Reading* to the Waters of *Suſquehanna* near Fort *Auguſta*, and the Petition for clearing and making navigable the River *Juniata*.

The Report of a late Committee concerning the Reprinting ſome of the Votes of former Aſſemblies and Laws of this Province.

The like Report relating to the Survey of the River *Schuylkill*, on each Side of *Barbadoes* Iſland.

The Petition from *Cumberland* County for a further Regulation of Surveyors Fees.

An Order to the Superintendants of the State-Houſe, to enquire of the Owners of the Lots oppoſite to the Front of the ſaid Houſe, between *Market*- and *Cheſtnut*-Streets, at what Sum they will diſpoſe of the ſame, and to report thereon to this Aſſembly.

In Reſpect to the Laws we alſo beg Leave to report,

That *the Act to continue the Act for the better Regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of Delaware, and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port*, expires this Seſſion.

That *the Act to regulate the Fiſhery in the River Schuylkill* is near expiring—and that *the Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*, is likewiſe near expiring; which is humbly ſubmitted to the Houſe by

*January* 3, 1770.

JOHN ROSS,
THOMAS LIVEZEY,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

A Member,

1770. *January* 3. A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for puniſhing wicked and evil diſpoſed Perſons going armed in Diſguiſe, and doing Injuries and Violences to the Perſons and Properties of his Majeſty's Subjects within this Province, and for the more ſpeedy bringing the Offenders to Juſtice,*" which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* Two Petitions from *John Heaton* and *John Harford*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of this City, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee, concerning ſundry Matters recommended from the late to the preſent Aſſembly, and after ſome Time ſpent therein referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 4. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Sundry Petitions were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have for ſome Years paſt laboured under great Inconveniences and Hardſhips in giving their Attendance at their ſeveral County Courts whenever it was neceſſary for them, either to recover their juſt Rights, to ſerve as Jurors, or to proſecute Malefactors;—and that many diſſolute Perſons and other Offenders find Means to eſcape, and thereby elude due Puniſhment when their Offences are committed at a Diſtance from the Common Gaol of the County, to the great Encouragement of Offenders in Parts ſo remote from the Seat of Juſtice.—That the Petitioners conceive thoſe Miſchiefs and Inconveniences may be fully remedied by erecting a new County, taking off about fifteen Miles of the upper Part of *Philadelphia* County, as much from the County of *Cheſter*, and to extend about half Way from *Potts Grove* to *Reading*, and to *Bucks* County Line; —— and by inveſting the Inhabitants within thoſe Limits with the uſual Privileges granted to other Counties of this Province;—And praying Relief in the Premiſes.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that ſome of the Petitioners have been lately called on to hold an Inqueſt on the Body of an unhappy Criminal in the Gaol of the City aforeſaid, and that they found, after the ſtricteſt Enquiry, the ſaid Criminal had periſhed for Want of the common Neceſſaries of Life.—That the Petitioners are well informed the Criminals in the Gaol of this City are in a deplorable Situation, for Want of Proviſions, Bedding and Cloathing, and that in theſe Particulars the Laws afford no Relief to thoſe miſerable Objects—That the Petitioners from Compaſſion to the Sufferings of theſe their diſtreſſed Fellow-Creatures, beg Leave on their Behalf to requeſt, the Houſe would take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and make ſuch further Proviſion therein as they in their Wiſdom ſhall think neceſſary. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Clayton* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he has with great Pains and Study formed a Plan or Draught of a Machine, which he is well convinced he can conſtruct at a moderate Expence, that with the Aſſiſtance of one Man and one Horſe will threſh out with Eaſe at leaſt fifty Buſhels of Wheat in one Day, and not injure either the Grain or the Straw. — He alſo apprehends that he can conſtruct the ſaid Machine in ſuch Manner as to enable one or two Men, without the Aid of a Horſe, to get conſiderably more Wheat out of the Straw in the ſame Time and with leſs Trouble than in the preſent Mode of threſhing by Hand; either or both of which Machines (more eſpecially the one which is to be worked by an Horſe) he apprehends would be of great Utility to the Province of *Pennſylvania* ſo adapted to the Growth of Wheat :—Wherefore the Petitioner, deſirous of ſome Advantage to himſelf from a Diſcovery ſo uſeful to the Public, prays the Legiſlature of the Province, to ſecure to him, his Heirs, Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns an excluſive Right of making ſuch Machines, or permitting them to be made, by a Law for that Purpoſe, or otherwiſe, as the Houſe in their Wiſdom may think fit. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *James Thompſon*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on ſuch Matters as were referred over by the late Aſſembly, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the following Queſtions were put, *viz.*

1. Whether the Laws of this Province ſhall be reprinted from the Beginning to the preſent Time? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

2. Whether the Votes and Proceedings of the Aſſemblies of this Province from the Year *One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Forty-four* to the preſent Time, ſhall be reprinted? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *John Roſs*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to reviſe the Laws and

and Votes of this Province, to direct and ſuperintend the Reprinting thereof, and to form a complete Index to the ſaid Laws. 1770.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* *January* 4. Adjournment

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the ſeveral Matters referred from the late Aſſembly, and after ſome Debate thereon, *Poſt Meridiem*

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will take for the Uſe of Government, Two Hundred and Fifty Copies or Setts of the new Edition of the Laws of this Province now directed to be publiſhed.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment. *January* 5.

A Petition from *David M'Clure*, late Conſtable and Collector of the Provincial Tax in the Townſhip of *Sadſbury*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner having upwards of Fifty-ſix Pounds of Money collected from the Inhabitants of the ſaid Townſhip, counted the ſame, and put it into a little Box with a ſlip Cover, and locked the ſaid Box and Money in a ſtrong Walnut Cheſt, on the Twenty-ſeventh of *May* laſt, leaving the Cheſt in a Room in his Houſe; —that on the Evening of the Twenty-eighth of ſaid Month he locked the outer Door of his Houſe, before he went to Bed, and whilſt he was aſleep in the Night ſome Perſon entered the ſaid Room by the Window, forced open the Cheſt and taking from thence the little Box with all the Money aforeſaid, eſcaped out of the Window again; — that the Petitioner is much grieved for the Loſs of the public Money which was thus in his Hands, and has taken what Care he could to diſcover the Perſon who ſtole the ſame, but in vain;—that by the Sickneſs and Death of his Wife, ſhortly after this Robbery, and other Misfortunes, the Petitioner is rendered unable to replace the ſaid ſtolen Money, unleſs he defrauds his other Creditors: That he therefore takes Refuge in the Clemency of the Honourable Houſe, and humbly prays, that, if he can lay before them due Proofs of the ſaid Robbery, they will be pleaſed in his Behalf to diſpenſe with the Laws in Force in this Province againſt deficient Collectors, or otherwiſe relieve the Petitioner as they ſhall ſee meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Cordwainers of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have obſerved of late Years, that a great Part of the Leather manufactured and brought to the ſaid City for Sale, has not been thoroughly tanned, neither is it in other Reſpects well finiſhed, to the great Detriment of the Inhabitants in general; ſome of the Cauſes whereof the Petitioners apprehend are, that many Perſons follow the Buſineſs who are not well acquainted therewith, together with the great Demand there is at preſent and has been for Leather, as well in this as the neighbouring Provinces and the *Weſt Indies*, which are moſtly ſupplied from hence; and what doth greatly add to its Scarcity, there has been lately a large Quantity of Calf Skins in the Hair, exported from this City to *Great-Britain*;—that the Petitioners beg Leave further to obſerve, that it would be expedient and greatly to Advantage, to prevent the Butchers from ſelling their Hides and Skins with the Faces, Shanks, Offal-Fleſh and Dirt thereon; and likewiſe to forbid their Cutting and Slaſhing Holes and Flaws in the Hides and Skins in the Flaying and taking them off, as is now their Practice;—that the Petitioners are of Opinion that it will be of great Utility to the Inhabitants of this Province, that one or more Officers be appointed to examine, inſpect and ſeal Leather manufactured here before it is ſold; and that it is highly neceſſary and expedient to prevent the Foreſtalling, Engroſſing and Monopolizing of Leather, which is now practiſed in ſo extenſive a Manner, that the Petitioners have often found it very difficult to get ſuch as is good, without paying an advanced Price to the Engroſſers thereof, who not only buy up large Quantities of Leather manufactured here, but nearly all that has been imported from *South Carolina* for ſome Time paſt; which the Petitioners conceive to be the principal Cauſes why this Article is at ſo high a Price as it now bears, and which they apprehend to be a Grievance to them in particular, as well as a growing Evil to the Country in general: — Wherefore the Petitioners requeſt the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and remedy the Miſchiefs ſo juſtly complained of in ſuch Manner as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Act for raiſing Money to repair the Highways, not requiring Tenants to pay the Taxes aſſeſſed on the Eſtates they rent, nor preſcribing the Mode by which ſuch Taxes ſhall be recovered, whereby the Eſtates of Non-Reſidents entirely eſcape Taxation, hath rendered the Tax paid by Reſident-Freeholders, extremely oppreſſive, the largeſt Sum the Law permits to be raiſed proving inſufficient to keep the many great Roads in good Repair:—— Wherefore the Petitioners pray, that, in Caſe the Law is continued, the aforeſaid rented Eſtates may contribute their Proportions, and the Sums aſſeſſed on them, be recovered in the ſame Manner

1770. with the Provincial Tax, or afford ſuch other Relief as the Houſe in their Wiſdom may judge moſt convenient and equitable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*January* 5. A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the ſeveral Courts of Law within this Province to iſſue Commiſſions to perpetuate Teſtimony*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again took up the Report of the Committee on ſuch Matters as were recommended to their Conſideration by the late Aſſembly, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending the Act, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the regulating Pilots plying in the Bay and River* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſame Port.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Morton*, and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City, in Behalf of the ſuffering Priſoners in the Gaol of the ſaid City, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do viſit the Gaol, and examine into the State of the Priſoners therein, with reſpect to their Proviſions, Cloathing and Bedding, and report the ſame as ſoon as may be to the Houſe.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 6. The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do ſit as often, during the preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly, as there may be Occaſion, to hear the Complaints of Perſons who conceive themſelves aggrieved by any public Officer of this Province, in the taking exorbitant Fees for Services done in Diſcharge of his Office, or any other public Grievance.

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the Twentieth Day of this Inſtant.

A Petition from *Edward Richards*, Mariner, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of this City, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Rules for better regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members being read by Order, were agreed to be obſerved by the Houſe.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed and impowered to collect and receive the Fines ariſing upon the Breach of any of the above-mentioned Rules, to be applied to the Uſe of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Cordwainers of this City, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the Aſſembly give Notice to the Tanners of the ſaid Petition, and furniſh them with a Copy thereof, if they ſhall make Application and pay for the ſame.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 8. *Poſt Meridiem* Mr. Speaker, with One and Twenty Members, met purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 9. A Quorum met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night, and Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor*, Members for the Counties of *Cumberland*, *Berks* and *Northampton*, this Day appearing for the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Two Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter* were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have always ſubmitted to ſuch Taxes as have been levied upon them by the legal Officers appointed for that Purpoſe, and had placed the higheſt Confidence in the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors by them choſen, with reſpect to their impartial Aſſeſsment and faithful Application of the County's Money to the Uſes directed by Law; but that the Petitioners, to their great Mortification, have found themſelves diſappointed and deceived; for the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors aforeſaid, by various Arts and Means, unbecoming the elected Officers of a free People, have made a Practice for ſeveral Years paſt of retaining in their Hands and applying to their own Uſe a conſiderable Part of the public Money; —— that it appears to the Petitioners from the public Accounts, filed laſt *Auguſt* in the Prothonotary's Office (which had for ſeveral Years been neglected, in order to keep the People in the Dark) and now compared with the State of the Taxes for ſeveral Years paſt, that the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors aforeſaid have over and above their legal Fees retained and miſapplied

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in one Year the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*;——that the Petitioners have Reaſon to apprehend that the Money raiſed upon the Freemen of the County of *Lancaſter* for the public Uſe, hath thus, through the Avarice and Diſhoneſty of the public Officers, been made a private Property for at leaſt ſeven or eight Years, while the public Debts remain proportionably undiſcharged, heavy Taxes the longer continued, and conſequently the whole Province in ſome Degree affected;——that in ſuch a Situation, the Petitioners conceive themſelves in a ſpecial Manner injured, unneceſſarily burthened, and therefore humbly beg Leave to ſubmit their Caſe to the Honourable Houſe, from whoſe Wiſdom and Authority they humbly hope for the Redreſs which an injured People have a Right to expect from the Defaulters of public Money. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1770. January 9.

A Member preſented to the Chair, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe given, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for altering and appointing the Times of holding the Supreme Court of this Province, the General Quarter Seſſions of the Peace and Gaol Delivery, and the County Court of Common Pleas in and for the reſpective Counties of this Province;*" which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Member, purſuant to Leave given for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this Province,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be added to the Committee of Grievances for the enſuing Year. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch Goods to the Perſon diſtraining the ſame for the better Security of Rent, and to prevent Frauds and Abuſes committed by Tenants,*" which being in Part read and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the County of *Lancaſter*, charging the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the ſaid County with Miſapplication of public Money, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, *January* 10.

*Ordered*, That all the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Lancaſter* for the Years 1766, 1767, 1768 and 1769 (except ſuch new Aſſeſſors as were laſt elected) do attend this Houſe on the Twenty-third Day of this Inſtant, and bring with them their Books of Entries and Accounts of all the Monies aſſeſſed in thoſe Years reſpectively, alſo an Account to whom and to what Uſes the ſame have been paid out again, with all the proper Vouchers for their Conduct in Diſcharge of their public Truſt;——and that the Clerk of this Houſe do furniſh the ſaid Commiſſioners with Copies of the Petition of Complaint exhibited againſt them.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk, upon Application of the Parties, do iſſue Citations for ſuch Witneſſes as they ſhall think neceſſary to their Juſtification.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch Goods to the Perſons diſtraining the ſame, for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds and Abuſes committed by Tenants,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and being informed by a Letter to the Treaſurer from *John Holmes*, appointed Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Cumberland*, that he does not incline to accept the Truſt, and that *Thomas Baird*, of the ſame County, is a ſuitable Perſon, and willing to execute the ſame, *January* 11.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Thomas Baird* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cumberland* for the enſuing Year.

Three Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Berks* were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are of Opinion, if the River *Schuylkill* was made navigable from its Head-Branches to the City of *Philadelphia*, ſo that the Produce of the Country lying convenient thereto, might be tranſported to the *Philadelphia* Market, it would be attended with very great Advantages to the Public;—that in Order to accompliſh a Matter of ſuch high Importance, the Petitioners apprehend that if the Legiſlature of this Province would be pleaſed to give their Aid, it might be effected, by appropriating for that Service a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit to be

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1770. *January* 11. ſunk in ſuch Manner as to the Honourable Houſe ſhall ſeem meet, and by ſuch other Regulations and Proviſions as the Houſe in their Wiſdom ſhall judge proper; —— that the Petitioners do therefore earneſtly requeſt the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and provide by Law the moſt effectual Means to anſwer the important Object of rendering the River *Schuylkill* navigable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Whitehead Humphreys*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that by an indefatigable Application of eight Years, and at a very heavy Expence, he hath happily brought to great Perfection a Manufactory for converting Bar Iron into Steel, large Quantities of which have been produced to, and manufactured by, a Majority of the moſt reputable Workmen and beſt Judges of that Commodity in this Province, who have conſidered it their Duty, as well as their Intereſt, publicly to declare, that it is at leaſt equal, if not ſuperior, to any imported from England, as is certified by their reſpective Names in the public News-Papers of this City:——And as a real Advantage muſt indubitably reſult to this Province from the Proſecution of an Invention of ſuch public Utility, the Petitioner humbly prays, that the Honourable Houſe would take the ſame into Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Aſſiſtance as they may think proper, to enable him to carry it on with Advantage to himſelf and the Good of his Country. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for emitting a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit for a public Loan.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for puniſhing "wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons going armed in Diſguiſe, and doing Injuries and Violences "to the Perſons and Properties of his Majeſty's Subjects within this Province, and for the "more ſpeedy bringing the Offenders to Juſtice*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from *Thomas Moore*, concerning a Machine lately invented by him for raiſing Water to any Height required, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment *January* 12. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *John Werden*, a Priſoner in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia* for Debt, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to viſit the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and report the State of the Priſoners therein to the Houſe, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee appointed to viſit the *Philadelphia* Gaol.

IN Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, the Committee of Grievances pray Leave to report, that they have viſited the ſeveral Apartments of the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, wherein the Priſoners for criminal Matters are confined, and find Thirty-two Men and Twelve Women there detained for Crimes committed; —— that moſt of them have been tried, received their Sentence and Execution thereof has been done;——that many of them are almoſt naked and without Shirts, have no Bedding of any Kind to lay on, and all their Covering by Night is one Blanket for two of them, a Number of which Blankets have lately been ſent to the Gaol from the Contributions ariſing from the Charity-Sermons lately preached in this City, and other charitable Donations;—that the Priſoners have informed your Committee, they have lived well and in Plenty for about Two Weeks paſt ſince the Donations aforeſaid; —that before they had lived miſerably and greatly diſtreſſed, as none of them ever received any Allowance from the Public after their Trials. The Committee pray Leave further to report the Caſes of *Peter Kearns*, *John Harriſon* and *William Davidſon*; —— the firſt *(Kearns)* has been Four Years in Gaol, puniſhed for Larceny, his Fine and Fees forgiven:——*John Harriſon* near Three Years, for the like Offence, and in the ſame State with reſpect to his Fine and Fees: But the Committee underſtand from the Sheriff, that the Juſtices, before whom they were tried, conceiving them to be dangerous Men, committed them to the Cuſtody of the Sheriff, until they ſhould give ſufficient Security for their good Behaviour; for Want whereof they continue in Goal, and no Proviſion is made by Law to enable the Sheriff to agree with and pay any Maſter of a Veſſel for conveying them to Places beyond the Seas.——Your Committee find, that *William Davidſon* was committed on the Fifth of *December* 1768, as a moſt notorious Villain, who then had lately committed a Burglary, and broke out of Gaol in *Maryland*, but no further Proceedings appear to them to have been taken thereon for his Removal back to *Maryland*; all which is humbly ſubmitted to the Houſe by

JOHN MONTGOMERY, HENRY PAWLING,
EDWARD BIDDLE, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
GEORGE TAYLOR, JOSEPH WATSON."
JOHN ROSS,

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The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking a Sum of Money to be emitted on Loan, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Thomas Moore*, concerning his new invented Machine for raiſing Water, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Sellers*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to examine the Principles and Mechaniſm of the ſaid Machine, and report their Sentiments of the Practicability and Utility thereof to the Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," and the ſame being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January 13.*

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they hold on Lands or near *Neſhaminey* Creek, which, being a large Stream, might, if not obſtructed, be uſeful for the Navigation of ſmall Craft, and Rafting Timber, to *Philadelphia*; and, before the Building of certain Dams, abounded in Plenty of Fiſh;——that one of thoſe Dams has been removed by the abuſed Populace, but another, known by the Name of *John Thompſon's* Mill-Dam, built, as the former, without any juſt Right (the Stream not being included in the Survey of the adjoining Lands) is continued, to the great Diſſatisfaction of the Petitioners; and although ſome Endeavours have been uſed to make a Paſſage for the Fiſh to come up over the ſaid Dam, it has hitherto proved ineffectual, and the Petitioners apprehend always will: Wherefore they pray the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and paſs an Act for removing the ſaid Mill-Dam, and preventing all Obſtructions in the ſaid Stream hereafter. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from ſeveral of the Pilots plying in the Bay and River *Delaware*, in Behalf of themſelves and other Pilots plying in the ſaid River and Bay, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that although the Petitioners by a Law of this Province have an Allowance of *Five Shillings* Pilotage for every half Foot in Veſſels not drawing more than Fourteen Feet of Water, and *Ten Shillings* Pilotage for every half Foot in Veſſels exceeding Fourteen Feet; yet they beg Leave to repreſent, that, as they are put to an extraordinary Expence by the Wear of their Boats, and otherwiſe, and often riſk their Lives in the Performance of their Duty in Winter, they humbly conceive the preſent Allowance is inadequate to their Service at that Time of Year; and therefore pray the Honourable Houſe, upon Conſideration of the Premiſes, to grant them ſome additional Pay for piloting Veſſels during the Winter Seaſon.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent*," &c. and, "*An Act for puniſhing wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons going armed in Diſguiſe*," &c. being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, Upon the Queſtion, that the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *January 15. Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed on *Saturday* laſt, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Highway (as now uſed) from *Philadelphia* to *Briſtol*, and other Places, is become ſo narrow between *Frankfurt* Mill-Race and the Creek that it is difficult and dangerous for Travellers to paſs, eſpecially in the Night, occaſioned by the Waſhing of the ſaid Creek in Freſhes and high Tides;——and that the ſaid Road might be made good with much leſs Expence than would attend the opening a Road where it was laid out by Order of the Governor and Council in the Year 1747, as there will then be Occaſion of two more Bridges over the ſaid Creek, beſides a long Cauſeway:——Wherefore, as the amending the old Road where it now goes (if the County Commiſſioners were impowered to do it) would ſave ſome Thou-

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ſands of Pounds to the County, the Petitioners deſire the Houſe would be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into ſerious Conſideration, and afford them ſuch Relief as they in their Wiſdom may ſee meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, for obliging the Tenants on Lands in the ſaid County, belonging to Non-Reſidents, to pay the Road Tax levied on ſuch Lands, was preſented to the Houſe and read—— *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent*," &c. and "*An Act for puniſhing wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons going armed in Diſguiſe*," &c.——with a Paper of Amendments to each, which were read by Order, and, being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bills were ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Secretary alſo delivered a verbal Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe, in the Words following, *viz.*

Verbal Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

*SIR*,

'THE Governor commands me to acquaint the Houſe, that ſeveral poor *Indians* are come to Town from the upper Parts of *Suſquehanna*, to petition for ſome Clothes and Neceſſaries, of which they are almoſt deſtitute. His Honour therefore requeſts the Houſe will order their preſent Wants to be ſupplied; and as ſuch Occaſions frequently occur, that they will alſo provide a Fund for any future Expences of the ſame Kind."

With the foregoing Mr. Secretary likewiſe brought down a written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe; Letters from Sir *Henry Moore* and General *Gage*, of the 24th of *March*, the 16th of *April*, and the 11th of *June*, 1769, together with Propoſals from the Aſſembly of *New-York* to the Aſſembly of this Province, reſpecting the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, which were read by Order, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

*A Meſſage from the* GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

*GENTLEMEN*,

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'I HAVE ordered the Secretary to lay before you a Letter I received from Sir *Henry Moore*, deceaſed, late Governor of *New-York*, incloſing a Plan framed by the Aſſembly of that Province for regulating the *Indian* Trade, which they propoſe to carry into Execution, provided the Legiſlatures of this Province and *Canada* approve the ſame, and will concur with them in paſſing Laws for that Purpoſe. This Regulation I apprehend was framed in Conſequence of the Earl of *Hillſborough's* Letter of the 15th of *April*, 1768, to the ſeveral Governors, incloſing a Report of the Lords of Trade upon *Indian* Affairs, and his Majeſty's Determination therein, to transfer the Management of thoſe Matters from the Superintendants to the Legiſlatures of the ſeveral Colonies, which I laid before the late Aſſembly in my Meſſage of the Sixteenth of *January*, 1769, and to which I refer you. It was late in the Seſſion before I had it in my Power to lay them before that Aſſembly, which I conclude was the Reaſon they did not then take any Steps towards anſwering the Royal Expectation.

'I have ſince that Time received from his Excellency General *Gage*, his Majeſty's Commander in Chief in *America*, two Letters upon the ſame Subject, the one dated the Twenty-fourth of *March*, 1769, and the other the Sixteenth of *April*, 1769, which I have alſo ordered to be laid before you; by which you will perceive that Sir *William Johnſon*, his Majeſty's Superintendant for the Northern Diſtrict, in Purſuance of his Majeſty's Commands, has found himſelf under a Neceſſity of diſcharging the Commiſſaries and other Officers by him appointed in the Poſts and Forts in the interior Country; ſo that the *Indian* Trade at preſent remains entirely without Regulation, for Want of proper Officers to ſuperintend it.

'I am perſuaded, Gentlemen, I need not labour to convince you of the Importance of this Object, nor how neceſſary it is for the Welfare of the Province, to cultivate a pacific and friendly Diſpoſition in the *Indians* towards us; nor can I doubt, but that you muſt be thoroughly ſenſible, that proper Regulations of our Trade with them, in order to prevent Impoſitions on them, muſt be the moſt likely Means of preſerving a good Underſtanding with them. Indeed the preſent Interruption of Commerce between this Province and the Northern Country has, in a great Meaſure, put a Stop to our Trade with the Natives, and may be productive of very unfavourable Alarms and Apprehenſions on their Side, unleſs ſome Steps be taken by the Legiſlature to reſtore the Trade.

'Another Source of *Indian* Diſturbance is the making Settlements, marking Trees and ſurveying upon their unpurchaſed Lands. And as a general Boundary has lately been ſettled between thoſe People and his Majeſty's Subjects, it will be very proper,

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‘ in my Opinion, to ſecure a due Regard to it by Laws to reſtrain and puniſh ſuch of-
‘ fenſive Proceedings.
‘ I flatter myſelf, Gentlemen, that you will at once ſee the Importance of the Mat-
‘ ters I have touched upon, and that you will take them into your immediate Conſider-
‘ ation, and proceed to the framing of Laws adequate to the Evils intended to be re-
‘ medied, in which you may be aſſured of my hearty Concurrence.
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*Letter from his Excellency Sir* HENRY MOORE *to Governor* PENN.

*SIR*, *Fort George, June* 11, 1769.

THE incloſed Paper is a Copy of the Regulation which the Houſe of Aſſembly of this Province propoſed to make in Regard to the *Indian* Trade, provided the Provinces of *Canada* and *Pennſylvania* ſhall approve of the ſame, and concur with them in paſſing ſuch Laws as will be neceſſary to carry the Plan into Execution.

I have been deſired by the Houſe of Aſſembly to tranſmit their Propoſal to the Governors of *Canada* and *Pennſylvania*, and at the ſame Time to requeſt that the Sentiments of the Legiſlatures of thoſe Provinces might be had on a Subject of ſo much Importance. I have the Honour to be, with great Truth and Regard,

Your EXCELLENCY's

*moſt obedient and humble Servant,*
H. MOORE.”

*To his Excellency*
John Penn, *Eſq*;

*Letter from his Excellency General* GAGE *to Governor* PENN.

*SIR*, *New-York, March* 24, 1769.

HIS Majeſty having thought proper to take the Management of the Trade with the *Indian* Nations out of the Hands of his Superintendants of *Indian* Affairs, and to leave the Management thereof to the Provinces concerned in the ſaid Trade, Sir *William Johnſon* finds himſelf under the Neceſſity of diſcharging immediately the Commiſſaries, Interpreters and Smiths appointed by him at the Poſts and Forts in the interior Country, I take the Liberty to acquaint you of this Event, and hope you will be able without Delay to appoint Officers to ſucceed thoſe diſmiſſed by Sir *William Johnſon*, that the Trade may not ſuffer through the Want of proper Perſons to ſuperintend it. Sir *William Johnſon* can give the beſt Advice concerning the Inſtructions that ſhould be given to ſaid Officers, as well as concerning the Laws and Regulations neceſſary to be made for the better carrying on the Trade. I am only to deſire to be informed, when you have ſettled thoſe Points, in what Shape I can be of Uſe, that I may ſend Orders accordingly to the Commanders of the ſeveral Poſts and Forts in the *Indian* Country, to co-operate with your Officers, and give them Aſſiſtance in the Execution of their Inſtructions whenever their Aid ſhall be required.

If the Provinces will appoint Officers to ſuperintend the Trade in ſuch Parts of the *Indian* Country where they appear, from their Situations, to enjoy the chief Benefit of the Trade, *Pennſylvania* will appoint at Fort *Pitt* and the *Illinois*; *New-York* at *Niagara* and the *Detroit*; and *Quebec* at *Miſſilimakinak*; — though the Province of *Quebec* would have only one Poſt to ſuperintend, yet the very great Concourſe of *Indians* every Year at *Miſſilimakinak*, will make it much more expenſive than any of the reſt. I have the Honour to be, with great Regard,

*SIR*,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*
THOMAS GAGE.”

*To the Honourable* John Penn, *Eſq*;
*Lieutenant-Governor of* Pennſylvania.

*The* GENERAL's *Second Letter to the* GOVERNOR.

*SIR*, *New-York, April* 16, 1769.

I HAVE received your Letter of the 10th Inſtant, in Anſwer to mine of the 24th *ultimo*, and hope, when your Aſſembly meets, that Meaſures will be taken to put the *Indian* Trade upon a good Footing. It has not appeared from the ſeveral Reports of the Trade of the *Illinois* Country, that Traders have gone there from any Province but that of *Pennſylvania*, and on that Account it may be thought juſt that *Pennſylvania* ſhould bear the Expence of ſupporting the Trade of that Country. The Traders of *Maryland* and *Virginia* have it in their Power, no Doubt, to carry Goods to the *Illinois* if they pleaſe, but the two *Carolinas* are not ſo well ſituated to have any Share in that Trade, who are confined to the *Cherokee* and *Creek* Countries.

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*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

THOMAS GAGE."

*To the Honourable*
*Lieutenant-Governor* PENN.

PROPOSALS *from the Aſſembly of* New-York *to the* ASSEMBLY *of* Pennſylvania.

THAT this Colony impoſe a Duty of *One Shilling* Currency *per Gallon* on all Rum or diſtilled Liquor ſold at *Niagara*, and *Three per Cent* on all Dry Goods ſold at *Niagara* and *Detroit*. That the Colonies of *Pennſylvania* and *Quebec* do the like.

That the Duties ariſing on all Goods ſold at either of the above Places be applied for ſupporting the Trade there, in ſuch Manner as ſhall be directed by Acts of this Colony.

That the Colony of *Quebec* impoſe a Duty of ——— on all Rum or diſtilled Liquor ſold at *Carrilon*, and a Duty of———*per Cent* on all Dry Goods ſold at *Carrilon Miſſilimakinak*, or any other Poſt where there is a Garriſon. ——— That the Colonies of *Pennſylvania* and *New-York* paſs a like Act.

That the Duties ariſing on all Goods ſold at either of the above Places, or ſuch other Place where there is a Garriſon, be applied for ſupporting the Trade there, in ſuch Manner as ſhall be directed by the Colony of *Quebec*.

That the Colony of *Pennſylvania* impoſe a Duty of——*per Gallon* on all Rum or diſtilled Liquor ſold at *Pittſburgh*, and a Duty of——*per Cent* on all Dry Goods ſold at *Pittſbnrg*, the *Illinois*, or any other Place or Poſt where there is a Garriſon. That the Colonies of *Quebec* and *New-York* paſs a like Act.

That the Duties ariſing on all Goods ſold at either of the above Places, or any other Place or Poſt where there is a Garriſon, be applied for ſupporting the Trade there, in ſuch Manner as ſhall be directed by the Colony of *Pennſylvania*.

That an Act be paſſed by each of the three laſt mentioned Colonies, to prohibit Rum or other diſtilled Liquor being carried any further than *Niagara*, *Pittſburgh* and *Carrilon* (excepting a certain Allowance to the Traders and their Servants for their own Uſe);—that the Acts provide for one or more Commiſſioners in each of ſaid Colonies, with whom all Traders ſhall enter their Goods, and give Security for paying the Duties;—that ſuch Commiſſioners or Commiſſioner in the Colony of *New-York* ſhall tranſmit all the Duties he receives from Traders going to trade at any of the Poſts under the Direction of *Pennſylvania* or *Quebec*, to the Commiſſioners or Commiſſioner of the ſaid Colonies. That the Commiſſioners of *Canada* and *Pennſylvania* do the like with reſpect to *New-York*, and to each other."

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 16. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the Governor's verbal Meſſage of Yeſterday, recommending to them to ſupply the Wants of ſome poor *Indians* now in Town from *Suſquehanna*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Aſhbridge* enquire into the Buſineſs and Wants of the ſaid *Indians*, and furniſh them with ſuch Cloathing as they ſtand immediately in Need of, and report the Expence thereof to the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *George Roſs*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Confirmation of the Eſtates of Perſons holding and claiming under *Feme Coverts*, and for eſtabliſhing a Mode by which Huſband and Wife may hereafter convey their Eſtates.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of a Number of diſtreſſed Priſoners in the Gaol of the ſaid City, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *George Roſs*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for aſcertaining the Allowance to Criminals after Conviction.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 17. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," and after ſome Debate thereon, Objections ariſeing to the ſaid Bill, the ſame was recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Alteration and Amendment.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will To-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Petitions before them for opening and improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Suſquehanna*, *Delaware*, *Schuylkill* and other navigable Waters of this Province.

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A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and in-*"*firm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children,*" which, being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Myrick Davies*, late of *Chester* County, now a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of this City, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.— *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Benjamin Lukens*, late of the County of *Bucks*, now a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.——

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill prepared by the preceding Assembly, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of One Hun-*"*dred and Twenty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, and for pro-*"*viding a circulating Medium of Commerce and Industry within this Province,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Adjournment

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*January* 18.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Minshall* this Day appearing for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual and took his Seat accordingly.

A Petition from *William Smith*, Provost, and *Daniel Williams*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Attornies for the Devisees of *Stephen Williams*, late of the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners understand, there is a certain Petition now before the Honourable House signed by sundry Persons chiefly dwelling on, or near the upper Parts of *Neshaminey* Creek, complaining principally of the Mill-Dam of a certain *John Thompson*, on said Creek, but mentioning likewise the Mill-Dam belonging to the Estate of said *Stephen Williams*, and openly countenancing and approving, before the Honourable House, the illegal and unwarrantable Means employed for destroying said Dam, by telling the House, that "*it was removed by the*"*abused Populace*," as indeed it was, in a most unjust and forcible Manner, to the grievous Injury of the Devisees of *Stephen Williams*, some of whom are poor Orphans with scarce any other Support than what they expected from the Rents of said Mill;——that your Petitioners are, however happy, that the Consideration of the Legality of such Dams on *Neshaminey* Creek is now before the Honourable House, being fully persuaded, from your known Justice, that you will give the Petitioners an Opportunity of being heard, in a Matter so nearly affecting the private Property of their Constituents, and of confronting the Allegations contained in the Petition now before the House by the Evidence of other creditable Persons in the Vicinage;——that the Petitioners further beg Leave to shew, that the said *Stephen Williams's* Mills, commonly called *Milford Mills*, were erected under the old Act of Assembly, which gave the Privilege of extending Dams across such Waters as *Neshaminey*;——that the subsequent Acts of Assembly had no Retrospect to the destroying Dams already built, nor any View to prevent their future Repairs; that *Neshaminey* Creek was never considered as a Creek that could be rendered of any Service in Navigation, above the Tide-Waters; and that the oldest Men in the Neighbourhood do constantly declare that neither before the Building of *Milford* Dam, nor since its Demolition, was there ever any great Quantity of Fish to be found above the Dam, or in the Stream, to be put in Competition with the Benefit of that Mill, the Loss of which is grievously felt by all the lower Part of the County, as it was constantly supplied with Water in the driest Seasons;——that the above were the Sentiments of a very great Number of the most respectable Men in the County, about Eleven Years ago, is manifest from their Petition, which the Petitioners beg Leave to annex, and which would then have been presented to the Honourable House by *Stephen Williams*, if the Opposition to his Dam had not then ceased——and that such are still the Sentiments of a very great and disinterested Majority of the Inhabitants of those Parts, the Petitioners doubt not of being able to shew, if the Honourable House will indulge them with Time for that Purpose;——that the Petitioners further beg Leave to say, that they are as zealously affected towards the Advancement of every Scheme of Inland Navigation, as any Persons can be; but they have at the same Time full Confidence that the Honourable House, in their great Wisdom and Discernement, will always distinguish between what may be really useful in Navigation, and any wild or impracticable Scheme that may be made a Plea for the Destruction of private Property, and especially in a Matter so essential to the Manufacture of our Staple Commodity, as good Grist and Merchant Mills are.——Upon the Whole, therefore, the Petitioners humbly pray, that the Honourable House would be pleased to appoint them a further Day to be heard against the Petition or Petitions now before the House for removing Mill-Dams on *Neshaminey* Creek.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

1770. *January* 18. A Petition from ſundry Owners of Meadow-Land on *Gunners* Run, near *Kenſington*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, at a conſiderable Expence, had ſtopt out a certain Creek, near the Mouth thereof, commonly called *Gunners* Run, which Dam makes a Part of the preſent Road to *Point-no-Point or Richmond* Meadows, but, for Want of due Care, the ſaid Dam hath often been damaged and ſometimes waſhed quite through by Storms and high Tides, to the great Loſs of the ſaid Meadow Owners and their Tenants;——and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to form the ſaid Owners into a Company, for preventing the like Inconveniences in future.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Iſaac Minſhall*, a Priſonner for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Purſuant to the Reſolve of Yeſterday, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the ſeveral Petitions before them, for opening and improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Suſquehanna*, *Delaware*, *Schuylkill*, and other navigable Waters within this Province, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Aſhbridge* reported from the Committee, that they had come to a Reſolve thereon, which he was directed to report, whenever the Houſe may be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolve of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Aſhbridge* then (according to Order) reported the ſaid Reſolve, which he firſt read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where being again read, it was agreed to by the Houſe, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it be recommended to the Houſe to prepare and offer to the Governor a Bill for improving and rendering more uſeful to the Trade of this Province the Waters of *Suſquehanna* with its Branches, *Delaware*, *Schuylkill*, *Juniata*, the *Lehigh* and *Neſhaminey*, by removing all Obſtructions to the Navigation of the ſaid Waters.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *J. Roſs*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *George Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr, *Biddle* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes mentioned in the foregoing Reſolve.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, concerning a Breach at *Frankfort* in the Road to *Briſtol*, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Aſhbridge* and Mr. *Jacobs* be a Commitee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to impower the Commiſſioners and Superviſors of the County aforeſaid, to repair the ſaid Breach.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 19. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Acts for erecting the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking* "*the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Thouſand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to be emitted* "*on Loan*," &c. which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Repreſentation from *Joſeph Stretch*, Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Philadelphia*, was laid before the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that ſundry Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, by their Remonſtrance hereto annexed, have complained to him, the Collector, of being aggrieved by divers People, Merchants and others, who ſell Quantities of Rum and Wine leſs than Seventy Gallons, particularly Wine in Quarter Caſks, and pray that the Exciſe Law may be put in Force without reſpect of Perſons;—that as he, the Collector, nor any of his Predeceſſors in office, have ever put that Part of the Law in Execution, the Merchants plead a Kind of Right, from mere Cuſtom, to ſell Wine by the Quarter Caſk, contrary to the Tenor of the ſaid Law:——That the Collector therefore prays the Opinion and Orders of the Houſe for his future Government in this Point.

*Ordered to lie on the Table*

*Remonſtrance to* Joſeph Stretch, *Collector of Exciſe for the City and County of* Philadelphia.

WE, the Retailers of Spirituous Liquors in the City of *Philadelphia*, apprehending ourſelves aggrieved in our Trade and Privileges by many Perſons in the ſaid City, who undertake to draw and ſell Liquors, Rum and Wine in particular, by the Quarter Caſk, and other Quantities, contrary to a Law of this Province, paſſed in the Year 1756, and ſince continued, beg Leave to remark, that, according to the aforeſaid Law, no Perſon whatſoever may draw and ſell any Quantity of Rum, Wine, *&c.* leſs than is ſpecified

cified in the said Act, without securing to the Province *Three Pounds per Annum pro tempore*, and paying the Duty by the Act imposed;—and every Person who undertakes to sell any such Liquors in less Quantity than is specified, is required *to enter all* the said Liquors they have in Possession, otherwise they are subject to the Fines and Forfeitures mentioned in the said Act, as well those who sell by the Quarter Cask, as others who sell by the Quart:——Now, for Remedy of the Grievance whereof we complain, it is requested, that every Person whosoever offering or known to sell any Quantity of Wine, Rum, &c. less than the Law allows, be compelled, according to the Tenor of the said Law, to secure the said *Three Pounds per Annum*, and enter all the Liquors subject to the Duty, which they have in Possession, whereby all the Venders of those Liquors will be placed on an equal Footing." *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

1770. January 19.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from divers Owners of Land in the Precinct of *Richmond*, near the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners and others have at a great private Expence some Years since, made a Causeway over a Piece of Ground adjoining *Kensington*, in the *Northern Liberties*, leading to the said Precinct;——that this Causeway has, by Order of the Courts of this Province, been made and confirmed a public Road;——that the Supervisors of the Highways have hitherto refused to keep the said Causeway in Repair, although a considerable Road-Tax is annually paid by the Owners and Inhabitants of the said Precinct, whereby the said Causeway remains in a Condition dangerous to pass over, and the Petitioners know not of any Law to oblige the Inhabitants to amend it; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the immediate Repair of the said Causeway, and for the future Support thereof.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member presented to the Chair, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Bill entituled, "*An Act for erecting a public Market-Place, on Callow-Hill, in the Northern Li-*" *berties of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Fifteenth of this Instant, with the several Letters accompanying the same, and the Proposals from the Assembly of the Colony of *New-York* for regulating the *Indian* Trade, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *George Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January 20.*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Seven Petitions from the County of *Bucks*, signed by a considerable Number of the Inhabitants, for and against the Continuance of certain Mill-Dams on the Waters of *Neshaminey*, were presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Remonstrance from *Mary Norris*, Widow and Administratrix of *Charles Norris*, deceased, against the Petition of *Isaac Minshall*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled "*An Act for the more equal and just Representation of the Freeholders and In-*" *habitants of the City of* Philadelphia *in the General Assembly of this Province*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled "*An Act for incorporating* " *the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows* " *and Children*," which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Members appointed to make Enquiry into the Business of the *Indians* now in Town, reported they had done the same according to Order, and find that they have none relating to public Matters.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of* " *a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow Land therein described, situate in the County of* " Chester, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raise a* " *Fund to defray the Expence thereof*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next; at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *January 22.*

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

*Post Meridiem*

A Petition from divers Freeholders, Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by a Law of this Province, entituled, "*An* " *Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and High-*" *ways within this Province*," it is among other Things provided and enacted, that the Supervisors of the public Roads and Highways, in Conjunction with the Assessors of each Township,

1770. *January 22.* Townſhip, ſhall or may make or lay a Rate or Rates in any one Year, not exceeding *Six Pence* in the Pound, on the clear yearly Value of the real and perſonal Eſtates within their reſpective Townſhips, to be employed for the opening, clearing, amending and repairing the public Highways within their ſaid Townſhips; but as no Mode ſeems to be preſcribed for recovering Aſſeſsments levied, by Virtue of the ſaid Act, on Eſtates belonging to Perſons not reſiding in the Townſhips where the Eſtates lie, ſuch Eſtates in this County have generally been exempted from ſuch Taxation; and as the ſaid Eſtates appear to be equally intereſted with thoſe of the Inhabitants in keeping the Highways in good Order, the Petitioners apprehend it to be juſt and reaſonable that they ſhould bear an equitable Part of the Expence, without which the Inhabitants in the ſeveral Townſhips are not only oppreſſed, but the Public liable to ſuffer for Want of the Roads being duly repaired, as *Six Pence* a Pound Rate in one Year, with the Exemption of ſo many valuable Eſtates, cannot in ſome Townſhips raiſe Money enough for that Purpoſe :—— And praying Relief in the Premiſes. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Remonſtrance from the Tanners of the City of *Philadelphia*, and Counties adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Remonſttants having been favoured by the Houſe with a Copy of a Petition ſigned by a Number of Cordwainers of the City aforeſaid, complaining of certain Grievances and Defects in the Manufacturing of Leather, *&c.* and propoſing the Appointing of Officers to examine and ſeal or ſtamp that Commodity before it is expoſed to Sale; upon which the Remonſtrants beg Leave to obſerve, that they apprehend the ſaid Petition has been promoted upon ſiniſter and lucrative Views, by ſome who hoped to obtain a profitable Office for themſelves, and ſigned by a Number of the reſt, without due Conſideration;——that ſeveral of the Allegations therein contained, are not founded on Fact, and that the Remedy propoſed will be ſo far from increaſing the Quantity of Leather, improving its Goodneſs, or removing any real Grievance in thoſe Reſpects, that it would probably produce the quite contrary Effect;——that the Manufacturing of Leather is ſo far from being in a declining State, that, to their certain Knowledge, the Art of Tanning and Currying has been of late Years greatly improved, and was never practiſed before in this Province to ſo great Perfection as at preſent; and that the Number of Perſons following that Calling, without proper Inſight or Inſtruction, is much ſmaller than formerly, principally owing to the great Number of Apprentices that have been taught of late Years, many of whom are become Maſters; and that, as the Weight of Leather, and conſequently its Value, and the Profit accruing thereby increaſes with the Perfection of its Tanning, it can never be neceſſary to enforce by penal Laws, what Reputation and Intereſt, Motives infinitely more coercive, both conſpire to promote;——that our Exportations to the *Weſt-Indies* have been of late very inconſiderable, ſo ſmall that the Remonſtrants apprehend it could not materially affect the Riſe of Leather here; but the Pretence of a Scarcity is mere Miſrepreſentation, for there is at this Time ſeveral Thouſand Pounds worth in and near this City dry, ready for Sale; and ſurely the Petitioners do not ſeriouſly intend that the few manufactured Exportations this Province is capable of furniſhing, ſhould be prohibited, and the Balance of Trade, eſpecially in this Article, already ſo much againſt us, be thereby augmented, contrary to the univerſal Policy of all Nations:——And as to raw Skins exported to *Great-Britain*, the Remonſtrants apprehend, that the high Price given here, will effectually prevent the Continuance of that Trade;—if it ſhould not, the whole Province muſt feel the ill Effects thereof;—that the Non-Importation of *Spaniſh* Hides and *European* Shoes of late, are the principal Cauſes of the greater Demand for Leather at preſent than heretofore;—that the Remonſtrants hope to remove the former by the Encouragement they now give, and ſuppoſe the Petitioners do not deſire a Removal of the latter, which muſt tend to the Ruin of their Trade, and reducing themſelves to Poverty;—that the Mal-practice of the Butchers in cutting the Hides, *&c.* is a Grievance to the Remonſtrants in particular, and the Province in general, but as they expect that the preſent Scarcity of Hides will naturally produce the contrary Extreme, they ſhall then be able to remove it in a great Meaſure; and unleſs that ſhould happen, they fear all Laws will prove ineffectual;—that however odious the Terms of foreſtalling, engroſſing, *&c.* may be, yet it is certain that Wholeſale Buyers in many Caſes are abſolutely neceſſary; for the Tanners, who live remote from this City are neceſſitated to return to their Families, and, if poſſible, to carry back Caſh or Goods along with them in Return for the Commodities they bring, neither can Merchants and Captains of Veſſels wait to retail their Goods, and ſhould any Diſcouragement or Reſtraint be laid on the Importations from *Carolina*, this Province would probably loſe them, as it has already the raw Hides from *Spaniſh America*, which would extremely enhance the Scarcity of Leather;—that the Remonſtrants beg Leave to obſerve, with reſpect to the Appointment of Inſpectors to ſeal or ſtamp Leather, that ſuch Officers can never be neceſſary where the Buyers ſee and examine the Commodities they buy, and are Judges of their own Buſineſs:—Can the Cordwainers be ſo diffident of their own Abilities as to want to be informed, by a Stamp, of the Goodneſs of the Leather they daily handle

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and cut?—And what shall be done with condemned Leather?—Do they propose to encrease the Quantity of a Commodity by burning Part of it?—If condemned Leather is to be burnt, the Loss to the Farmer and Poor of this Province, who frequently have Murrain Hides, must be very great, but if it is only left unstamped, it will be of no Manner of Use, since a Cordwainer may still buy bad Leather and impose it on the Public for good;—that the Remonstrants readily grant, if the Fault was only, or chiefly, in the Tanning, some Means to prevent good Hides being spoiled, might be useful; but the Case is quite otherwise,—the Fault, if any, is in the Hides, and all the Tanning in the World can never make good Leather of a bad Hide; yet this thin or ordinary Leather is useful in many Cases, and the Public is never imposed on, but when weak Leather is used where strong is requisite; if therefore any Inspectors were necessary to prevent Impositions on the Public, an Inspector on Shoes seems more likely to be useful, for as the Manufacture is then finished, the Officer would have an Opportunity of inspecting both the Workmanship and Materials together, without which all Appointments must be totally abortive.—To conclude, when it is considered how great an Obstruction supernumerary Officers are to the Trade of those Countries where they unhappily prevail,——what Tyranny they exercise over the Subject,—what Waitings and Delays they occasion in Business, and that their Salary must arise from the Commodity they inspect, and its Price to the Public be thereby ultimately enhanced, the Remonstrants apprehend the Honourable House will be very careful of putting it into the Power of any Individuals to tyrannize over their Fellow-Subjects. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1770. January 22.

A Petition from the County of *Bucks*, for continuing the Mill-Dams on *Neshaminey* Creek, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of this Province, for striking the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and applying the same to the Improvement of the Navigation of the River *Schuylkill*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and being acquainted that the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Lancaster* were attending at the Door with their Witnesses, in Obedience to the Order of the House of the Tenth of this Instant, January 23.

*Ordered*, That the Hearing of the said Commissioners and Assessors be before the Committees of Accounts and Grievances at Three o'Clock this Afternoon, and that the said Committees have Power to send for such Persons, Papers and Records as they shall find necessary to the fullest Enquiry into the Grievance complained of, and do report the Result thereof to the House.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, Upon the Question, that the said Bill do pass.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emmitted on Loan,*" &c. being also transcribed according to Order, and in Part read the third time,

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. January 24.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for clearing and making navigable the Waters of *Susquehanna, Delaware, Schuylkill, Lehеigh, Neshaminey* and *Juniata*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mrs. *Mary Norris*, Relict of *Charles Norris*, deceased, be furnished, upon Application to the Clerk, with a Copy of the said Bill, and that she be heard by Counsel on the same before the House, if she shall think it necessary.

The House proceeded in the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. which being further read, and the Names of the Trustees inserted, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and having gone through the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. and comparing the same at the Table, January 25

*Resolved*, Upon the Question, that the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *George Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor therewith, and the Bill passed Yesterday, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children,*" for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

1770. *January 25. Poſt Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills paſſed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered them according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

Mr. *Pemberton*, by Direction of the Managers of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, laid before the Houſe an Account of the Expences, Capital Stock, *&c.* of the ſaid Hoſpital, with the Number of Patients received into, and demiſſed cured from the ſame, during the Courſe of the laſt Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

STATE *of the* Accounts *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjuſted by the* Managers, *being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Firſt Day of the* Fifth Month (May), 1769, *laid before the Contributors, at their Annual Meeting, held at the ſaid Hoſpital at that Time.*

State of the Hoſpital Accounts.

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| BALANCE remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer at the Settlement of Accounts laſt Year, | | | £ 213 13 0 |
| RECEIPTS this Year, viz. | | | |
| Intereſt Money from the Borrowers of Money lent, | £ 444 0 10 | | |
| From ſundry Contributors Intereſt of their reſpective Notes, | 34 15 6 | | |
| | | 478 16 4 | |
| Annuities this Year, | | 78 0 0 | |
| Contributions and Benefactions from private Perſons, | £ 401 11 10 | | |
| Legacies by Will, | 209 7 11 | | |
| | | 610 19 9 | |
| For the Board of Pay Patients, | | 408 5 10 | |
| Sundry Contributors the Principal Sums of their Notes paid off, | | 30 0 0 | |
| From Joſeph Fox, one of the Executors to the Eſtate of John Jones, deceaſed, on certain Conditions | | 937 14 0 | |
| Ground-rents and Rents, | | 49 13 0 | |
| Charity Boxes, viz. | | | |
| The Provincial Aſſembly's, | £ 4 2 0 | | |
| William Allen, Eſquire's, | 2 6 7 | | |
| Henry Hale Graham's, of Cheſter, | 4 6 4 | | |
| Iſaac Greenleaſe's, | 2 2 8 | | |
| Samuel Preſton Moore's, | 2 2 0 | | |
| Hall of the Hoſpital, | 16 0 3¼ | | |
| | | 30 19 10¼ | |
| Of ſundry Perſons viewing the Anatomical Paintings | | 8 18 3 | |
| Of Doctor Thomas Bond, for Students attending his Clinical Lectures, | | 26 7 0 | |
| For empty Flour-Caſks, &c. ſold, | | 2 17 5 | |
| For Drugs ſold, | | 1 0 0 | |
| | | £ 2,877 4 5¼ | |
| Balance due to the Matron at the Settlement laſt Year, | | £ 25 8 0 | |
| PAYMENTS this Year, viz. | | | |
| Notes taken of two Perſons for their Contributions this Year, | | 20 0 0 | |
| Building, ſeveral Repairs, &c. | £ 30 16 6 | | |
| Towards building a Laboratory and enlarging the Kitchen, | 250 0 0 | | |
| | | 280 16 6 | |
| Drugs and Medicines, viz. | | | |
| Paid Doctor Slade for ſundries, | £ 17 6 5 | | |
| Doctor Martin for ditto, per Account, | 41 18 2 | | |
| Sundries purchaſed in Philadelphia, beſides including Rum and Wine, | 139 17 7 | | |
| | | 199 2 2 | |
| Firewood, paid the Executors and Deviſees of Doctor Lloyd Zachary for 193 Cords, at 7*ſ.* | 67 11 0 | | |
| paid Robert Erwin hauling the ſame, | 67 2 6 | | |
| paid Iſrael Pemberton, for 236 Cords, delivered at the Hoſpital, | 182 18 0 | | |
| | | 317 11 6 | |
| Furniture, being chiefly Beds and Bedding, | | 157 3 1½ | |
| Money lent on Intereſt, | | 408 0 0 | |
| Medical Library, paid for Albinus's Anatomical Tables, | | 5 0 0 | |
| Wages to the Steward, Matrons, Nurſes, Servants, &c. | | 220 14 9 | |
| Common Expences of Houſekeeping, ſuch as Meat, Butter, Flour, Milk, Melaſſes, Cheeſe, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Potatoes, Fowls, Eggs, &c. &c. | £ 1,187 19 10¼ | | |
| Beer, | 15 6 11 | | |
| Charcoal, 420 Buſhels, | 8 18 5 | | |
| | | 1,212 5 2¼ | |
| | | £ 2,846 1 2¼ | |
| Balance remaining in the Hands of the Treaſurer, | £ 7 0 4 | | |
| of the Steward, | 24 2 10½ | | |
| | | 31 3 2½ | |
| | | £ 2,877 4 5¼ | |

## A LIST *of New Contributions in the Year, ending* 5th Month 1, 1769.

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| Richard Jackſon, Eſq; of London, received by the Hands of Joſeph Galloway, Eſq; £ 100 Sterling, at 67½ per Ct. Exchange | £ | 167 | 10 0 |
| Samuel Southall, of Briſtol, G. B. £ 5 Sterl. | | 8 | 5 0 |
| Joſeph Richardſon (Silverſmith) additional, | | 20 | 0 0 |
| Joſeph Fox, Mary and Sarah Norris, Anna Warner, Joſhua Howel and Samuel Shoemaker, | | 103 | 5 10 |
| Captain Nathaniel Falconer, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| The Executors and Deviſees of Dr. Lloyd Zachary, deceaſed, | | 67 | 11 0 |
| Carried forward, | £ | 376 | 11 10 |

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| Brought forward, | £ | 376 | 11 10 |
| Robert Morris (Merchant) additional, | | 5 | 0 0 |
| Samuel Sanſom, jun. | | 12 | 0 0 |
| James M'Craken, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Thomas Hopkinſon, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Samuel Potts, | | 12 | 10 0 |
| John Sellers, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Joſeph Watſon, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Thomas Minſhall, | | 5 | 0 0 |
| Henry Krewſon, | | 5 | 0 0 |
| John Brown, | | 5 | 0 0 |
| | £ | 461 | 1 10 |

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| | | | | Brought over, | £ | 461 | 1 | 10 | | |
| LEGACIES, viz. | | | | | | | | | | |
| John Meaſe, | — | £ | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Chriſtopher Browns in Part, | | | 106 | 7 | 11 | | | | | |
| William Coleman, Eſq; | — | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 256 | 7 | 11 | | |
| Carried forward, | | £ | | | | 717 | 8 | 9 | | |

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| | | | | Brought over | £ | 717 | 8 | 9 | 1770. | |
| James Bright, | — | | | | 30 | 0 | 0 | | January 25. | |
| Thomas Robinſon (Son of Septimus deceaſed) | — | | | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | £ | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | £ | 797 | 9 | |

## CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVENIA HOSPITAL, 5th Month 1, 1769.

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| Bonds and Promiſſory Notes due from ſundry Contributors for their reſpective Subſcriptions | — | | | | | | | | £ | 2,036 | 3 | 4 |
| Subſcriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained | — | — | — | — | — | | | | | 106 | 10 | 0 |
| Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Intereſt, amounting to | — | — | — | | | | | | | 7,125 | 19 | 0 |
| Real Eſtate per Deeds in the Cuſtody of the Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, | — | | £ | 24 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| An Annuity of £ 6 per Annum iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Derby, | — | | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Three Annuities amounting to £ 10 1 4 per Annum, iſſuing out of three Houſes and Lots in Philadelphia, | — | — | — | — | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| An Annuity of 14 Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Cheſtnut-ſtreet, | | | | | | 378 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Three Annuities, amounting to 17 and a half Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of Houſes and Lots in the Diſtrict of Southwark, | — | — | — | | | 400 | 2 | 0 | | | | |
| The Moiety of the Square next Weſtward of the Hoſpital, with the Houſes thereon, | | | | | | 443 | 17 | 6 | | | | |
| The Moiety of the Square next Eaſtward of the Hoſpital, bought of Reuben Haines, | — | | | | | 607 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 2,152 | 19 | 6 |
| Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Caſts, | — | — | | | | | | | | 350 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | £ | 11,771 | 11 | 10 |

And an Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, during the Life of Joſeph Mountz.
Beſides the Lot, on which the Hoſpital is erected, and the Buildings.

By a Liſt of the Names and Caſes of the Patients, it appears there have been admitted into this Hoſpital within the Year, ending the Firſt of the 5th Month (May), 1769, 496 poor diſeaſed Perſons, amongſt whom were 60 Lunatics, or ſuch who were diſordered in their Underſtanding. And

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| Diſcharged, Cured | — | 276 |
| Relieved, | — | 30 |
| Elop'd, ſeveral of them relieved, | — | 18 |
| For Irregularity, | — | 7 |
| At the Requeſt of their Friends, | — | 6 |
| At their own Requeſt, | — | 11 |
| Died | — | 46 |
| Incurable, | — | 4 |
| | | 398 |
| Remains, | — | 98 |
| Total, | — | 496 |

*Copy from the Minutes of the Managers.* JAMES PEMBERTON."

Mrs. *Norris* having been furniſhed with a Copy of the Bill before the Houſe, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers Delaware, Lehеigh, Neſhaminey, Schuylkill, Suſque-*" *hanna and Juniata public Highways,*" &c. and now applying by a Member for the Appointement of a Day to be heard by Counſel in Support of her Mill-Dam erected in the ſaid River *Schuylkill*, it was

*Reſolved*, That *Wedneſday* next, the Thiry-firſt of this Inſtant be, and the ſame is hereby appointed for hearing Mrs. *Mary Norris* by Counſel, in Support of the ſaid Mill-Dam.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of this Province for erecting a new County, to conſiſt of Parts taken from the Counties of *Philadelphia*, *Cheſter* and *Berks*, were again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put whether a Bill ſhall be brought in agreeable to the Prayer of the ſaid Petitions? the ſame was reſolved in the Negative by a great Majority.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the ſeveral Courts of Law to iſſue Commiſſions to perpetuate* "*Teſtimony,*" which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* *January 26.* Adjournment

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the* "*ſeveral Courts of Law within this Province to iſſue Commiſſions to perpetuate Teſtimony,*" which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *January 27.*

Mr. *Webb* and Mr. *Roſs*, Members for the County of *Lancaſter*, having mutually brought Charges before the Houſe againſt each other, of writing certain Letters and propagating Reports among their Conſtituents, before the late Election, injurious to the Character of each other, in reſpect to their Conduct in Aſſembly, and praying a Day may be appointed for hearing before the Houſe their reſpective Allegations and Proofs, it was

*Ordered*, That *Friday*, the Sixteenth of next Month, be, and is hereby appointed for the

1770. *January* 27. the ſaid Hearing, and that each Party have, on Application to the Clerk, proper Citations for ſuch Evidences as they may think neceſſary to ſupport their ſeveral Charges.

Upon Motion

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the "Acts for erecting the Counties-of* Berks *and* Northampton," and after a long Debate thereon, the following Queſtions were put, *viz.*

*Firſt*, Whether a Clauſe ſhall be added to the ſaid Bill, declaring and enacting that all future Repreſentatives of the People of this Province in Aſſembly, ſhall be choſen from among the Inhabitants of the City or County reſpectively, for which they are elected?—The Members being equally divided on this Queſtion, the caſting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Affirmative.

*Secondly*, Whether the Inhabitants and Freeholders of the Counties of *Berks* and *Northampton* ſhall be hereafter allowed to elect annually Two Repreſentatives in Aſſembly for each of the ſaid Counties?——*Reſolved in the Affirmative by a great Majority.*

Adjournment *January* 29. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment *January* 30. Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, with many others, apprehend there is a Neceſſity for a public Road to begin at the End of a Road already laid out from the City aforeſaid to the River *Schuylkill*, and from thence to extend through the *Province Iſland* nearly on a ſtrait Courſe to the old *Cheſter* Road at *Crosby's* Forge; and that the ſaid Road, when laid out and opened, will be of great public Benefit, not only to the Inhabitants on the South-Side of the ſaid River, but to many Thouſands in the City of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, and the Townſhips of *Moyamenſing* and *Paſſyunk*, by opening a ſhort and eaſy Communication between thoſe rich and fertile Lands which lie on the South-Side of the ſaid River and the City aforeſaid;——that a Petition, ſigned by a large Number of reputable Inhabitants, for laying out the ſaid Road, has been preſented to the Governor and Council, a Copy of which the Petitioners beg Leave to refer to, in order more fully to explain the public Advantages which muſt be derived from this neceſſary Deſign; but inaſmuch as it is intented to make the ſaid Road by private Contributions, and the Provincial Eſtate will be greatly encreaſed in Value by the Roads running through it, the Petitioners are induced to take this Method of obtaining the Countenance and Aid of the Aſſembly in this beneficial Work, and requeſting that they would be pleaſed to give Directions to the Truſtees of the ſaid Iſland to lay out the ſaid Road through the ſaid Eſtate by a ſtrait Line, beginning at that Part of it which lies nearly oppoſite to the Road already laid out to *Schuylkill*, and extend it to *Mingoes* Creek Dam, and to give ſuch a Sum of Money towards making the ſaid Road with a Wharf and proper Landing-place on the ſaid Eſtate, as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Divers Petitions from the County of *Bucks*, ſigned by a great Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have been informed, that Application has been made to the Honourable Houſe by Petition to paſs an Act for removing a certain Mill-Dam, erected by *John Thompſon*, on *Neſhaminey* Creek, in the County aforeſaid, and all other Obſtructions in the ſaid Stream, in order to clear the ſame for Navigation, and open a Paſſage for Fiſh;——that the Petitioners apprehend, the paſſing a Law to remove the ſaid Dam, and prevent the Building of others on the ſaid Creek, will very much affect divers Parts of the County, eſpecially the upper Townſhips, which not being ſupplied with ſuitable Streams of Water for Merchant-Mills, the Inhabitants are obliged to bring their Wheat lower down for a Market, and have found, by ſeveral Years Experience, that the Mill belonging to the ſaid *John Thompſon* is very convenient for that Purpoſe;—that as the Petitioners humbly conceive all other public Advantages to be expected from the ſaid Creek are ſmall in Compariſon with that of erecting and maintaining Mills thereon, they pray the Aſſembly would be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into their ſerious Conſideration, and paſs a Bill to make it penal for any Perſon whomſoever to pull down or make a Breach in any Dam or Dams erected, or to be erected, in the ſaid Creek for the Purpoſe abovementioned. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe being acquainted, by a Member, that Captain *Batt*, lately from *Pittsburgh*, is capable of giving ſome uſeful Information concerning the preſent Complaints and Neceſſities of the *Indian* Nations in the back Country, through a Want of the uſual Supplies of *Britiſh* Goods, which have been of late with-held from them,

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to anſwer the Governor's Meſſage on *Indian* Affairs do requeſt a Conference with the ſaid Officer, and report ſuch Intelligence, as they ſhall obtain from him, to the Houſe for their Conſideration.

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Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Cumberland* County, praying that the back Parts of the same may be erected into a separate County, for the greater Conveniency and better Government of the said Inhabitants, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Thomas Minshall* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to examine the Petitioners now in Town, and report to the House their Sentiments concerning the Utility of such new County, and the proper Boundaries for the same.

The House then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent any Person being chosen a Member of Assembly for any City or County within this Province, except he be a Resident in such City or County, and to enable the Freemen and Inhabitants of the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton *to chuse two Representatives for each of the said Counties*," to which a further Clause, as voted on *Saturday* last, being added, the same was read the second time, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 31.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committe appointed to make Enquiry concerning the Utility of a new County to the Westward of *Carlisle*, and the proper Boundaries of the same, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, your Committee have examined Captain *William Thompson*, one of the Deputy Surveyors in the Western Parts of this Province, and it appears to us, from the Intelligence received by Captain *Thompson*, that there is a Necessity for erecting a new County by dividing the County of *Cumberland*, the Inhabitants in, about and above the Town of *Bedford* being now very numerous and daily increasing, and about One Hundred Miles distant from the Town of *Carlisle*; and your Committee are of Opinion that the Eastern Boundary of the proposed new County should run as follows, *viz.* Beginning at the Line betwen this Province and *Maryland*, where the same crosses the *Sideling* Hill, thence along the Top of the said Hill to the River *Juniata*, thence up the said River, and crossing the same, to *Ray's* Hill, thence along the Top of *Ray's* Hill so far as the said Hill extends, and from thence by a Line to be run agreeable to the Course of *Ray's* Hill to the *Berks* County Line:——All which is submitted to the House by

MICHAEL SWOOPE, JOHN ROSS,
THOMAS MINSHALL, JOSEPH WATSON,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, ISAAC PEARSON,
GEORGE TAYLOR, JAMES WEBB."
JOSEPH FOX,

Pursuant to the Order of the House of *Thursday* last, that Mrs. *Mary Norris* be heard by Counsel, in Support of her Mill-Dam erected across Part of the River *Schuylkill*, from the Eastern Shore to *Barbadoes* Island, *John Dickinson*, Esq; Attorney at Law, this Day attended for that Purpose, and, having offered to the Consideration of the House such Arguments for continuing the said Dam as he judged proper, withdrew.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children*," and, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and for providing a circulating Medium of Commerce and Industry within this Province*," with some Amendments to the said Bills, the Consideration whereof being referred to the Afternoon,

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Upon Examination of His Honour's Amendments sent down in the Forenoon, with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children*," the same were agreed to by the House, and the said Bill ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House then proceeded to consider the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan*," &c. and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the same being drawn at the Table, was agreed to, and ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 1.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent any Person from being chosen a Member of Assembly for any City or County within this Province, except he be a Resident in such City or County, and to enable the Freemen and Inhabitants of the Counties of* Berks *and*

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" Northampton *to chuſe two Repreſentatives for each of the ſaid Counties,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Twenty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*" &c. being alſo tranſcribed according to Order, and compared at the Table,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Minſhall* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Anſwer to his Amendments, and alſo deliver the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent any Perſon from being choſen a Member of Aſſembly for any City or County within this Province, except he be a Reſident in ſuch City or County, and to enable the Freemen and Inhabitants of the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton *to chuſe two Repreſentatives for each of the ſaid Counties,*" for his Conſideration and Aſſent.

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders, and others, reſiding near the River *Schuylkill*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that, as an Act of this Province, to regulate the Fiſhery in the ſaid River, is near expiring, the Petitioners pray the Houſe will be pleaſed to renew the ſaid Act, with the following Alterations, *viz.*

" That there be a total Prohibition of all Fiſhing with Seines in the ſaid River for the Space of Forty-eight Hours in every Week during the Seaſon for Shad-Fiſhing, in order that the upper Inhabitants may partake of the general Benefit of Fiſhing, of which they have been much deprived of late Years, by the great Number of Seines conſtantly plying below them, which tenders it almoſt impoſſible for any conſiderable Number of Fiſh to reach the upper Parts of the ſaid River.

" That no Perſon be allowed to catch any Shad in the ſaid River after the Twentieth Day of *May* in every Year, that a ſufficient Number may be left to ſpawn; and that all Perſons be forbid catching them too bare after they have done running, which has been ſo much a Practice, as to threaten a total Loſs of this valuable Kind of Fiſh.

" That all the Seines which ply at the Mouth of the ſaid River, and greatly tend to interrupt, ſcatter and drive away the Shad from their Courſe into the ſame, be immediately and effectually removed, that this Bleſſing, ſo bountifully deſtowed by Providence, may be more extenſively enjoyed." *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Patrick Anderſon*, of the Townſhip of *Charles-Town*, in the County of *Cheſter*, againſt the Releaſe of *Myrik Davis* from Impriſonment in the Gaol of this City, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe being acquainted that *John Eaſtburn*, an aged Man, and many Years a Reſident near the River *Schuylkil*, was attending in Town to be examined, if thought neceſſary by the Houſe, touching his Knowledge of the true Channel of the ſaid River, near the *Norriton* Mills, he was called in, and being qualified by the Chief Juſtice, declared what he knew concerning the Subjects on which he was queſtioned by the Members, and then withdrew.

*Ordered*, That *Wedneſday* next, the Seventh of this Inſtant, be appointed for hearing ſuch other Evidence, on the ſame Subject, as may attend for that Purpoſe.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Expediency of erecting a new County to the Weſtward of *Carliſle*, and to conſider the proper Boundaries for the ſame, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Thomas Minſhall*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for dividing the ſaid new County from the County of *Cumberland*, and to aſcertain the Boundaries thereof.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow Land therein deſcribed, ſituate in the County of* Cheſter, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February 2.*

The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from divers Owners of Meadow-Ground bounded by *Gunner's* Run, and certain Perſons owning Lands in the Precinct of *Richmond*, near the City of *Philadelphia*, were read the ſecond time, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Petitioners have Leave to bring in Bills for the Purpoſes reſpectively mentioned in their Petitions.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a public Market-place on* Callow-Hill, *in the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia

"delphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. 1770. *February* 2.

The House then proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for "altering and appointing the Times of holding the Supreme Court of this Province, the "General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and Gaol Delivery, and the County Court of Common "Pleas in and for the respective Counties of this Province,*" which being in Part considered, and debated by Paragraphs, the same was referred to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

The House then adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the opening and better "amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" was recommitted for Amendment, reported the same with some Alterations, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for altering and appointing the "Times of holding the Supreme Court of this Province, the General Quarter Sessions of the "Peace and Gaol Delivery, and the County Court of Common Pleas in and for the respective "Counties of this Province,*" and after some Time spent therein, committed the said Bill to Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Thomas Minshall*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Taylor*, to consider of the most convenient Times for holding the said Courts in the several Counties of this Province, and report the same to the House.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *David M'Clure*, Collector of the Provincial Tax in *Sadbury* Township, *Chester* County, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, rejected by a great Majority.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *February* 3.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuses in Gold and Silver "Wares made and sold in this Province,*" and, "*An Act for erecting a public Market-"place on* Callow-Hill, *in the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for "other Purposes therein mentioned,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, Upon the Question, that the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, that Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Pemberton* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *February* 5.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power. *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of the Cordwainers, and Remonstrance from the Tanners, in and near the City of *Philadelphia*, were again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Pemberton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *John Minshall*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr *Thomas Minshall*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Taylor* be a Committee to hear the said Cordwainers and Tanners on the Subject of their Petition and Remonstrance.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *John Clayton*, concerning his new invented Machine for Threshing Grain, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Sellers* be a Committee to examine the Petitioner on the Construction of the said Machine, and report their Opinion of its Usefulness to the House.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 6.

A Petition from the Merchants, Traders and other Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a Law of this Province, now in Force, prohibits all Persons from selling or bartering Wine in less Quantity than one Hogshead, unless the Person or Persons so bartering or selling a smaller Quantity first make an Entry of their whole Stock with the Excise Officer, and pay a Duty of *Four Pence* per Gallon;——that the Petitioners conceive the said Duty or Excise at the Time the said Law was enacted, was meant and intended as a Tax on the Consumers of Wine in this Province, and to restrain Persons in low Circumstances from an immoderate Use thereof, but that it was no ways intended by the Legislature to interfere with the Importers of Wines and other spirituous Liquors, nor in any wise to prejudice the commercial Interest of the Province, nor had the Law such Effect until Circumstances altered, which the Petitioners apprehend is the Case; Wines are become much more

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valuable at all the Places of their Growth within theſe few Years, as the enhanced Price at which they are now univerſally ſold, at a Time when the Complaints of Scarcity of Money are general in the *Brittiſh American* Dominions, may fully prove to the Honourable Houſe;——this Encreaſe in the Value of Wines and the Scarcity occaſion in almoſt every Family a ſmaller Conſumption of them than heretofore, ſo that the Wine-Merchant inſtead of importing and ſelling by the Pipe and Hogſhead, as formerly, muſt make Sale by the Quarter Caſk, or not at all;—that it is well known to the Petitioners, and may eaſily be proved to the Houſe, that Wines imported into this Province are purchaſed entirely by the Export of Wheat, Flour, Lumber, and other Country-Produce; that our Imports into this City far exceed the Conſumption of the Province, as we ſell conſiderable Quantities for Exportation to moſt of the neighbouring Colonies, the *Weſt-India* Iſlands, and ſome to *Great-Britain*, *Ireland*, *Africa*, &c.——this Export formerly in Pipes is now reduced principally to Quarter Caſks by the ſame Cauſes that have produced an Alteration in our own Conſumption; and notwithſtanding the Uſe of Wines may be leſs in ſingle Families, yet upon the Whole, this Country requires larger Supplies than ſome Years ago, as the Number of Inhabitants daily encreaſes both here and in the other Colonies;——that the Petitioners apprehend this valuable Branch of circuitous Commerce, the buying Wines with the Produce of this Province, and ſelling them to our Neighbours for Money; will in a great Meaſure be loſt to this City, unleſs the Law be ſo altered as to enable the Dealers in Wine to ſell by the Quarter Caſk, without being ſubject to the Duty of Exciſe, there being ſo many Markets where Wines are to be purchaſed clear of ſuch Duty: Wherefore they humbly pray, that the Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Abuſes in Gold and Silver Wares made and ſold in this Province*," and, "*An Act for erecting a public Market-place on* Callow-Hill, *in the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and acquainted the Houſe that he could not give his Aſſent to either of the ſaid Bills.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent any Perſon from being choſen a Member of Aſſembly for any City or County within this Province except he be a Reſident in ſuch City or County, and to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton *to chuſe two Repreſentatives for each of the ſaid Counties*," with ſome Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which where read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Vice-Preſidents of the *American Philoſophical Society*, held at Philadelphia, *for promoting uſeful Knowledge*, attended by a Committee from the ſaid Society, this Day waited on the Houſe, and being admitted, preſented to the Chair a Repreſentation and Petition, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met*,

*The* REPRESENTATION *and* PETITION *of the* American Philoſophical Society, *held at* Philadelphia, for promoting uſeful Knowledge,

*Sheweth*,

Repreſentation from the American Philoſophical Society.

THAT on the Fifth of *January*, 1770, there was laid before the Society an Extract of a Letter from Doctor *Franklin*, our Preſident, to Doctor *Evans* (a Copy of which is annexed) recommending the Culture of Silk in this Province, and ſetting forth ſome of the many Advantages that would attend the ſame.

That the Society being truly ſenſible that it behoves the People of this Province to forward every Undertaking which will better employ its induſtrious Inhabitants, eſpecially the Poor and their Children, did appoint their Committee for *American* Improvements to prepare and lay before them a Scheme for promoting the Culture of Silk, as what might be very beneficial to the Community, and employ many Hands, whoſe Induſtry could not be turned to any Account more profitable to ourſelves, or more acceptable to the Mother Country.

That the ſaid Committee, in Purſuance of their Truſt, met frequently, and have taken due Pains to inform themſelves of the Nature of the Deſign, and the beſt Method of proſecuting it; for which Purpoſe the following Scheme has been propoſed by them, and approved by the Society, *viz.*

"That as this Province, where the Mulberry-Tree is of ſpontaneous Growth, is well "adapted to the raiſing of Silk-Worms, and what ſeems chiefly wanting to promote "the Culture of Silk, is,—that Cocoons or Balls be made a ready merchantable Com-"modity to all who chuſe to ſell them, and that there be a cheap and eaſy Method of "Winding them for thoſe who may chuſe to work up their Silk for their own Uſe:— "It is therefore propoſed,

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*First*, "That a public Filature be eſtabliſhed at *Philadelphia* (and afterwards at ſuch "other Places in the Province as may be thought neceſſary) for Winding Cocoons; and "that proper Managers of the Filature be appointed, with Power to employ a fit Per- "ſon or Perſons to wind, at reaſonable Rates, the Cocoons belonging to all who may "chuſe to work up their own Silk, and to purchaſe and wind for the public Account "all Cocoons that may be offered for Sale at the Filature.

*Secondly*, "That, to encourage all Perſons to cultivate Mulberry-Trees, raiſe Silk- "Worms, and bring their Cocoons to the Filature, the Managers be impowered and "enabled to pay for Cocoons, during Five Years, the current Price for which Cocoons "of the like Quality are ſold in *Georgia*; and, as a further Encouragement, to pay at "the Rate of *Twenty-five per Cent* on the Value for all Cocoons raiſed in this Province, "and brought to the Filature, whether for Sale or to be wound for private Uſe; and, "beſides the above Encouragement, it is propoſed, as an Inducement to raiſe large "Quantities, to beſtow the following yearly Premiums, *viz.*

"For the Year 1770, *Fifteen Pounds* to the Perſon who ſhall raiſe and bring to the "Filature the greateſt Quantities of Cocoons, not leſs than *Thirty Thouſand*; and *Ten* "*Pounds* to the Perſon who ſhall raiſe and bring the next greateſt Quantity, not leſs "than *Twenty Thouſand*.——In 1771, *Fifteen Pounds* for the greateſt Quantity, not leſs "than *Forty Thouſand*; and *Ten Pounds* for the next greateſt Quantity, not leſs than "*Thirty Thouſand*.——In 1772, *Fifteen Pounds* for the greateſt Quantity, not leſs than "*Fifty Thouſand*; and *Ten Pounds* for the next greateſt Quantity, not leſs than *Forty* "*Thouſand*.——In 1773, *Fifteen Pounds* for the greateſt Qnantity, not leſs than *Sixty* "*Thouſand*; and *Ten Pounds* for the next greateſt Quantity, not leſs than *Fifty Thou-* "*ſand*;——and in 1774, *Fifteen Pounds* for the greateſt Quantity, not leſs than *Seventy* "*Thouſand*; and *Ten Pounds* for the next greateſt Quantity, not leſs than *Sixty Thou-* "*ſand*.——The above Premiums are likewiſe to be limited to Cocoons raiſed in this "Province."

*Thirdly*, "That, to enable the Managers to pay the aforeſaid Premiums, eſtabliſh the "Filature, purchaſe Cocoons, and employ Servants for the Work, it ſeems neceſſary "that a Sum, not leſs than *Five Hundred Pounds per Annum*, ſhould be appropriated "during the aforeſaid Term of Five Years:"

The Society therefore pray, that the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, as the natural Patrons of every Scheme, which requires the public Countenance and Aſſiſtance, would be pleaſed to nominate and appoint proper Managers of this Undertaking, with Power to receive out of the Provincial Treaſury the aforeſaid yearly Sum, in ſuch Proportions as may be neceſſary; and that all Silk purchaſed and wound at the Filature, on the Account of this Scheme, together with the Floſs, be expoſed to public Sale from Time to Time, and the Produce thereof, together with the Monies received for winding Cocoons, be duly accounted for to ſuch Perſons as may be appointed for that Purpoſe, and remain in the Stock for carrying on this Deſign.

If the Society have the Pleaſure to find that this Scheme meets with ſuch Encouragement from the Houſe, that ſome Progreſs is likely to be made therein the enſuing Seaſon, it is propoſed to write immediately to *Georgia* and *Carolina* for a Quantity of the Silk-Moth's Eggs, to diſtribute to ſuch Perſons as may undertake to propagate Silk-Worms. All which is reſpectfully ſubmitted to the Houſe.

Signed on Behalf and by the unanimous Deſire of the Society, at their Meeting, *February* 2, 1770.

THOMAS BOND, } V. P.
SAMUEL RHOADS, }

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

With the foregoing Repreſentation from the Society were laid before the Houſe ſeveral Samples of *American* Silk, wound and unwound, with ſome wove into a Piece of Ducape, and ſome knit into Gloves, which being examined by the Members at the Table, were returned to their Owners.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting Part of *Cumberland* County, Weſtward and Northward of *Sideling* Hill, into a ſeparate County, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Confirmation of the Eſtates of Perſons holding and claiming under *Feme Coverts*, and for eſtabliſhing a Mode by which Huſband and Wife may hereafter convey their Eſtates, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for Bailing Priſoners and about Impriſonment*," reported they had eſſayed a

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*February 6.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they apprehend the very great Diſadvantages the Trade of this Province now labours under from the Impediments occaſioned to it, by the Ice, during the Winter Seaſon, may, in a very great Meaſure, be remedied by the enacting a Supplementary Law to the Act or Acts now in Force reſpecting the Light-Houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, the Buoys in *Delaware* Bay, *&c.* thereby empowering the Commiſſioners for the Light-Houſe to erect Piers, and do other uſeful and neceſſary Things for ſecuring and rendering more eaſy the Navigation of the Bay and River *Delaware* in the Winter Seaſon; but in Order to be more clearly underſtood by the Houſe, the Petitioners have hereto annexed a Plan of what they propoſe, humbly ſubmitting the ſame to the Conſideration of their Repreſentatives, and hoping, they will afford to the Commerce of this Country that Countenance and Protection which an Object of ſuch Importance demands.

*The* PLAN *of a* LAW, *&c.*

By the Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting a Light-Houſe at the Mouth of the Bay of* Delaware, *at or near Cape* "Henlopen, *for placing and fixing Buoys in the ſaid Bay and River* Delaware, *and for "appointing Commiſſioners to receive, collect and recover certain Sums of Money heretofore "raiſed by Way of Lottery, and to approprietate the ſame to the Purpoſes aforeſaid,*" a Tax of *Six Pence* per Ton is laid or impoſed on all Shipping coming into and going out of the Port of *Philadelphia* from the Firſt of *November*, 1765, for the Term of Eight Years thereafter, for the Purpoſes of Building a Light-Houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, Piers at *Rheedy* Iſland, and fixing Buoys in the Bay of *Delaware*; for compleating which the Commiſſioners appointed in the ſaid Act borrowed certain Sums of Money, the Intereſt of which Monies, the Expences of keeping up the Light, repairing the Piers and replacing the Buoys when they have been diſplaced by Ice, or other Cauſes, as alſo Part of the Monies ſo borrowed, have been paid by the ſaid Tax, which is found to produce about *Fourteen Hundred* Pounds Currency *per Annum*, and this Fund being acknowledged a very certain one ſo long as the ſaid Law is in Force, or may by Supplementary Acts be continued in Force; it is propoſed by thoſe who are moſt generally and immediately concerned in the Payment of ſaid Tax, that a Supplementary Act may now be paſſed, impowering proper Commiſſioners to build Piers or Wharfs at all ſuch Places or Stations on the River *Delaware* between this City and *Bombay* Hook, and to be ſo conſtructed as they or a Majority of them ſhall judge moſt neceſſary and uſeful for the Purpoſe of ſecuring the Shipping coming to, and going from this Port, againſt Damage or Detention by Ice, obſerving that each Set of Piers ſhall be diſtant from another at leaſt——Miles, alſo impowering them, or a Majority of them, to do every other lawful Act or Acts, Thing or Things for rendering the Navigation of the Bay and River of *Delaware* more eaſy and ſecure in the Winter Seaſon; provided the Expences or Charge thereof does not exceed the Proviſion to be made for the ſame by this Act.

That the Sum of *Twelve Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit be immediately ſtruck, and lodged with the Provincial Treaſurer, ſubject only to the Orders of the ſaid Commiſſioners, who are firſt to pay off all Debts and Intereſt due from the ſaid Fund, and the remaining Sum, with the firſt Year's Produce of the Tax, to be applied to the Building of Piers, Wharfs, *&c.* and purchaſing the Landings, or the Privilege of the Landings whereon the ſaid Piers are to be fixed, and to the doing ſuch other uſeful Things for benefiting the Commerce of the City, as this Act impowers them to do.

It is propoſed that ſuch of the Commiſſioners, as are actually employed in the Duties of their Station, ſhould be well paid for their Time and Trouble, whilſt ſo employed, but receive no Benefit from their Office when not upon Duty, that their Accounts be made up annually, under Oath, or Affirmation, to be inſpected, approved and certified by a Committee of Aſſembly.

It is found that the Expences of the Light-Houſe, keeping the Buoys in their Stations and paying Commiſſioners Wages and Expences, have heretofore amounted to above *Six Hundred Pounds* per Annum,—the keeping the Piers in Repair after they are built, paying an additional Number of Commiſſioners and a Clerk, will probably encreaſe this annual Charge to *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* per Annum;——conſequently there will remain annually *Six Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* Currency, or thereabouts, for the Purpoſe of taking up or paying off every Year ſo much of the Bills of Credit, now propoſed to be ſtruck, and the Balance ſo remaining, be the ſame more or leſs, ſhould every Year be burned in Preſence of the Committee of Aſſembly at the Examination and Settlement of the Accounts;—thus the whole Emiſſion of Bills of Credit will be ſunk by this Fund in a reaſonable Time, beſide paying the annual Charges; and when it is conſidered that Ages to come will reap the Benefits of theſe Regulations, it will be found

found that the longer Time taken to sink the Money, the more equitable, as it is to be supposed the Tax comes lighter at the present Time. 1770. February 6.

That such Piers are necessary, Experience daily teaches, for there now lie in this Port many Ships that have been loaded upwards of Six Weeks with valuable Cargoes, which have made repeated Attempts to depart since the Frost begun, but have been obliged to return back to the City, because they could not in one Tide reach any Place of Safety, and dared not attempt to anchor against the Tide of Flood, for Fear of being cut through by the driving Ice, whereas had the proposed Piers been erected, they could have taken Shelter during the Flood, set off again with the next Ebb, and so on, till they got clear.

The Advantages that would result to Town and Country from a free Export during our Winter Months are many and obvious, but the Country particularly would have a constant Demand for its Produce in those Months, when Farmers have most Leisure to bring it to Market, and the Roads are generally hard and in good Order;——the Millers would find Sale for Flour they are now obliged to keep long by them, or sell at an Under-Price; and the Owners of Ships would be eased of the very heavy Charges they are at by long Detention, Loss of Markets, Expence of Provisions and Wages, &c. and this Province would thereby be put on a nearer Footing with *New-York*, *Maryland* and *Virginia*, which have now the very great Advantage over us of Supplying the Markets abroad in the Winter Months, when our unfortunate Situation, with respect to Ice, deprives us of it.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the opening "and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this "Province,*" which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent any Person from being chosen a Member of Assembly for any "City or County within this Province, except he be a Resident in such City or County, and "to enable the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton *to "chuse two Members for each of the said Counties,*" and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put whether the House will adhere to the Bill?——The same was resolved in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Richardson* wait on his Honour with the said Bill, and acquaint him that the House adhere to the same.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February 7.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act "to prevent any Person from being chosen a Member of Assembly for any City or County "within this Province, except he be a Resident in such City or County, and to enable the "Freeholders and Inhabitants of the Counties of* Berks *and* Northampton *to chuse two "Members for each of the said Counties,*" reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

A Number of the Inhabitants residing on and near the River *Schuylkill* having been summoned to attend the House this Day to testify their Knowledge of the Channels on the different Sides of *Barbadoes* Island in the said River, divers of the Inhabitants aforesaid attended accordingly, some of whom being called in, were qualified by the Chief Justice and examined before the House, and the Substance of their respective Depositions was taken in Writing.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House proceeded in the Examination of the other Witnesses respecting the Channels of the River *Schuylkill*, and having heard upon Oath or Affirmation all that appeared, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, Neshaminey, Schuylkill, "Susquehanna *and* Juniata *public Highways, for making the said Rivers navigable, and "for the Preservation of the Fish in the same,*" which being in Part read and debated, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* *February 8.* Adjournment

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, Neshaminey, Schuylkill, Susquehanna *and* Juniata *public Highways,*" &c. and after a considerable Debate thereon, having agreed that a Clause be prepared and added to the said Bill to explain and enforce a certain Agreement entered into by the Commissioners appointed by Law for clearing *Schuylkill*, and the late *Charles Norris*, respecting his Mill-Dam in the said River, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *February 9.*

A Petition from the Sadlers and Harness-Makers (Leather Cutters) of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners at this Time conceive it their indispensable Duty heartily to join their Brethren, the Cordwainers,

1770. *February* 9. wainers, in petitioning the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly for Redreſs of Grievances, reſpecting the manufacturing, monopolizing and exporting of Leather, and to recommend the Neceſſity of a proper Officer or Officers to inſpect and ſeal Leather, and the Expediency of falling on ſome Method to prevent the Butchers from cutting of the Hides in the careleſs Manner they now do;——that the Petitioners *firſt* beg Leave to aſſure the Honourable Houſe, that the ſeveral Things ſet forth in the Cordwainers Petition concerning Leather brought to the City for Sale, they, from Experience, know to be real Matters of Fact;——*Secondly*, that the Petitioners attribute the preſent advanced Price of Leather and abſolute Scarcity of it to the great Exportation of it Abroad (which they have been told is contrary to an antient Law of this Province) and which they eſteem a heavy Grievance that claims the ſerious Conſideration of their Repreſentatives;——*Thirdly*, that the Petitioners are of Opinion the Utility of an Inſpector of Leather will evidently appear from the following Conſiderations, *viz.*—that Skins are at preſent made into Soal-Leather on Account of its exorbitant Price, which ought, and uſed to be made into Bridle and Harneſs Leather, being utterly unfit for Soal, as the Teſtimony of the Cordwainers will confirm;——*Fourthly*, that Monopolizers buy whole Vats before taken up, which contributes to make Leather ſo ſcarce that the Petitioners are ſubjected to the Neceſſity of buying Leather quite wet, and paying *Sixteen*, *Seventeen* and *Eighteen Pence* per Pound for Water (inſtead of Leather) to keep their Workmen employed;——that Merchants, unacquainted with the Quality of tanned Leather, purchaſing large Quantities to export, naturally makes the Tanners, as the Petitioners imagine, more indifferent in manufacturing it, and ſubjects the Petitioners to a like Neceſſity of buying rough handled and ſhort tanned Leather (the latter of which never wears well); and that the Petitioners are of Opinion, the Leather of this Province, as white Oak Bark may be procured, would in a very ſhort Time, under an Inſpector, vie with *European* Leather in Beauty and Service;——*Laſtly*, that the Petitioners having ſeen a Copy of the Tanners Remonſtrance, wherein they aſſert, "that the complained of Scarcity of Leather is a "Miſrepreſentation, and that Thouſands of Pounds worth is in and near the City "DRY and ready for Sale," they beg Leave to acquaint the Houſe, that ſome of the Petitioners have had, and now have Caſh by them to purchaſe with, yet are in Want of Leather, and cannot get any, on Account of its being engroſſed by Monopolizers and Merchants for Exportation, which they eſteem an exceſſive Grievance. And therefore humbly pray, the Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed, as Leather is now ſcarce, and the Price extravagantly high, by a Duty (or ſuch other Means as they may think beſt) to diſcourage the growing Evil of exporting Leather from this Province.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring* "*the Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, Neſhaminey, Schuylkill, Suſquehanna *and* Juniata "*public Higways*," &c. and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the new Clauſe agreed laſt Night to be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, for explaining and confirming the Stipulations entered into by the Commiſſioners for clearing the River *Schuylkill*, and the late *Charles Norris*, reſpecting his Mill-Dam in the ſaid River, be prepared by the Committee who brought in the ſaid Bill, and laid before the Houſe on *Tueſday* next for their Conſideration; and that the Clerk of Aſſembly do in the mean Time give Notice to *Iſaac Abraham*, the Owner of two ſmall Iſlands, lying at the Head of *Barbadoes* Iſland, in the River aforeſaid, that he is required to attend this Houſe on the ſaid Day.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the better* "*Confirmation of the Eſtates of Perſons holding or claiming under* Feme Coverts, *and for* "*eſtabliſhing a Mode by which Huſband and Wife may hereafter convey their Eſtates*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Bill was preſented to the Chair, entituled, "*An* "*Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Lands on both Sides of* Gunner's *Creek to conſtruct*, "*maintain and keep up a Dam and Sluices, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence* "*thereof*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting* "*Part of* Cumberland *County*, *Weſtward and Northward of* Sideling *Hill*, *into a ſeparate* "*County*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put, wether the Freemen of the ſaid new County ſhall be allowed annually to elect a Member to repreſent them in the General Aſſembly of this Province?——It was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 10. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants reſiding near the River *Schuylkill*, propoſing and praying

praying for certain Regulations in the Shad-Fishery of the said River, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1770. February 10.

The Bills, severally entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping* "*in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province;*"——"*An Act for the* "*better Confirmation of the Estates of Persons holding and claiming under* Feme Coverts, "*and for establishing a Mode by which Husband and Wife may hereafter convey their* "*Estates;*" and a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and* "*Possessors of a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow Land therein described, situate in the* "*County of* Chester, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to* "*raise a Fund to defray the Expence thereof,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared.

*Resolved*, Upon the Question, that the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Watson* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 12. *Post Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills, passed by the House on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that is Honour was pleased to say, he would take them into immediate Consideration.

The Governor, by the Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for opening* "*and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this* "*Province,*" with some Amendments, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Reply to their Answer to his Honour's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* One "Hundred *and* Twenty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,*"&c. and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, whether the House will adhere to the said Bill?——It was carried in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and being acquainted that *Isaac Abraham* was attending at the Door agreeable to Order, he was called in, and having answered the Questions put to him, concerning his Right in the two small Islands at the Head of *Barbadoes* Island, in the River *Schuylkill*, withdrew. *February* 13.

*Resolved*, Upon the Question,

That the House will proceed in the second Reading of the Bill before them for clearing and making navigable the said River, and such other Waters within this Province as are mentioned in the said Bill.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *February* 14.

A Petition form *William Simpson*, *Michael Simpson* and *William Kelso*, of the County of *Lancaster*, Waggoners, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in *June*, 1768, the Petitioners went to *Philadelphia* with their Waggons, and received Loads from Mr. *Franks* for Fort *Pitt*, whither they immediately proceeded and delivered the same, taking in at the said Fort a Back-Freight of Forty odd Hundred of Peltry, belonging to Messrs. *Lowrey* and *Boggs*, to be delivered to Mr. *Jeremiah Warder* of *Philadelphia*;——that on their Return, about six Miles below *Bedford*, they met His Majesty's Troops under Colonel *Wilkins* in their March to Fort *Pitt*, and being pressed into the King's Service, were obliged to go back with their Waggons and Teams to *Bedford*, where they unloaded their Skins, and were forced to leave them, though unable to get any Person to take them in Charge, or even a House with Locks to put them in;——that notwithstanding their Forage was almost expended, and their Horses reduced very low by such a long Journey, they were compelled, without one Day's Rest, to march with the Troops for Fort *Pitt*;——that some of the Horses failing, the Petitioners were laid under the necessity of hiring others on the Road at their own Expence;——that the Colonel supplied them with some Forage and Provisions for themselves at a high Price, and stopped the Amount out of their Pay;——that as soon as ever their Loading was taken out of the Waggons at Fort *Pitt*, their Pay was discontinued, the Whole received by the Petitioners being no more than *Seven Pounds Ten Shillings* to each of them, out of which they were obliged to pay *Ten Pounds Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* for Corn, at a *Dollar* per Bushel, to bring their Teams within the inhabited Parts of the Province; that with great Difficulty, and their Teams almost worn out, the Petitioners at Length returned to Fort *Bedford*, where they were forced to stay some Time, and purchase Forage to recruit their Horses;——after which, taking in the Skins they had left at this Place, they proceeded, by short Stages, to Fort *Loudon*, when one of the Horses was found wholly incapable of further Service;——that the Petitioners, however, arrived at last at their several Homes in *Lancaster* County, with thirteen Horses reduced so low that in a short Time one of them died, another continues unfit for Service to this Day,

1770. February 14. and not one of the whole Number is yet fully recovered, by which Means the Petitioners have been entirely diſappointed of their Fall Buſineſs;——and to add to their Loſſes, when the Skins, belonging to *Lowrey* and *Boggs*, were delivered at *Philadelphia*, from their long Delay on the Road, Fifty-ſix were found damaged and Twenty-four miſſing, though the Petitioners are ready to make Oath that not one to their Knowledge was loſt while in their Cuſtody, yet this Damage and Deficiency was ſtopped, as Mr. *Warder* will teſtify, out of the Carriage:———Wherefore the Petitioners, conceiving themſelves to be great Sufferers in their Property by being preſſed into the King's Service, humbly pray, the Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as to them ſhall appear reaſonable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act*, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act*. entituled, "*An Act for taking Lands in Execution for the Payment of Debts, and for confirming Partitions in ſeveral Inſtances heretofore made,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" and after ſome Time ſpent therein, an Anſwer to the ſame being prepared at the Table, tranſcribed and agreed to by the Houſe,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Krewſen* and Mr. *Knight* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and deliver the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments ſent down with the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for repairing the Highway between *Frankfort* Bridge and the Bridge over *Frankfort* Mill-Race, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Pemberton* and Mr. *Rodman* be added to the Members appointed on the Navigation Bill, to prepare and bring in the Clauſe agreed to be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, for explaining and confirming the Contract entered into by the Commiſſioners appointed for clearing the River *Schuylkill*, and the late *Charles Norris*, concerning his Mill-Dam in the ſaid River, for the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took up the Petition from the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* againſt the Payment of the Duty of Exciſe upon ſpirituous Liquors ſold in Quarter Caſks, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put, Whether the Houſe will appoint a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Exciſe Act?——It was reſolved in the Negative by a great Majority.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, reſpectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for the better Confirmation of the Eſtates of Perſons holding or claiming under* Feme Coverts, *and for eſtabliſhing a Mode by which Huſband and Wife may hereafter convey their Eſtates,*"—"*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*"—and, "*A Supplement to the Act*, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow Land therein deſcribed, ſituate in the County of* Cheſter, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof,*" with ſome Amendments to each of the ſaid Bills, which were ſeverally read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the Clauſe agreed to be added to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, Neſhaminey, Schuylkill, Suſquehanna *and* Juniata *public Highways,*" &c. for ſecuring and confirming to the Eſtate of *Charles Norris* the Mill-Dam at the Head of *Barbadoes* Iſland, in the River *Schuylkill*, &c. reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Reply to the Tanners Remonſtrance. A Reply to the Remonſtrance of the Tanners by a Committee of the Cordwainers was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Tanners appear very fond of the Word "*Stamp,*" although that Word is not once mentioned in the Cordwainers Petition; but as that Term has become odious of late, the Tanners choſe to make Uſe of it, in order to raiſe a Clamour out of Doors, in hopes it might have ſome Influence on the Houſe, ſo as to divert them from that of a Searcher and Sealer;——the Tanners likewiſe ſay, "that they apprehend the ſaid Petition has been promoted upon ſiniſter and lucrative Views," which is a Matter the Cordwainers believe to be without Foundation; for when the Petition was firſt ſet on Foot, their Intention was to recommend *John Langdale*, Tanner, ſince deceaſed, as a fit Perſon for that Office; but if there are

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any of the Petitioners that would serve in the Office of Searcher and Sealer, the Cordwainers truſt they are not ſuch Men as the Tanners mention, who would "tyrannize "over their Fellow-Subjects," any more than other Officers that are or might be appointed by the Legiſlature of this Province;—that the Cordwainers know of no Signers yet, but what wiſh their Petition may be granted, except one or two, who are intereſted in Monopoliſing, or under the Influence of ſuch;—and that the Allegations of the Cordwainers are founded on Facts, as they hope to make appear to the Satisfaction of the Houſe;—that if there is the "Plenty of Leather," ſet forth by the Tanners, the Cordwainers apprehend it is chiefly in the Hands of the Monopolizers, as there appeared a great Scarcity of it among the Tanners a few Weeks ago, eſpecially of ſuch as was good;—and as to its being "Dry" the Cordwainers very much doubt it; for in common it is kept in Cellars, or in ſome other very damp Places, by which Practice the Cordwainers have frequently paid the Tanners for many Pounds of Water inſtead of Leather, to the great Loſs of the Purchaſers; and the enormous Price ſet upon it, is a clear Demonſtration that between the Tanners and Monopolizers they create a Famine in Plenty.—The Cordwainers mentioned Exportations as one Cauſe of the Badneſs of Leather, without any Deſire of a Prohibition;—that the Tanners, in order to continue their uncontrouled Power, chuſe that the Butchers ſhould not be regulated by Law, but very officiouſly propoſe to do it themſelves; the Reaſons are very obvious, for the more Offal, Shanks, Faces, &c. the more the Skin will weigh, and as their Rule for Selling is to double their firſt Coſt, ſo the greater the Weight the larger their Profit.——That the Remonſtrants ſpeak very favourably of the Engroſſers, intimating as though the latter bought only of the Country Tanners who live at a great Diſtance; but it is quite otherwiſe,—for the Cordwainers believe they buy far more of ſome of the Tanners living in and near this City,—they have frequently bought whole Vats of Sole-Leather, and that ſometimes before taken up, and alſo large Quantities of Neat's Leather and CalfSkins;—ſo intent indeed are they upon Engroſſing, that they have offered an advanced Price for Leather, when they, at the ſame Time, were informed it was ſold to ſome of the Cordwainers, by which Practice the Price of Leather has been raiſed;——it is alſo a Practice with them to keep their Leather in damp Places for Sale.——That Monopolizers ſhould be any more neceſſary now, than formerly, the Cordwainers cannot conceive or that to diſcourage them ſhould in any wiſe affect the *Carolina* Trade; for that Trade was more conſiderable ſome Years ago, before Monopolizers were in that Branch of Buſineſs; and was that Trade to be loſt, can any Body think the Tanners would grieve;——the Cordwainers are not diffident of their Abilities reſpecting Leather, neither do they want to be informed of its Goodneſs by a Stamp; though they are very ſenſible that it is frequently badly manufactured, yet they are neceſſitated to buy it, bad as it is, or at Times ſuffer their Hands to ſtand idle, which induced them to petition for Redreſs.——That the Cordwainers did not ſay any Thing about "burning of Leather," neither do they think it needful, as Leather is made uſe of for various Purpoſes;——what they want is that the Tanners and Curriers may do their Duty.—The Cordwainers obſerve, the Remonſtrants grant, that were the "Fault only in Tanning, ſome Means might be uſeful," but they ſay it is quite otherwiſe, "the Fault, if any, is in the Hides;"——but the Cordwainers doubt not, they ſhall convince the Houſe, that is not always the Caſe, by the Samples they have to produce;—"the Public," ſay the Tanners, "is never impoſed "on but when weak Leather is uſed where ſtrong is requiſite;——the Cordwainers, however, think otherwiſe, unleſs by weak Leather they mean ſuch as has been hurt or ſpoiled by Lime, or ſome other Way in the Manufacturing, becauſe moſt Buyers can diſtinguiſh between thick and thin;—"if any Inſpectors were neceſſary to prevent the "Public from being impoſed on, an Inſpector on Shoes ſeems more likely to be uſeful," ſay the Remonſtrants;—the Cordwainers here alſo differ from them, being of Opinion ſuch an Officer cannot be needful to inſpect their Work, as it is common with them, when their Work fails to mend it without Charge to the Wearer, and to have Shoes condemned on Account of the Badneſs of the Leather, would be inconſiſtent with Reaſon and common Juſtice.—The Concluſion of the Tanners Remonſtrance being only a curious Piece of Rhetoric, the Cordwainers think it uneceſſary to take any further Notice of it, only to obſerve, if by Means of a Law the Leather ſhould be manufactured better, the Hides and Skins freed from Shanks, Faces, &c. it would be an Over-Balance to the Public, beſides paying the Officer.—The Cordwainers truſt the Proofs they offer will be ſufficient to convince the Honourable Houſe that the Allegations contained in their Petition are founded on Facts, and that they will grant ſuch Relief as ſhall appear moſt conducive to general Good. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's Amendments to the three Bills returned laſt Night, and having agreed to thoſe upon the Bills for confirming Eſtates held under *Feme Coverts*, and for allowing an Appeal on the *Long Hook* Meadow Act, ordered the ſaid Bills to be engroſſed accordingly.—With reſpect to his Honour's Reply to the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments on the Road Bill, after ſome Debate the Houſe adhere to the Bill.

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1770. *February* 15. The Houſe proceeded to a ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to* "*the Act*, entituled, "*An Act for Bailing Priſoners, and about Impriſonment*," which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for repairing* "*the Highway between* Frankfort *Bridge and the Bridge over* Frankfort *Mill-Race*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Guardians of the Heirs of *William Clerk*, deceaſed, whoſe Ground makes a Part of the ſaid Highway, have Notice to attend this Houſe on *Tueſday* next, in order to their being heard concerning the ſame.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act*, entituled, *A Supplement to the Act*, entituled, *An Act for taking Lands in Exe-* "*cution for the Payment of Debts, and for confirming Partitions in ſeveral Inſtances here-* "*tofore made*," which being read the ſecond time, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, for ſtriking a Sum of Money to be expended in erecting Piers, Wharfs, *&c.* for the better Security of Shipping againſt Ice in the River *Delaware*, and ſunk by a Duty of Tonnage upon the Trade of this Province, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon, referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of Meadow Lands on both* "*Sides of* Gunner's *Creek to conſtruct, maintain and keep up a Dam and Sluices, and to* "*raiſe a Fund to defray the expence thereof*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe again took up the Petition of the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, for ſtriking a Sum of Money to be applied towards erecting Piers, Wharfs, *&c.* in the River *Delaware*, for the better Security of Shipping againſt Ice, and after ſome Debate, the Queſtion being put, Whether a Bill ſhall be prepared at this Time, agreeable to the Prayer of the Petitioners, and brought in for the Conſideration of the Houſe;—Reſolved in the Affirmative.

Ajournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Repreſentation and Petition from the *American Philoſophical Society* concerning the Culture of Silk, and after ſome Debate thereon, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 17. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances and Accounts, to whom the Hearing of the *Lancaſter* County Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors was referred, made a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee of Grievances. AGREEABLE to the Order of the Houſe, your Committee have heard the Allegations of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Lancaſter*, and their Clerks, and examined the Orders drawn by the ſaid Commiſſioners for their ſeveral Services, on the reſpective Treaſurers of the County ſince the Year 1760; alſo the Book containing the Accounts of their ſeveral County Taxes, but no Minutes of the Proceedings of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors relating to the Provincial or County Taxes have been kept ſince the Year 1761, as they themſelves acknowledge; and, on mature Conſideration, we are of Opinion, that not only the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of ſaid County, but alſo their Clerk did for ſeveral Years before the Year 1769, receive more Money for their Services than by Law or Equity they were entituled to, even allowing them for the extraordinary Time they alledge to have been ſpent in the Buſineſs at their frequent Meetings and long Continuance together, particularly in hearing Appeals; —— that for ſo doing they plead the Practice of their Predeceſſors, in their Charges for the like Sevices, and ſometimes adding thereto, when they apprehended they had done more;——that ſeveral of them appear now convinced of their having received more than was juſtly or legally due to them, and almoſt all of them acknowledge a Willingneſs to refund whatever the Houſe ſhall think proper.——

Your Committee have therefore made out a State of the Account of what they reſpectively have received on the Provincial and County Taxes ever ſince the Year 1760, and eſſayed an Eſtimate of what we conceive it may be proper to allow them in Conſideration of the Time ſpent in their ſeveral and reſpective Services:——All which we ſubmit to the Houſe.

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HENRY PAWLING,
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,
JOSEPH WATSON,
ISAAC PEARSON,
JOSEPH FOX,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
JAMES PEMBERTON,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS."

A Petition

1770. February 17.

A Petition from ſundry Inhabitants of the Townſhips of *Kingſeſs* and *Ridley* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners were very much ſurpriſed to find a Petition, ſigned by divers of the Inhabitants of *Philadelphia*, now lying before the Houſe, for a public Road to be laid out from *Schuylkill* through the *Province* Iſland, nearly on a ſtraight Line to *Cheſter* Road at *Croſby's* Forge, and therein alledging great Benefit to many Thouſand Citizens and others;—that the Petitioners have preſented the Copy of a Petition ſigned by a large Number of reputable Inhabitants, which was lately preſented to the Governor and Council, praying them to make ſuch Orders as to them ſhall ſeem meet, for viewing and opening ſaid Road;——that the Petitioners are well aſſured the Governor and Council did take the Contents of the ſaid Petition into their Conſideration, and thereupon did appoint a Number of reputable Perſons, but that the Petitioners had not called them to view the Land whereon the ſaid Road was expected to be laid;——that the Petitioners alſo finding, that ſeveral Citizens, with a Surveyor, in as private a Manner as they could, had been running through ſeveral Plantations, and that their Deſign was to lay a public Road through the ſame, in order to obtain (as the Citizens alledge) a much nearer Way to *Cheſter*, did get the Surveyor-General to make a Survey, and meaſure the ſaid Diſtance where the others had run, which, with the Courſes of the preſent Highway from *Philadelphia* to *Cheſter* he hath laid down in a Draught, which the Petitioners beg Leave to preſent for the Inſpection of the Houſe;—that if this intended Road ſhould take Place, the Petitioners will be, in their Opinion, damaged to the Amount of more than a Thouſand Pounds, and their Lands liable to be taxed to the lateſt Poſterity towards maintaining ſaid Road over Grounds that a few Years paſt was looked upon a mere Bed of Mire, and all this without any material Benefit or Conveniency accruing either to themſelves or the Public;——that the Petitioners are ſuſpicious, from their Knowledge of the ſeveral Lands examined on this Occaſion, that the Pains taken to procure this Road have not been intended to accommodate the Public only, but poſſibly to cover the Deſigns of a few Individuals.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act*, entituled, "*An Act for Bailing* "*Priſoners and about Impriſonment*;" and, "*A Supplement to the Act*, entituled, *A Sup-* "*plement to the Act*, entituled, "*An Act for taking Lands in Execution for the Payment* "*of Debts, and for confirming Partitions in ſeveral Inſtances heretofore made*," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, Upon the Queſtion, that the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Shepherd* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent.

A Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the* "*languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaols of the ſeveral Counties of this Province, with Reſpect* "*to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment *February* 19. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 20.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night, and a Quorum being ſtill wanting, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed on *Saturday* laſt, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration.

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the languiſhing* "*Priſoners in the Gaols of the ſeveral Counties of this Province, with Reſpect to the Im-* "*priſonment of their Perſons*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to* "*the Act*, entituled, "*An Act for Bailing Priſoners and about Impriſonment*," and, "*A Supplement to the Act*, entituled, *A Supplement to the Act*, entituled, "*An Act for* "*taking Lands in Execution for the Payment of Debs, and for confirming Partitions in ſe-* "*veral Inſtances heretofore made*," and acquainted the Houſe that his Honour would be ready to paſs the ſaid Bills into Laws whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The Secretary alſo delivered a verbal Meſſage from the Governor in the Words following, *viz.*

"SIR,

'THE Governor commands me to lay before the Houſe for their Conſideration a 'Letter which he lately received from Governor *Colden*, with a Copy of a Law 'paſſed at *New-York*, appointing Commiſſioners for fixing on a Plan for the Regulation

Verbal Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

1770. February 20.

'of the *Indian* Trade; and recommends it to the Houſe to frame a ſimilar Law for 'appointing Commiſſioners on the Part of this Province."

The Letter from Governor *Colden*, and the Law referred to in the above Meſſage, were ſeverally read by Order, and the ſaid Letter follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

SIR, *New-York, February* 6, 1770.

A Letter from Governor Colden.

THE Legiſlature of this Province conceiving it impracticable, without the Concurrence of other Colonies, to eſtabliſh any Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, that might effectually anſwer His Majeſty's Intentions in committing the Care of this important Object to the reſpective Legiſlatures, did in their laſt Seſſion paſs a Law for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with thoſe of the neighbouring Governments, to fix on a general Plan for this Purpoſe.—A Meaſure, ſo eſſential to the Intereſt of the ſeveral Colonies concerned in this beneficial Commerce, will, I truſt, be chearfully come into by all, and if adopted by your Province, I hope you will endeavour to render its Utility as extenſive as poſſible, by recommending it to the Governments of *Virginia* and *Maryland*. I ſhall loſe no Time in communicating the Propoſal to the Governor of *Quebec*, and in giving you the earlieſt Intelligence of the Reſolution of that Government; and until the Meeting of the Commiſſioners takes Place ſhall be glad to cooperate with you in promoting the Succeſs of a Meaſure with which the Tranquility and Proſperity of both Provinces are ſo intimately connected. I have the Honour to be,

SIR,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

*To the Honourable*
*Governor* PENN. CADWALLADER COLDEN."

With the foregoing Letter the Secretary delivered a written Meſſage from his Honour to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

'*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'A Few Days ago came to Town *Newaleka*, one of the *Delaware* Chiefs, with a 'Number of his *Indians*, in order to pay a friendly Viſit to this Government. As 'he is a Perſon of Diſtinction and Influence, and has on all Occaſions ſhewn himſelf a 'Friend to the *Engliſh*, and never was in Town before, I think it might be prudent to 'ſecure his Attachment to our Intereſt by making him a ſmall Preſent, which I ſhould 'be glad you would enable me to do.

*February* 20, 1770. JOHN PENN."

Upon Conſideration of the above Meſſage,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Pemberton* be a Committee to confer with the Governor concerning the Kind and Value of the Preſent propoſed by His Honour to be made to the *Delaware* Chief, and other *Indians* in Town with him.

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for repairing the Highway* "*between* Frankfort *Bridge and the Bridge over* Frankfort *Mill-Race*," and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to join with the Commiſſioners of the County of *Philadelphia* to view the ſaid Highway, and conſider of the beſt and moſt expeditious Method of repairing the ſame.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 21.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's verbal Meſſage of laſt Night, with Governor *Colden's* Letter, and the Law lately paſſed at *New-York* for appointing Commiſſioners to conſider of a general Plan for regulating the *Indian* Trade, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Croſby*, Mr. *Emanuel Carpenter*, Mr. *Thomas Minſhall* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with other Commiſſioners that are or may be appointed by the neighbouring Colonies, to conſider of a general Plan for regulating the *Indian* Trade.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from Major *Hamilton* of His Majeſty's Royal Regiment of Foot at the Barracks of the City of *Philadelphia*, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

SIR,

Letter from Major Hamilton.

FROM the repeated Civilities received by the Gentlemen of the Army ſince their Arrival in this Province, and the Inclination conſtantly ſhewn by the Aſſembly to accommodate them to their Satisfaction in the Barracks, I now take the Liberty to write to you, requeſting you to apply to the Aſſembly for ſome Furniture for the Houſe, which

which the Province was so kind as to build last Summer for the Use of the commanding Officer of the Barracks, the House being at present useless, and the good Intentions of the Assembly frustrated, by its not being properly furnished. I am, SIR, 1770. February 21.

*Your most obedient humble Servant,*

ISAAC HAMILTON, Major
to His Majesty's Royal Regiment of Foot of *Ireland*."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Letter,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, with the Speaker, do procure such Furniture for the said House as they judge proper, and that the Cost thereof be defrayed out of the Money granted for supplying the Troops with Necessaries.

Mr. *Thomas Minshall*, late Collector of Excise for the County of *York*, presented at the Table his Account of sundry Debts, which he has not been able to recover from divers Persons, the Amount whereof was charged to him in his Settlement with the Committee of Assembly, dated the Fourteenth of *May*, 1767, on which he prays an Allowance, and also for the Amount of his Commissions on the Sum of £ paid to the late Provincial Treasurer, omitted to be charged by him at the Time he paid that Balance.——Referred to the Committee of Accounts for Examination, with Orders to report thereon to the House.

The Trustees of the *Province* Island representing to the House, that the Lease of the said Island to *John Blakely* is nearly expired, and requesting Instructions with respect to a further Lease thereof, the House took the same into Consideration; and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That the said Trustees do view the said Island, and take Care that it is delivered up by the Representatives of the Lessee in the Order covenanted by his Lease, and that they do let the same to some good Tenant or Tenants for the best Price that may be offered, for any Term not exceeding Seven Years.

The House then resuming the Consideration of the Petitions that have been presented this Sitting, for and against opening a Road from the City of *Philadelphia* through the *Province* Island to the Borough of *Chester*; after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Trustees of the said Island do build a Wharf thereon, and lay out a Road from the same, in such Manner as shall best accommodate the said Island, out of the Revenues thereof in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer; and that the said Trustees be impowered to draw Orders on the said Treasurer for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February 22.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners who are or may be appointed by the neighbouring Colonies to agree on a General Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to view the Breach in the Road to *Bristol* near *Frankfort*, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, your Committee have viewed not only the Place where a Road has been laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, leading from the City of *Philadelpia* to *Bristol*, between the Bridge over *Frankfort* Creek and the Bridge over *William Ashbridge's* Mill-Race, but also the Road or Passage between the said two Bridges, where the same has been used for a long Series of Years past; and are of Opinion, that the former Place, by crossing the aforesaid Creek twice in that Distance of Way, would, if opened for a Road, be attended with a very heavy Expence, either in Building of two large Bridges over the same Creek, or by cutting a Canal through a Piece of Meadow-Ground, and diverting the Water along the same on the Western Side of the said Road, but the latter Place we apprehend may be made good at a moderate Expence; which we submit to the House. Report of the Committee.

ISAAC PEARSON, GEORGE ASHBRIDGE,
JOHN MORTON, THOMAS LIVEZEY."

With the foregoing Report the House took into Consideration the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for repairing the Highway between* Frankfort *Bridge and the Bridge over* Frankfort *Mill-Race*," which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Accounts and Grievances, concerning the Conduct of the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Lancaster*, for several Years passed in respect to Allowances to themselves for their public Services; and after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration. *Post Meridiem*

By

1770. *February* 22. By ſpecial Order the Houſe again took up the Bill for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with Commiſſioners appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neigbouring Colonies, to agree on a General Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Bills, ſeverally entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaols of the ſeveral Counties within this Province, with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*;"—"*An Act for repairing the Highway between* Frankfort *Bridge and the Bridge over* Frenkfort *Mill-Race*;"—and, "*An Act to enable the Owners of the Meadow-Lands on both Sides of* Gunner's *Creek, to conſtruct, maintain and keep up a Dam and Sluices, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof*;" being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, Upon the Queſtion, that the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Allen* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 23. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills paſſed laſt Night by the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with Commiſſioners, who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a General Plan for the Regulation of the* Indian *Trade*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, Upon the Queſtion, that the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearſon* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent, and acquaint him that the Houſe being deſirous to adjourn To-morrow, if his Honour has no Objection thereto, requeſt he would expedite his Reſult on the Bills before him.

The Members return and report, they had delivered the Bill, with the Meſſage, committed to them according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration, and acquaint the Houſe with his Reſult on the others before him with all convenient Diſpatch, having no Objection to their propoſed Adjournment.

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Report of the Committees of Accounts and Aggrievances concerning the *Lancaſter* County Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, and having made ſome Progreſs therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Lands on both Sides of* Gunner's *Creek to conſtruct, maintain and keep up a Dam and Sluices, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof*,"—and, "*An Act for repairing the Highway between* Frankfort *Bridge and the Bridge over* Frankfort *Mill-Race*," and acquainted the Houſe, that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The Secretary alſo delivered the Bills for the Relief of Priſoners for Debt, and for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with Commiſſioners, appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form a Plan for regulating the *Indian* Trade, with ſome Amendments to each, which being read and conſidered, were agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Committee of Accounts reported upon the Account of *Thomas Minſhall*, late Collector of Exciſe for the County of *York*, the Sum of *Forty-ſix Pounds Thirteen Shillings* and *a Penny* due to the ſaid *Minſhall*, he having overpaid that Sum in his Settlement with the late Provincial Treaſurer. And an Order for the ſaid Sum being drawn on the preſent Treaſurer, and ſigned by the Speaker, the ſame was delivered to Mr. *Minſhall* at the Table.

The Houſe again took up the Report of the Committee of Accounts and Grievances, concerning the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Lancaſter*, which being read through and fully conſidered, the ſame was referred to the Committee of Accounts, to ſtate from it the reſpective Sums and Proportions of Money to be returned by the ſaid Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors in Diſcharge of the Overplus of Wages by them received from the Public, and report the ſame to the Houſe at their next Meeting.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Whitehead Humphreys* was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That a Certificate for the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, allowed and given to the ſaid *Humphreys*, be prepared and ſigned by the Speaker, which was done accordingly at the Table.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Richardſon* wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that the Houſe have agreed to adjourn to *Monday*, the Fourteenth of *May* next, if he has

has no Objection thereto, and requeſt his Honour will be pleaſed to appoint ſome Members of Council to collate the ſeveral Bills returned with his Aſſent, and acquaint the Houſe at what Time To-morrow they ſhall attend him to enact the ſaid Bills into Laws. 1770. February 23.

The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. February 24.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would order the Secretary to aſſiſt in comparing the engroſſed Bills with their Originals; that he had no Objection to the Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe, and would be in the Council-Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills to which he had given his Aſſent.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Pearſon* join with the Secretary in comparing the engroſſed Bills with their Originals.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills when the ſame ſhall be paſſed into Laws, and depoſite the ſaid Laws in the Rolls Office.

The Committee appointed to hear the Tanners, Cordwainers, and Saddlers, in Support of their ſeveral Petitions to the Houſe, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, your Committee have called before them the Tanners, Shoemakers, Saddlers and Leather-Cutters of the City of *Philadelphia*, and having fully heard their reſpective Allegations in Support of their ſeveral Petitions to the Houſe, and examined ſome Samples of Leather produced by the Shoemakers, beg Leave to report, that we are clearly of Opinion, there is much Ground for the Complaints made by the Shoemakers, not only of the Badneſs of the Leather manufactured in and about the City, which is often ſhort and imperfectly tanned through Want of Skill, or too much Haſte, but that the ſame is, by being kept in Cellars and other damp Places, not properly dried when ſold, whereby the Weight is conſiderably increaſed, and the Shoemakers, as well as the Public, are often Sufferers;—that it is a Practice with the Tanners to ſell whole Vats of Leather with the Shanks, Faces and Noſes, to certain Monopolizers of that Article in the City, and to make Hides, ſuitable only for Saddles and Harneſs, into Shoe-Leather, the latter being moſt profitable to the Manufacturers; by which Means the Price is enhanced to the Saddlers, and they are thereby deprived of the neceſſary Supplies for their Buſineſs;——that the Tanners, though very blamable in the Reſpects above-mentioned, are not the only Perſons againſt whom the Cordwainers complain, for they further alledge, that the Butchers, through Haſte and Careleſsneſs in taking off the Hides, do in ſome Places cut them quite through, and in others flea them ſo thin as muſt prove very detrimental to the Leather made from them, notwithſtanding the greateſt Skill and good Management afterwards on the Part of the Tanners;——that it appears to your Committee ſome Regulations in the Premiſes are become abſolutely neceſſary, and that the Cordwainers are heartily willing to come under ſuch as the Wiſdom of the Houſe may judge beſt adapted to the Intereſt of the Public, and Relief of the Complainants."——

Referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe at their next Meeting.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary*

SIR,

The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Houſe to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills to which he has given his Aſſent.

Mr. *Jacobs* having abſented himſelf from the Houſe after being refuſed Leave by the Speaker,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Jacobs* anſwer for his Conduct in this Reſpect before the Houſe at their next Meeting in *May*.

Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, then waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair and reported, they had waited on his Honour, and preſented ſeveral Bills, reſpectively entituled as follows, *viz*, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch Goods to the Perſons* "*diſtraining the ſame, for the better ſecurity of Rents, and to prevent Frauds and Abuſes* "*committed by Tenants*;"——"*An Act for puniſhing wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons going* "*armed in Diſguiſe and doing Injuries and Violences to the Perſons and Properties of His* "*Majeſty's Subjects within this Province, and for the more ſpeedy bringing the Offenders to* "*Juſtice*;"——"*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged* "*and infirm Maſters of Ships, their Widows and Children*;"——"*An Act for the better* "*Confirmation of the Eſtates of Perſons holding or claiming under* Feme Coverts, *and for* "*eſtabliſhing a Mode by which Huſband and Wife may hereafter convey their Eſtates*;"—— "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a* "*certain Tract of Marſh and Meadow Land therein deſcribed, ſituate in the County of*

1770. February 24. "Cheſter, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund* "*to defray the Expence thereof*;"——"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, A Supplement* "*to the Act, entituled, "An Act for taking Lands in Execution for the Payment of Debts,* "*and for confirming Partitions in ſeveral Inſtances heretofore made*;"——"*A Supplement to* "*the Act, entituled, An Act for Bailing Priſoners and about Impriſonment*;"——"*An Act* "*for repairing the Highway between* Frankfort *Bridge and the Bridge over* Frankfort *Mill-*" *Race*;"——"*An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Lands on both Sides of* Gunner's "*Creek, to conſtruct, maintain and keep up a Dam and Sluices, and to raiſe a Fund to de-*" *fray the Expence thereof*;"——*An Act for the Relief of the languiſhing Priſoners in the* "*Gaols of the ſeveral Counties within this Province, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of* "*their Perſons*;"——and, "*An Act for appointing Commiſſioners to meet with Commiſſioners* "*who are or may be appointed by the Legiſlatures of the neighbouring Colonies, to form and* "*agree upon a General Plan for the Regulation of the* Indian *Trade*,"——to which ſeveral Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into Laws.

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the Fourteenth of *May* next, at Four o' Clock *P. M.*

Adjournment

*May* 14. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment *May* 15.

MR. Speaker, with Twenty Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſeveral Laws paſſed at the laſt Sitting, reported they had done the ſame according to Order, and depoſited the ſaid Laws in the Rolls Office.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, agreeable to Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Buſineſs his Honour may think proper to lay before them.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter received laſt Night from *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; one of the Agents for this Province in *London*, dated the Twenty-firſt of *March* laſt, upon the State of Colony Affairs in *Great Britain*; together with a Letter from the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Aſſembly of the Province of *Maryland*, incloſing certain Reſolves entered into by the ſaid Aſſembly;——which Papers being read by Order, the laſt mentioned Letter, with the Reſolves aforeſaid, follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable* JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Eſq*; *Speaker of the Houſe of* REPRESENTATIVES *of* Pennſylvania.

SIR, *Maryland, February* 26, 1770.

A Copy of the Reſolutions of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Colony of *Virginia*, entered into the Sixteenth of *May* laſt, being ſent to me by the Honourable Speaker, was laid before the Houſe of Delegates of this Province at their Seſſion in *November* laſt, who, upon full Conſideration thereof, were of Opinion, they could not more clearly evince their Approbation of the Conduct of the very reſpectable Houſe of Burgeſſes of His Majeſty's ancient Colony of *Virginia* on ſo alarming an Occaſion than by readily and unanimouſly entering into Reſolutions of a ſimilar Nature,——a Copy of which, in Obedience to their Order, I now tranſmit to you, as I do to the Speakers of all the other Houſes of Aſſembly on the Continent, and am with the greateſt Reſpect,

SIR,

*Your moſt obedient Servant*,

ROBERT LLOYD, *Speaker*.

"*By the* LOWER HOUSE *of* ASSEMBLY *of the Province of* Maryland, November "*Seſſion*, 1769."

"*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province in "their legiſlative Capacity, with the Aſſent of the other Part of the Legiſlature, have "the ſole Right to lay Taxes and Impoſitions on the Inhabitants of this Province, or "their Property and Effects; and that the laying, impoſing, levying and collecting any "Tax on or from the Inhabitants of *Maryland*, under Colour of any other Authority, "is unconſtitutional, and a direct Violation of the Rights of the Freemen of this Pro-"vince."

"*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That it is the undoubted Privilege of the Inhabitants of this "Province to petition their Sovereign for Redreſs of Grievances, and that it is lawful "and expedient to procure the Concurrence of His Majeſty's other Colonies in dutiful "Addreſſes, praying the Royal Interpoſition in Favour of the violated Rights of *America*."

"*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That all Trials for Treaſon, Miſpriſion of Treaſon, or of any "Felony or Crime whatſoever committed or done in this Province, ought, of Right, to be "had and conducted in and before the Courts of Law held within this Province, according

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" to the fixed and known Course of Proceedings; and that the seizing any Person or Per-
" sons suspected of any Crime whatsoever committed in this Province, and sending such
" Person or Persons to Places beyond the Seas, to be tried, is highly derogatory to the
" Rights of *British* Subjects, as thereby the inestimable Privilege of being tried by a Jury
" from the Vicinage, as well as the Liberty of summoning and producing Witnesses on
" such Trial, will be taken away from the Party accused."

With the foregoing Papers Mr. Speaker also laid before the House two Letters from *Richard Jackson*, Esq; one of the Agents for this Province in *London*, dated the Twelfth of *February*, and Ninth of *March* last, on public Business, the latter inclosing a List of Nineteen Acts of this Province, passed in the Winter Session 1769, and presented by the Proprietary Agent, Mr. *Wilmot*, to His Majesty's Privy Council, on the Twenty-sixth of *April*, for the Royal Confirmation; which were severally read by Order, and the said List is as follows, *viz.*

" A List of Nineteen Acts of Assembly of *Pennsylvania* most humbly presented to His
" Majesty in Council, being entituled and passed respectively as follows,

No. 1. " *An Act to enable the Managers of the Contributions for the Relief and Em-*
" *ployment of the Poor in the City of* Philadelphia, *to raise the Sum of* Fourteen Thousand
" Pounds *in Bills of Credit towards discharging their Debts, and to provide a Fund for*
" *redeeming and sinking the said Bills.*"——Passed February 18, 1769.

No. 2. " *An Act for raising the Sum of* Sixteen Thousand Pounds *for the Support of*
" *the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts, and other Purposes*
" *therein mentioned.*"——Passed Ditto.

No. 3. " *An Act for raising by Way of Lottery the Sum of* One Thousand Six Hundred
" *and* Eighty-Seven Pounds, Ten Shillings, *to be applied to the Payment of the Arrears of*
" *Debt due for the erecting and finishing the* German Reformed *Church, and the* German
" Lutheran *Church, in* York-Town, *and for the Payment of the Arrears of Debt due for*
" *the erecting and finishing the* German Lutheran *Churches at* Heidelburg *and* Lebanon,
" *both of* Lancaster *County*,"——Passed Ditto.

No. 4. " *An Act for the Sale of a Church in the City of* Philadelphia, *to pay the Debts*
" *now due for building the same, and distributing the Residue of the Purchase-Monies arising*
" *from such Sale, among the several Persons who have been obliged to advance Monies on*
" *Account of the said Church.*——Passed Ditto.

No. 5. " *An Act for raising by Way of Lottery the Sum of* Three Thousand *and* Ninety-
" nine Pounds, Twelve Shillings, *for the Use of the First and Third* Presbyterian *Churches,*
" *and of the Second* Presbyterian *Church, in the City of* Philadelphia; *and of the* German
" Reformed *Church in the Township of* Worcester."——Passed Ditto.

No. 6. " *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the* Wicacoa *and* Moyamensing
" *Meadows to erect a Dam a cross* Hollander's *Creek, near its Junction with* Hay *Creek,*
" *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"——Passed Ditto.

No. 7. " *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Marsh and*
" *Meadow Land, therein described, situate in the Township of* Kingsess, *in the County of*
" Philadelphia, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raise*
" *a Fund to defray the Expence thereof.*"——Passed Ditto.

No. 8. " *An Act for ascertaining the Securities to be given by the Provincial Treasurer*
" *for the Time being, for the faithful Performance of his Trust.*"——Passed Ditto.

No. 9. " *An Act to prevent Persons from settling on the Lands within the Boundaries of*
" *this Province not purchased of the* Indians."——Passed Ditto.

No. 10. " *An Act to enable the Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of* Philadel-
" phia *to receive into his Custody the antient Books and Records of the Corporation of* Ger-
" man-Town."——Passed Ditto.

No. 11. " *An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* Curtis Grubb, *of the County of* Lanca-
" ster, *Iron-Master, with* Ann *his Wife, late* Ann Few, *and to enable him to marry*
" *again.*"——Passed Ditto.

No. 12. " *An Act for the Relief of* James Green, Benjamin Davis *and* Paul Riffet,
" *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of*
" *their Persons.*"——Passed Ditto.

No. 13. " *An Act for a new Regulation of the Allotments of Banks, Dams, Sluices and*
" *Floodgates belonging to the* Tinicum Company, *Owners and Possessors of drained Meadow*
" *Land, in the Township of* Ridley, *in the County of* Chester."——Passed Ditto.

No. 14. " *An Act to enable the Commissioners, therein after named, to settle the Accounts*
" *of the Managers, and to sue for and recover of them, their Executors or Administrators*
" *such Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid, on Account of the Lottery set up and*
" *drawn for erecting a new School-House for the* High-Dutch Reformed *Congregation, and*
" *for enabling the Vestry and Wardens of* St. James's *Church, in the Borough of* Lancaster,
" *to compleat the Work by them begun, and also to enable the Managers to sue for and re-*
" *cover Money due to them for the Sale of Tickets in the said Lottery.*"——Passed Ditto.

No. 15. " *A Supplement to an Act, entituled,* " *An Act for erecting Part of the Coun-*
" *ties of* Philadelphia, Chester *and* Lancaster *into a separate County.*"——Passed Ditto.

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No. 16. "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleanſing the Highways, Streets, "Lanes and Alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the Water-Courſes and common "Sewers within the inhabited and ſettled Parts of the City of* Philadelphia, *for raiſing of "Money to defray the Expence thereof; and for other purpoſes therein mentioned.*"——Paſſed Ditto.

No. 17 "*An Act for explaining and amending an Act, entituled, "An Act for grant-"ing the Sum of* Sixty Thouſand Pounds *to the King's Uſe, and for ſtriking* Fifty-five "Thouſand Pounds *thereof in Bills of Credit, and to provide a Fund for ſinking the "ſame.*"——Paſſed Ditto.

No. 18 "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for the better Employment, Relief and Support of the Poor within the City of* "Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *the Townſhips of* Moyamenſing, Paſſyunk *and "the* Northern Liberties."——Paſſed Ditto.

No. 19. "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act for appointing Wardens for "the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and "Bay of* Delaware, *and Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port.*"——Paſſed Ditto;—which Acts are herewith moſt humbly preſented this Twenty-Sixth Day of *April*, by me

HENRY WILMOT, Agent for the Proprietaries of *Pennſylvania*.

Mr. *Jacobs* this Day appearing, of his own Motion, apologized for abſenting himſelf from the Houſe at the Cloſe of the laſt Sitting without Leave from the Speaker, and received a ſuitable Admonition from the Chair.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That the Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*, and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of *Delaware*, and Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port, expires, by its own Limitation, at the End of the preſent Sitting of the Houſe,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardſon*, Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Hillegas* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for renewing and further continuing the ſaid Act.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Buſineſs at preſent to lay before them.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing the Act, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the "better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of "Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port*," reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and being read the firſt time, was, by ſpecial Order, again read, and ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Bill, entituled, *An Act for the further Continuance of the Act, entituled, "An "Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating "Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from "the ſaid Port*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, Upon the Queſtion, that the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Krewſen* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame, and acquaint him that the Houſe, having no Buſineſs before them that requires their immediate Conſideration, incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Seventeenth of *September* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor and delivered the Bill, with the Meſſage of the Houſe, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bill into his immediate Conſideration, and acquaint the Houſe with his Reſult thereon as ſoon as poſſible, having no Objection to their propoſed Adjournment.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 16.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the fur-"ther Continuance of the Act, entituled, "An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port "of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* De-"laware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port*," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame into a Law when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and requeſt to be informed at what Hour the Houſe ſhall attend him to enact into a Law the Bill ſent down by the Secretary with his Aſſent.

The Members return and report, they had waited on his Honour with the Meſſage of

of the Houſe according to Order, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would meet the Houſe immediately in the Council-Chamber to enact the ſaid Bill into a Law. 1770. May 16.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Jacobs* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bill, after it ſhall be paſſed into a Law, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

SIR,

The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Houſe to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Aſſent.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour, and preſented the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the further Con-* "*tinuance of an Act, entituled, An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadel- "phia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and* "*the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port*;"—to which Bill his Honour had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into a Law.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Law, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed the Orders of the Houſe accordingly.

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the Seventeenth of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

THE Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *September* 17. *Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met purſuant to Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Buſineſs his Honour may be pleaſed to lay before them.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor and delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Buſineſs at preſent to lay before the Houſe.

A Petition from *Barbara Sinckler*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Widow, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief from the Payment of a Sum of Money due on a Bond given for the Duty of a Negroe imported, who died before the Time limited by Law for the Re-exportation, and for which Sum a Judgment of Court was obtained.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Conrad Kehmle*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of this City, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Humphreys*, and Mr. *George Roſs*, be a Committee to examine the Laws of this Province and report ſuch to the Houſe as are expired or near expiring, and may require to be renewed or continued.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *September* 18. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Laws of this Province that are expired or near expiring, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

"THE Committee appointed to examine what Laws are expired or near expiring, do humbly report thereupon, Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Laws.

"That they find the Act for the Regulation of Apprentices within this Province, was paſſed in *March* 1763, and was to continue in Force Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, and no longer, now near expiring."

"Alſo that the Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Highways within this Province, was paſſed in *May* 1765, to continue in Force Five Years, and from thence to the End of the next Sitting of Aſſembly, and no longer, expires this Seſſion."

"That the Act to continue an Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Waggoners,* "*Carters, Draymen and Porters within the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes* "*therein mentioned*," was paſſed in *March* 1763, to continue in Force Five Years after the Publication thereof, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly,—now expired."

"Submitted to the Houſe,

*September* 18, 1770. CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JOHN ROSS, GEORGE ROSS, HENRY PAWLING."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Aſhbridge* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Draughts of three Bills, two for continuing the Apprentice

1770. and Road Acts, and a third for renewing the Act for regulating Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters within the City of *Philadelphia*.

*September* 18. Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe three Letters lately received from the Agents for this Province in *London*, two from *Richard Jackſon*, Eſq; of the third of *April* and of *May*, acquainting the Houſe, that being appointed Counſel to the Board of Trade and Plantations, he inclined to reſign his Agency; the other from Doctor *Franklin* on Public Affairs, dated the of laſt which were ſeverally read and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from *John* and *Joſeph Pawling*, of the Townſhips of *Perkiomen* and *Skippack*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are ſeized of two contiguous Tracts of Land, ſituate in the ſaid Townſhips of *Perkiomen* and *Skippack*, which ſaid two Tracts of Land having been divers times ſold by one Purchaſer to another, and good and lawful Deeds of Conveyance duly executed, ſufficient to conſtitute a regular Chain from the Honourable Proprietaries down to the Petitioners, but (through Accident or Deſign of ſome evil-minded Perſon) two of the ſaid Deeds are very much defaced, and as the Grantors of the ſaid Deeds are dead, the Petitioners conceive they have no poſſible Means of perfecting their Titles to the ſaid Lands otherwiſe than by an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province;—they therefore pray the Houſe will grant ſuch Relief as to them ſhall ſeem expedient. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee of Accounts, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe of the Twenty-third of *February* laſt, reported they had eſſayed a State of the Accounts of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Lancaſter*, and their Clerks reſpectively, for their Charges and the Wages allowed them by Vote of the Houſe, as well on the Provincial as County Taxes from the Year 1760 to the Year 1768, incluſive, and find the Balances due from the ſaid Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks on the different Taxes aforeſaid, as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

| To the Provincial Tax, | Dr. £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Hay | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| George Leonard | 41 | 7 | 0 |
| Jacob Carpenter | 13 | 19 | 0 |
| Samuel Steel | 16 | 1 | 6 |
| William Jones | 21 | 16 | 6 |
| Henry Walter | 29 | 12 | 0 |
| Michael Hubley | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| John Miller | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Chriſtian Hildebrand | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| John Smith | 43 | 2 | 6 |
| Robert Spear | 69 | 7 | 6 |
| Michael Grimes | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| Joſhua Anderſon | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Henry Weaver | 68 | 5 | 0 |
| Daniel M'Pherſon | 72 | 12 | 6 |
| Frederick Stone | 60 | 2 | 6 |
| James Wilſon | 59 | 10 | 0 |
| Iſaac Meyer | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Adam Ort | 37 | 0 | 0 |
| Caleb Johnſon | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| George M'Cullough | 37 | 10 | 0 |
| John Carpenter | 32 | 10 | 0 |
| James Gibbons | 33 | 15 | 0 |
| Caſper Core | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| John Hobſon | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| William Davis | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Iſaac Saunders | 8 | 6 | 1 |
| James Webb, Jun. | 87 | 5 | 5 |
| | £ 839 | 17 | 6 |

| To the County Tax, | Dr. £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Hay | 9 | 7 | 6 |
| George Leonard | 42 | 0 | 6 |
| Jacob Carpenter | 20 | 10 | 6 |
| Samuel Steel | 25 | 4 | 4 |
| William Jones | 27 | 18 | 6 |
| Henry Walter | 36 | 18 | 10 |
| Michael Hubley | 24 | 16 | 4 |
| John Miller | 15 | 12 | 4 |
| Chriſtian Hildebrand | 24 | 12 | 4 |
| John Smith | 43 | 3 | 4 |
| Robert Spear | 70 | 2 | 6 |
| Michael Grimes | 6 | 12 | 0 |
| Joſhua Anderſon | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| Henry Weaver | 64 | 15 | 11 |
| Daniel M'Pherſon | 64 | 3 | 3 |
| Frederick Stone | 55 | 0 | 10 |
| James Wilſon | 60 | 5 | 10 |
| Iſaac Meyer | 8 | 19 | 1 |
| Adam Ort | 32 | 12 | 5 |
| Caleb Johnſon | 10 | 6 | 5 |
| George M'Cullough | 33 | 5 | 7 |
| John Carpenter | 27 | 13 | 7 |
| James Gibbons | 26 | 4 | 7 |
| Caſper Core | 11 | 7 | 7 |
| John Hobſon | 10 | 16 | 4 |
| William Davis | 10 | 16 | 4 |
| Iſaac Saunders | 23 | 10 | 4 |
| James Webb, Jun. | 77 | 11 | 8 |
| | £ 873 | 19 | 6 |

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Croſby*, Mr. *George Roſs* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to examine and report to the Houſe the ſeveral Accounts of incidental Expences for the preſent Year.

Adjournment *September* 19. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Bills for continuing the Apprentice and Road Acts, and to renew the Act for regulating Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters within the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had eſſayed Draughts for thoſe Purpoſes, which they preſented to the Chair, and being read the firſt time were ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *John Clayton*, of the City of *Piladelphia*, concerning a newly invented Machine for threſhing Grain, and praying an Act of Aſſembly for ſecuring to him, his Heirs and Aſſigns an excluſive Privilege of making and vending the ſaid Machine, or permitting the ſame to be made and vended within this Province.

*Ordered to lie on the Table,*

A Petition from *Robert Elder*, of *Fawn* Townſhip, in the County of *York*, complaining

plaining against the illegal Conduct of *William Smith*, Esq; a Magistrate of the said County, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1770. *September* 19.

Three Petitions from *Richard Price*, *Jonathan Hobby*, and *Charles Hicks*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of this City were presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member presented to the Chair, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the North-east and West Branches of* Susquehanna, *and the said River*, "*as far as* Wright's *Ferry*, *the River* Juniata, *the River called the* Bald Eagle, *the Ri-*"*ver called* Mohantongo, *on the East-side of* Susquehanna, *and the River* Swatara, *as* "*far up as* Peter Kettle's *Mills*, *public Highways*, *and for preserving the Fish in the same*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *September* 20.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Frederick Weiser*, of *Berks* County, with an Account of Expences to which he has been put by the calling of *Indians* from Time to Time at his House when passing through the Province on Business with the Government, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Gottfried Rebrer*, of the County of *Berks*, for Payment of his Account of Attendance and Disbursements in supplying Provisions to certain Persons appointed to lay out a Road from the Town of *Reading* to the Waters of *Susquehanna*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Robert Amor* and *Robert Whitehill* for Payment of their Account of Attendance and Expences in prosecuting the Commissioners, Assessors, Clerks and Treasurers of the County of *Lancaster*, for Misconduct in their respective Offices, was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from *Conrad Keemle*, *Richard Price*, *Jonathan Hobby*, and *Charles Hicks*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, were again read, and referred to further Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue an* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the* "*public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *September* 21.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment., and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Regulation of Apprentices within this Province,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from *Peter Meirken*, Sugar-Refiner of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to invest him with the Privileges of a natural born Subject of this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*Samuel Kirk*, Serjeant at Arms to the House, praying Leave to be admitted, was called in, and presented to the Chair a Paper, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

To the Speaker and the Honourable House of Representatives of the Province of *Pennsylvania*.

SAMUEL *Kirk*, Serjeant at Arms, humbly craves Leave to return his Thanks to the Honourable House for continuing him in that Station upwards of Twenty Years, and as he is now going to *England*, is far advanced in Years and low in the World, he prays the House to give him such Assistance, as they, in their Wisdom, shall think meet, and his Prayers shall ever be for the Prosperity of this Honourable House.

*Resolved*, Upon the Question,

That the Sum of Twenty Pounds, over and above his Salary, be allowed and given to the said *Samuel Kirk*, in Consideration of his Services to the House and present low Circumstances.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table accordingly, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to the Serjeant.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration a Report recommended from the late Assembly, concerning the Damages and Losses sustained by a Number of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland*, from their Waggons and Teams being pressed into His Majesty's Service, by Order of Colonel *Wilkins*, for transporting the Baggage of the Eighteenth Regiment of Foot on their March to *Fort Pitt*, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*,

1770. *September* 21. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *George Roſs* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Addreſs, repreſenting to the Governor the ſaid Damages and Loſſes, and praying his Honour's Interpoſition with General *Gage* for Relief of the Sufferers.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Croſby* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Barbara Sinckler* was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 22. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe an Addreſs from the Vice-Preſidents of the *American Philoſophical Society*, held at *Philadelphia*, for the Promotion of uſeful Knowledge, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met,

*The ADDRESS of the* American Philoſophical Society, *held at* Philadelphia, *for promoting uſeful Knowledge.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

SENSIBLE of the Obligations this Society are under to the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, for the Countenance and Encouragement they have given us in carrying on the Deſigns of our Inſtitution, and particularly thankful for the generous Aſſiſtance granted to us for making the Obſervations of the Tranſits of *Venus* and *Mercury*, we think it our Duty to take this firſt Opportunity of laying before the Houſe that Part of our Tranſactions containing the Accounts of the Tranſits and the Papers connected with them (ſo far as they are yet printed) and pray the Houſe to accept them from us as the beſt Acknowledgement we can at preſent make. As our Situation and the Goodneſs of the Weather afforded us the moſt favourable Opportunity for making our Obſervations, ſo we have the Pleaſure to find that they have been highly acceptable to thoſe learned Bodies in *Europe*, to whom they have been communicated; and as they are likely to be of great Service in ſettling that important Point in Aſtronomy, which was propoſed from the Obſervations of the Tranſit of *Venus*, we flatter ourſelves the public Aſſiſtance given us on the Occaſion will be for the Honour of the Aſſembly and Province of *Pennſylvania*.

Signed in Behalf and by Order of the Society,

*Philadelphia, September* 22, 1770. THOMAS BOND, SAMUEL RHOADS, } Vice-Preſidents.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating "Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters, within the City of Philadelphia, and for "other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*September* 24. *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Bill to continue the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Opening and better Amend-"ing and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," together with the Bills for the Regulation of Apprentices, and to regulate Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters within the City of *Philadelphia*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, Upon the Queſtion, that the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent.

A Remonſtrance from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning a further Proviſion for Support of the *French* Neutrals, late Inhabitants of *Nova-Scotia*, in and about the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The

1770. September 25.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

A Petition from *William Scull*, of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, Surveyor, praying Assistance for defraying the Expence of publishing his new Map of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the* "*North-East and West Branches of* Susquehanna, *and the said River as far as* Wright's "*Ferry, the River* Juniata, *the River called the* Bald Eagle, *the River called* Mohan- "tongo, *on the East-side of* Susquehanna, *and the River* Swatara, *as far up as* Peter "Kettle's *Mills, public Highways, and for preserving the Fish in the same*," and after some Debate thereon, finding the Object of the said Bill requires to be more deliberately considered than the present Sitting will allow, it was resolved, Upon the Question, that the same be, and it is hereby particularly recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

The Committee appointed to examine and adjust the public Accouts, presented to the Chair a State of the Account with the late Trustees of the General Loan Office, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*The* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE *in Account with the Province of* PENNSYLVANIA.

*On Account of Bills of Credit put into the Hands of the said Trustees, and lent out on Mortgage.*

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, as reported September 15, 1769. | £ 5757 6 9¾ | 1770. May 16. BY Bills of Credit paid by Mary Norris, Administratrix of the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased, late acting Trustee of the said General Loan-Office to the Committee of Assembly, and by them burned, —— | £ 517 0 0 |
| | | Sept. 19. By ditto paid by the said Mary Norris to the said Committee, and by them burned, —— | 362 0 6 |
| | | 21. By ditto paid by the said Mary Norris to the said Committee, and by them burned, —— | 124 1 5 |
| | | | £ 1003 1 11 |
| | | Balance due to the Province, | 4754 4 10¾ |
| | £ 5757 6 9¾ | | £ 5757 6 9¾ |

*On Account of the several* GRANTS *of the* ASSEMBLY *for the* KING's *Use, and the Sums allotted by the* PARLIAMENT *of* GREAT-BRITAIN.

| Dr. | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, as reported September 15, 1769. | £ 4118 10 5½ | BY Balance remaining due to the Province, —— —— | £ 4118 10 5½ |

*Amount of the Balances due from the* TRUSTEES *of the* GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE *is as follows,* viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ON Account of Bills of Credit put into the Hands of the said Trustees, and lent out on Mortgage, —— —— —— | £ 4754 4 10¾ | |
| On Account of the several Grants of the Assembly for the King's Use, and the Sums allotted by the Parliament of Great Britain, —— | 4118 10 5½ | |
| TOTAL, Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Three Pence Three Farthings —— —— —— | | £ 8872 15 3¾ |

Submitted to the House by the Committee of Accounts,
*Philadelphia, September* 22, 1770.

JOSEPH FOX, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON, ISAAC PEARSON,
JAMES PEMBERTON, BENJAMIN CHAPMAN."

The said Committee also delivered at the Table their Report on the State of other Public Accounts of the Province; being as follows,

1770. *September 25.*

## REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the State of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1770.

*Purſuant to the Appointment of the* HOUSE, *We have inſpected and examined the ſeveral Public Accounts mentioned in this Report, and have ſunk and deſtroyed the Bills of Credit received into the General Loan-Office, on Account of the Quotas, or principal Sums due on the Mortgages and the Bills of Credit paid into the Treaſury on Account of the Provincicl Taxes, the Duty on Slaves, and the Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors, as ſpecified in the State of the reſpective Accounts, as follows,* viz.

### WE FIND, THAT

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the Loan Office, has received ſince laſt Year's Settlement, ſundry principal Sums or Quotas, due on the Mortgages (put under his Care by the ſaid Truſtees on the 21ſt of October, 1767) for which he Credits the Province.

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons from September the 8th, 1769, to September the 8th, 1770, Quotas due on the ſeveral Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act,—— One Thouſand and Fifty-three Pounds 2/6. —— —— —— £ 1053 2 6

And he Charges,

To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of the Aſſembly, and by them burnt and deſtroyed according to Law,——One Thouſand and Fifty-three Pounds 2/6. —— £ 1053 2 6

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And on Account of Intereſt on the ſaid Mortgages, he Credits,

By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account ſettled the 8th of September, laſt Year —— —— —— —— £ 1358 14 1

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons ſince laſt Settlement, for Intereſt due on their ſeveral Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, 537 8 8

£ 1896 2 9

Which Sum of One Thouſand Eight Hundred and Ninety-ſix Pounds Two Shillings and Nine Pence, remaining in the Hands of the ſaid Samuel Preſton Moore, we have counted.

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Quotas remaining Outſtanding due, and to become due on the 21ſt of October, 1767, when the Truſtees put the Mortgages under the Care of Samuel Preſton Moore, £ 7287 10 0

Quotas received and burnt, per Report of the Committee, 1768, £ 866 11 0
ditto —— per ditto —— 1769, 657 12 6
ditto —— per ditto ——this Year 1770, 1053 2 6

2577 6 0

Quotas remaining due, and to become due, on One Hundred and Thirteen Mortgages, £ 4710 4 0

And on a particular Examination of the Mortgage Deeds, we find there ſtill remain conſiderable Sums unpaid on ſeveral of them on Account of the Quotas and Intereſt, and on ſome others there has been no Payment made ſince the Date of them.

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## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the ſeveral COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, viz.

### PHILADELPHIA County Provincial TAX, 1768, PHILIP SYNG, Treaſurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee September the 8th, 1769, —— —— —— £ 613 16 4½

CONTRA —— —— —— Cr.

By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, as follows, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1770 Jan. 26. | Three Hundred and Two Pounds, | £ | 302 | 0 | 0 |
| 30. | One Hundred Pounds —— | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| May 12. | Thirty Pounds —— | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| June 14. | Twenty-one Pounds —— | | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 5. | One Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 7/3. —— | | 142 | 7 | 3 |
| | | £ | 595 | 7 | 3 |
| | By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 595 7 3, at 20/. per Cent, | | 5 | 19 | 1¾ |
| | | £ | 601 | 6 | 4¾ |
| | By Allowance made by the Commiſſioners to Blaithwaite Jones, Collector, —— | | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | | | £ 613 16 4½ |

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### PHILADELPHIA County Provincial TAXES, 1769, and 1770, } BARNABY BARNES, Treaſurer. Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee of Aſſembly, September the 5th, 1769, —— —— —— £ 3014 3 1½

CONTRA —— —— —— Cr.

By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, as follows, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1769. Sept. 19. | Five Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds 3/6. —— | £ | 534 | 3 | 6 |
| Octo. 17. | Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds 2/1½ | | 460 | 2 | 1½ |
| Nov. 21. | Two Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds 8/11. —— | | 281 | 8 | 11 |
| | Carried forward, | £ | 1275 | 14 | 6½ |

*Philadelphia*

## *Philadelphia* County Provincial Taxes continued.

1770. *September* 25.

### On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | | | | | | £ 3014 | 3 1½ |
| | Credit brought forward, | £ 1275 | 14 | 6½ | | | | |
| 1769. Dec. 27. | Five Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds 16/10. | 555 | 16 | 10 | | | | |
| 1770. Jan. 10. | Two Hundred and Ninety Pounds 2/. | 290 | 2 | 0 | | | | |
| Feb. 28. | Two Hundred and Fifteen Pounds and 5½d. | 215 | 0 | 5½ | | | | |
| April 9. | Three Hundred and Six Pounds 14/9. | 306 | 14 | 9 | | | | |
| Sept. 1. | Two Hundred and Nine Pounds 3/4. | 209 | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| | | | | | £ 2852 | 11 11 | | |
| By Caſh paid County Commiſſioner's Orders to Hall & Sellers, for Paper, &c. | | | | | 5 | 0 10½ | | |
| By ditto paid ditto —— to John Biddle, for ſundry Charges, | | | | | 4 | 4 4 | | |
| | | | | | | | £ 2861 | 17 1½ |
| By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 2861 17 1½ at 20/. per Cent. | | | | | | —— | 28 | 12 4¼ |
| | | | | | | | £ 2890 | 9 5¼ |
| Balance ſtill remaining, ſaid to be uncollected | | | | | | | 123 | 13 7¼ |
| | | | | | | | £ 3014 | 3 1½ |

### On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To the full Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | | | £ 11,835 | 13 6 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | | | | | |
| By ſundry Charges attending the levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed by the Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. | | | | £ 389 | 3 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees —— —— —— —— | | | | 286 | 2 6 | | |
| County Commiſſioners Attendance | £ 40 | 11 | 0 | | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto | 124 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto | 122 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Clerks Fees —— —— | 79 | 12 | 6 | | | | |
| Sundry Charges —— | 10 | 6 | 0 | | | | |
| | £ 376 | 19 | 6 | | | | |
| By Caſh paid to Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, at ſundry Times from June 22, to September 5, | 6936 | 13 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | 7313 | 13 0 | | |
| By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 7313 13 0, at 20/. per Cent, | | | | 73 | 2 9 | | |
| | | | | | | £ 8062 | 1 3 |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be Outſtanding, —— —— | | | | | | 3773 | 12 3 |
| | | | | | | £ 11,835 | 13 6 |

### *Bucks* County Provincial Tax, 1769, *Paul Preſton*, Treaſurer, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee, September the 6th, 1769, —— —— —— | | | | | | £ 538 | 19 11 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | | | | | |
| By ſundry Charges on the ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe ſettled laſt Year, viz. | | | | | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed by County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. | | | | £ 19 | 9 9 | | |
| Collectors Fees, —— —— —— —— | | | | 12 | 19 9 | | |
| | | | | | | £ 32 | 9 6 |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, —— | £ 0 | 18 | 0 | | | | |
| Clerks —— ditto, —— | 7 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| | | | | £ 8 | 8 0 | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | |
| 1770. June 23. Four Hundred and Eighty Pounds, | £ 480 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Aug. 30. Paid ditto Thirteen Pounds, 2/2 | 13 | 2 | 2 | | | | |
| | | | | 493 | 2 2 | | |
| | | | | | | 501 | 10 2 |
| By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 501 10 2, at 20/. per Cent, | | | | | | 5 | 0 3 |
| | | | | | | £ 538 | 19 11 |

### *Bucks* County Provincial TAX, 1770, *Paul Preſton*, Treaſurer, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the full Amount of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, —— —— —— | | | | | | £ 2521 | 12 3 |
| CONTRA CREDITOR. | | | | | | | |
| By ſundry Charges attending the levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed for Inſolvents, &c. —— | | | | £ 20 | 9 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees, —— —— | | | | 53 | 17 8 | | |
| | | | | | | £ 74 | 6 8 |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, —— | £ 29 | 14 | 0 | | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, —— | 25 | 10 | 0 | | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, —— | 61 | 5 | 9 | | | | |
| Clerks —— ditto, —— | 39 | 6 | 6 | | | | |
| | | | | £ 155 | 15 6 | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | |
| 1770. June 23. One Thouſand Five Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds, —— | 1589 | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| Aug. 30. ThreeHundred &Thirty-fivePounds 2/10 | 335 | 2 | 10 | | | | |
| | | | | 1924 | 2 10 | | |
| | | | | | | 2079 | 18 4 |
| Carried forward, | | | | | | £ 2154 | 5 0 |

*Bucks*

1770. *September* 25.

*Bucks* County Provincial Taxes continued.

On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Debit brought over, | | | £ 2521 12 3 |
| Credit brought over, | £ 2154 5 0 | | |
| By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 2079 18 4, at 20*s.* per Cent. | £ 20 16 0 | | |
| Mileage | 15 0 | | |
| | | 21 11 0 | |
| | £ 2175 16 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to remain uncollected, | 345 16 3 | | |
| | | £ 2521 12 3 | |

*Chester* County Provincial TAX, 1769, *Lewis Davis*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee September the 9th, 1769, £ 1030 2 8

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax exclusive of those settled last Year, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. | £ 42 8 0 | | |
| Commissioners and Assessors Fees | 28 4 9 | | |
| | | £ 70 12 9 | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| 1769. Octob. 4. One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds, | £ 131 0 0 | | |
| Dec. 24. Two Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds 8*s.* | 262 8 0 | | |
| 1770. June 2. Three Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 9/8 | 315 9 8 | | |
| Sept. 8. Two Hundred and Forty Pounds 9/9 | 240 9 9 | | |
| | | 949 7 5 | |
| By County Treasurers Commissions, and Mileage, | | 10 2 6 | |
| | | | £ 1030 2 8 |

CHESTER County Provincial TAX, for the Year 1770, has not been settled by the Commissioners of that County. It appears that James Gibbons, Treasurer for the County for this Year, has paid to the Provincial Treasurer on Account thereof, the Sum of — £ 1406 1 10

We timely wrote to the Treasurer, reminding him of this Neglect, as has the Provincial Treasurer to the Commissioners, at our Request.

*Lancaster* County Provincial TAX, 1769, *Matthias Slough*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 1769. £ 1201 18 8

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| 1770 Jan. 25. Five Hundred and Five Pounds 4*s.* | £ 505 4 0 | | |
| Sept. 13. Six Hundred Pounds | 600 0 0 | | |
| 15. Eighty-four Pounds 14/3 | 84 14 3 | | |
| | | £ 1189 18 3 | |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions at 20*s.* per Cent, | | 12 0 5 | |
| | | | £ 1201 18 8 |

*Lancaster* County Provincial TAX, 1770, *Michael Diffenderfer* Treasurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the 13th Eighteenpenny Tax, £ 3540 3 9

CONTRA CREDITOR.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By sundry Charges attending the levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed by the Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. | £ 136 17 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees | 85 7 6 | | |
| | | £ 222 4 6 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 12 5 0 | | |
| County Assessors, ditto, | 64 10 0 | | |
| Township Assessors, ditto, | 119 15 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees, and for Paper, &c. | 22 10 0 | | |
| Paid Isaac Saunders for Administering Qualifications to the Commissioners and Assessors, | 1 0 0 | | |
| | £ 220 0 0 | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| 1770. July 25. Eight Hundred Pounds | 800 0 0 | | |
| Aug. 10. One Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds | 132 0 0 | | |
| 30. Ninety Pounds | 90 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 7. One Thousand Seven Hundred Pounds | 1700 0 0 | | |
| 8. Twenty-five Pounds | 25 0 0 | | |
| | 2747 0 0 | | |
| | | 2967 0 0 | |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 2967, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 29 13 6 | | |
| Mileage | 1 13 0 | | |
| | | 31 6 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to remain Outstanding, | | 319 12 9 | |
| | | | £ 3540 3 9 |

*York*

*York* County, on Account of the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr. 1770. *September* 25.

TO Balance due from the Estate of John Blackburn, late Treasurer, deceased, as settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year with William Matthews, Administrator to said Estate, £ 725 14 7½

CONTRA Cr.

1770. Sept. 17. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, by William Matthews, per Hands of Michael Swoope, £ 100 0 0
Balance remaining due to the Province 625 14 7½
£ 725 14 7½

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On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, 1769, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance due per Account settled by the Committee, and reported to the House, Sept. 21, 1769. £ 433 0 0

CONTRA Cr.

1770. Sept. 17. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, by Michael Swoope, £ 200 0 0
Balance remaining due to the Province, 233 0 0
£ 433 0 0

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On Account of Taxes due from the Estates of Non-residents, Dr.

TO Balance due per Account settled by the Committee, and reported to the House, Sept. 21, 1769. £ 423 14 0½

CONTRA Cr.

1770. Sept. 17. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, by Michael Swoope, £ 102 0 0
Balance still due to the Province 321 14 0½
£ 423 14 0½

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On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, 1770, *Michael Swoope*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, as appears by the Treasurer's Account, but not authenticated by the Commissioners of the County, who not having setted the Charges attending the levying and collecting this Year's Tax, they remain to be reported next Year £ 1482 18 7½

CONTRA Cr.

1770. Sept. 17. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, by Michael Swoope, £ 500 0 0
Balance due (the Charges and Allowances remaining to be settled) 982 18 7½
£ 1482 18 7½

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*Berks* County Provincial Tax, 1770, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer. Dr.

TO the full Amount of the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax £ 1212 14 0

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges attending the levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies allowed by the Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. | £ 25 8 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees | 29 13 9 | | |
| | | £ 55 2 3 | |
| County Commissioners Fees | £ 26 7 8 | | |
| County Assessors ditto | 25 5 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto | 54 15 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees and sundry Disbursements | 37 19 3 | | |
| | £ 144 6 11 | | |
| 1770. Sept. 4. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, Nine Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds 17/7. | 986 17 7 | | |
| | | £ 1131 4 6 | |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1131 4 6, at 20/ per Ct. | £ 11 6 2 | | |
| Mileage | 1 9 0 | | |
| | | £ 12 15 2 | |
| | | £ 1199 1 11 | |
| Balance due to the Province | | 13 12 1 | |
| | | | £ 1212 14 0 |

In the County Treasurer's Account, settled by the County Commissioners, We find a Credit to the said Treasurer of Thirteen Pounds Twelve Shillings and One penny, for Cash paid per Commissioners Order, for the Expences of a Party of *Indians* passing through *Berks* County: Which Sum We have not allowed in the above Account, leaving the same to the Consideration of the House.

1770. *September* 25.

## *Northampton* County Provincial TAX, 1770, *John Wagle*, Treaſurer. Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the full Amount of the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax | | £ 1134 12 8 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges attending the levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | |
| Collectors Fees | £ 28 7 3¾ | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees | £ 39 0 0 | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 34 15 0 | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors, ditto, | 58 6 0 | |
| Clerks Fees, and for Paper, &c. | 35 0 0 | |
| Juſtices qualifying Commiſſioners, &c. | 0 7 6 | |
| | £ 167 8 6 | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | |
| 1770. *May*. 1. Four Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 19*ſ*. | £ 442 19 0 | |
| 2. Forty-one Pounds | 41 0 0 | |
| *Sept*. 3. Four Hundred and Forty-two Pounds and 11¼d. | 442 0 11¼ | |
| 4. Five Shillings and Eight-pence | 0 5 8 | |
| | £ 926 5 7¾ | |
| | 1093 14 1¾ | |
| By County Treaſurer's Commiſſions and Mileage | 12 11 3 | |
| | | £ 1134 12 8 |

## *Cumberland* County on Account of Provincial TAXES, *John Montgomery*, Treaſurer. Dr.

### On the Tenth Eighteen-penny TAX,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due per Account ſettled by the Committee of Aſſembly, and reported to the Houſe, *September*, 1769, | | £ 638 11 8½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By the Amount of Taxes due on the Eſtates of Non-reſidents, returned by the Commiſſioners as Outſtanding and included in the total Amount of this Tax 1767, | £ 95 17 11 | |
| By a ſhort Charge in the Treaſurer's Commiſſions, | 0 1 1½ | |
| | £ 95 19 0½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, and carried to the Debt of the Twelfth Tax, | 542 12 8 | |
| | | £ 638 11 8½ |

### On the Eleventh Eighteen-penny TAX, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due per Account ſettled by the Committee of Aſſembly, and reported to the Houſe, September, 1769, | £ 767 15 1 | |
| To an Error in a former Settlement | 0 0 5½ | |
| | | £ 767 15 6½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By the Amount of Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-Reſidents returned by the County Commiſſioners Outſtanding, and included in the total Amount of this Tax, as reported to the Houſe September the 19th, 1768, which do not appear to be ſince accounted for, viz. | | |
| On the County Commiſſioners Settlement, dated Carliſle, September the 5th, 1768 | £ 375 7 6 | |
| On their Settlement of September the 4th, 1769, | 350 11 2 | |
| | £ 725 18 8 | |
| Of which they accounted for | 128 5 3½ | |
| Remains ſtill to be accounted for, and ſaid to be Outſtanding, | £ 597 13 4½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, carried to the Twelfth Tax, | 170 2 2 | |
| | | £ 767 15 6½ |

### On the Twelfth Eighteen-pennny Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due per Account, ſettled by the Committee of Aſſembly, September the 12th, 1769, | £ 1341 2 4¾ | |
| To Balance due on the 10th Tax, as above ſtated, beſides the Amount of Non-reſidents Taxes, | 542 12 8 | |
| To Balance due on the 11th Tax, as above ſtated, beſides ditto | 170 2 2 | |
| | £ 2053 17 2¾ | |
| Balance carried to the Account of Non-reſidents, | 13 14 1¾ | |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ 2067 11 4½ |

Debit brought forward £ 2067 11 4½ 1770.
CONTRA Cr. September 25.

By the Amount of Taxes due from the Estates of Non-residents, returned by the County Commissioners Outstanding, and included in the total Amount of this Tax, as reported to the House in September 1769, which do not appear to have been since accounted for, viz.
On County Commissioners Settlement, dated Carlisle, September the 1st, 1770, — £ 1049 19 4
Of which they then accounted for, — 559 11 6
Remains still to be accounted for, and said to be Outstanding, £ 490 7 10
By sundry additional Charges and Allowances, adjusted by the Commissioners since last Settlement, viz.
Deficiencies £ 220 3 9, Collectors Fees, £ 40 3 10½ — 260 7 4½
Commissioners Fees £ 2 0 0
County Assessors ditto 0 15 0
£ 2 15 0
Township Assessors Fees — 6 15 0
£ 9 10 0
By Cash paid to the Provincial Treasurer by John Montgomery at sundry Times, — 971 3 8
980 13 8
By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 980 13 8, at 20s. per Cent, 9 16 1
£ 1741 4 11½
Remains uncollected, as per Commissioners Settlement September 1, 1770. — 326 6 5
£ 2067 11 4½

## On the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, as settled by the Commissioners of the County, — £ 1,877 13 9

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges and Abatements on the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.
Deficiencies allowed — £ 20 18 3
Collectors Fees — £ 6 17 11½
£ 27 16 2½
County Commissioners Fees — £ 35 11 0
County Assessors ditto — 36 10 0
Township Assessors ditto — 114 10 0
Clerks Fees, &c. — 36 16 10
£ 223 7 10
By Cash paid to Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — 385 10 5
608 18 3
By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 608 18 3, at 20s. per Cent, £ 6 1 3, Mileage £ 3 0 0 — — 9 1 3
£ 645 15 8½
By Amount of Non-residents Taxes, included in the total Amount of this Tax, 19 12 6
£ 665 8 2½
Balance due to the Province, said to remain uncollected, — — 1212 5 6½
£ 1877 13 9

## On Account of Provincial Taxes, due from the Estates of Non-residents, returned Outstanding and charged in the several Accounts settled by the Commissioners of the County from the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr

TO Amount due on the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, per Account above stated, — £ 95 17 11
To ditto — on the 11th ditto — ditto — 597 13 4½
To ditto — on the 12th ditto — ditto — 490 7 10
To ditto — on the 13th ditto — ditto — 19 12 6
£ 1203 11 7½

CONTRA Cr.

By Balance brought from the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, — — £ 13 14 1¾
Balance remaining due to the Province, and to be accounted for by the Commissioners, 1189 17 5¾
£ 1203 11 7½

## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the EXCISE on *Spirituous Liquors*, in the several Counties, *viz.*

### *Joseph Stretch*, Collector for *Philadelphia* County Dr.

TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, £ 318 15 7½
To Amount of Excise, from July 1769, to July 1770, — £ 2607 2 4
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — 327 15 0
To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, — 33 7 9
£ 2968 5 1
Debit carried forward, £ 3287 0 8½

*Joseph Stretch*, Collector for *Philadelphia* County,

Debit brought over, £ 3287 0 8½

1770. *September* 25. CONTRA — — Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1769. Sept. 18. One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds 19/11 | £ 131 | 19 | 11 |
| Nov. 13. Two Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds 12/6 | 263 | 12 | 6 |
| 1770. April 30. Two Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds 14/8 | 294 | 14 | 8 |
| Twenty-nine Pounds 18/6 | 29 | 18 | 6 |
| July 16. Three Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds 18/10 | 321 | 18 | 10 |
| Aug. 11. Six Hundred and Fourteen Pounds 18/6 | 614 | 18 | 6 |
| 28. Four Hundred and Eighteen Pounds 11/4 | 418 | 11 | 4 |
| Sept. 8. Four Hundred and Seven Pounds 2/1 | 407 | 2 | 1 |
| | £ 2,482 | 16 | 4 |
| By his Commissions on £ 2,482 16/4, at 5 per Cent, | 124 | 2 | 9 |
| | £ 2,606 | 19 | 1 |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, | 680 | 1 | 7½ |
| | £ 3,287 | 0 | 8½ |

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*John Woolston*, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1769, to July 1, 1770, | £ 296 | 4 | 8 |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, | 87 | 0 | 0 |
| | £ 383 | 4 | 8 |

CONTRA — — Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| 1770. April 17. Eighty-five Pounds 2/4 | £ 85 | 2 | 4 |
| July 10. Ninety-one Pounds | 91 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 4. One Hundred Sixty-eight Pounds 15/11 | 168 | 15 | 11 |
| | £ 344 | 18 | 3 |
| By his Commissions at 10 per Cent, | 38 | 6 | 5 |
| | £ 383 | 4 | 8 |

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*Charles Humphreys*, Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1769, to July 1, 1770, | £ 549 | 13 | 4 |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, | 105 | 5 | 0 |
| | £ 654 | 18 | 4 |

CONTRA — — Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| 1770. Aug. 25. One Hundred and Twenty Pounds 15/. | £ 120 | 15 | 0 |
| Sept. 1. Three Hundred and Eighty-seven Pounds 16/6 | 387 | 16 | 6 |
| 12. Eighty Pounds, Seventeen Shillings | 80 | 17 | 0 |
| | £ 589 | 8 | 6 |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 65 | 9 | 10 |
| | £ 654 | 18 | 4 |

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*James Webb*, late Collector for *Lancaster* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, | £ 58 | 0 5 |

CONTRA — — — Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1770. Sept. 18. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ 52 | 15 5 |
| By his Commissions at 10 per Cent, | 5 | 5 0 |
| | £ 58 | 0 5 |

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*Sebastian Graff*, present Collector for *Lancaster* County,

Attended with his Account, which being incompleat, we have remarked to him the Defects; and deferred the Adjustment thereof. By his Receipt produced it appears, he has paid to Owen Jones, the Provincial Treasurer, on Account of the Excise for the present Year, — — — £ 420 0 11

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*Jasper Scull*, Collector of Excise for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, — | | £ 97 | 4 0 |
| To Amount of Excise from Aug. 8, 1769, to Aug. 14, 1770, — | £ 301 | 10 | 11 |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — | 108 | 0 | 0 |
| | £ 409 | 10 | 11 |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ 506 | 14 11 |

## *Jasper Scull*, Collector of Excise for *Berks* County.

1770. *September* 25.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Debit brought over, | | £ 506 14 11 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | | |
| 1770. Aug. 20. Two Hundred and Nineteen Pounds and 6d. | | | £ | 219 0 6 | | |
| 30. One Hundred and Thirty Pounds 12/3 | | | | 130 12 3 | | |
| Sept. 3. Fifty-nine Pounds 18/2 | | | | 59 18 2 | | |
| | | | | | £ 409 10 11 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | | | | | 40 19 1 | |
| | | | | | | £ 450 10 0 |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | | | 56 4 11 |
| | | | | | | £ 506 14 11 |

## *Jesse Jones*, Collector of Excise for *Northampton* County, Dr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, | | | | | | £ 35 18 9 |
| To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1769, to July 1, 1770, | | | | £ | 155 13 4 | |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, | | | | | 39 0 0 | |
| To one Moiety of a Seizure, | | | | | 3 10 0 | |
| | | | | | | 198 3 4 |
| | | | | | | £ 234 2 1 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | | |
| 1770. Aug. 2. Ninety-six Pounds 14/. | | | £ | 96 14 0 | | |
| Sept. 4. Seventy-seven Pounds 5/3 | | | | 77 5 3 | | |
| | | | | | £ 173 19 3 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent. | | | | | 17 7 11 | |
| | | | | | | £ 191 7 2 |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | | | 42 14 11 |
| | | | | | | £ 234 2 1 |

## *George Eichelberger*, late Collector of Excise for *York* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, Which Sum remains due to the Province, no Part thereof being paid. He has been removed from his Office, pursuant to the Order of the House, and Jacob Billmeyer, Junior, appointed in his room. | | £ 80 3 4 |

## *Jacob Billmeyer*, Jun. present Collector for *York* County, Dr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from Aug. 1, 1769, to Aug. 1, 1770, | | | | | | £ 223 15 0 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
| 1770. Sept. 6. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | £ | 151 0 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent. | | | | 15 2 0 | | |
| | | | | | £ 166 2 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | | 57 13 0 | |
| | | | | | | £ 223 15 0 |

## *Thomas Minshall*, Collector of Excise for *York* County, in the Year 1767, Dr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee of Assembly, May 14, 1767, | | | £ | 296 3 11 | | |
| To Excise omitted in former Settlements, | | | | 8 0 0 | | |
| | | | | | £ 304 3 11 | |
| To Cash paid him by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, per Order of the House, in full of the Balance of his Account settled the 23d of Feb. last, | | | | | 46 13 1 | |
| | | | | | | £ 350 17 0 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
| 1768. By Cash paid Samuel Preston Moore, late Provincial Treasurer, | | | £ | 46 9 6 | | |
| October 18. paid ditto Two Hundred and Fifty-nine Pounds 4/5 | | | | 259 4 5 | | |
| | | | | | £ 305 13 11 | |
| By an Overcharge in David Hunter's Excise, as per Deposition produced, | | | | | 3 0 0 | |
| By an Allowance for sundry bad Debts, amounting per Account to | | | | | 13 7 6 | |
| By his Commissions on £ 287 16/5, omitted in a former Settlement, at 10 per Cent. | | | | | 28 15 7 | |
| | | | | | | £ 350 17 0 |

## *James Lindsay*, late Collector of Excise for *Cumberland* County,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| HAS not produced any Account since the Year 1768. The Balance due from him on the 21st of September, 1769, as per Report of the Committee at that Time was | | £ 25 15 7 |
| He is to Account for the Excise of that County from August, 1768, to August, 1769, in Part whereof and the above Balance it appears, he has paid to the Provincial Treasurer, | £ 43 14 6 | |
| He has been removed from his Office, pursuant to the Order of the House, and THOMAS BEARD, the present Collector for *Cumberland*, appointed to succeed him, has not attended with his Account, but it appears by the Provincial Treasurer's Account, that he has paid in Part of this Year's Excise, Thirty-six Pounds 2/6. | | £ 36 2 6 |

1770. September 25. *Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for building and supporting a *Light-House* at *Cape Henlopen*, Dr.

TO the Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from September the 7th, 1769, to September the 1st, 1770, — — — £ 1,413 5 6

CONTRA — — — — Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, per Receipts, £ 1,328 9 7
By his Commissions, at 6 per Cent. — — — 84 15 11
£ 1,413 5 6

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*Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on Negroe and Mulattoe Slaves, Dr.

TO Amount of Duties received in Part of sundry outstanding Debts, contained in a List exhibited to the Committee of Assembly, September the 9th, 1767, — £ 441 0 0
To Amount of Duties received on Slaves, imported from September 9, 1767, to September the 15th, 1770, — — — 535 10 0
£ 976 10 0
Balance due to him, — — — 70 6 6
£ 1,046 16 6

CONTRA Cr.

By Balance due to him, September the 9th, 1767, per Account then settled, — £ 10 14 6
By Cash paid to Samuel Preston Moore, late Provincial Treasurer, agreeable to the Report of the Committee, dated September the 19th, 1768, — — £ 427 15 9
By Cash paid to Owen Jones, present Provincial Treasurer, viz.
1769. Feb. 9. One Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds 19/6, } as reported
Sept. 12. One Hundred and Twenty-nine Pounds, } last Year, } £ 268 19 6
1770. Sept. 7. Two Hundred and Ninety Pounds, — 290 0 0
£ 558 19 6
£ 986 15 3
By his Commissions on £ 986 15 3, at 5 per Cent. — — 49 6 9
£ 1,046 16 6

It appears, that of £ 750 0 0, outstanding Debts, at Settlement, September the 9th, 1767, he has received as above charged, — — £ 441 0 0
Drawback on Slaves exported, as per List rendered, — — 75 0 0
Remains still Outstanding, — — — 234 0 0
£ 750 0 0
And by a new List there appears to be Debts outstanding for Slaves, imported from September the 9th, 1767, to September the 15th, 1770, — £ 470 0 0
Which, with the above — — — 234 0 0
Makes outstanding at this Time — — £ 704 0 0

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*Joseph Fox*, Barrack-Master, in *Philadelphia*, Dr.

TO Cash paid him by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — — £ 659 9 6

CONTRA — — — Cr.

By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Fire-Wood, Candles, Small-Beer, &c. from September the 15th, 1769, to September the 12th, 1770, — £ 659 9 6

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*James Webb*, late Barrack-Master, for *Lancaster*, Dr.

TO Cash paid him by Samuel Preston Moore, late Provincial Treasurer, — £ 50 0 0
To ditto — by Owen Jones, — present ditto, — — 22 3 6
£ 72 3 6

CONTRA — — — Cr.

By Amount of his Account for Fire-Wood and Necessaries from September, 1768, to Sept. 18th, 1770, £ 72 3 6

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## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of *OWEN JONES*, Provincial Treasurer, *viz.*

On Account of Duties on Tonnage, per Act of Assembly, passed 1758, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee of Assembly, September 21, 1769, — £ 2 10 7½
Which Sum of £ 2 10 7½ remains in his Hands.

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On

## On Account of the *Province* Island and Tenements on the *State-House* Lot, Dr.

1770. *September* 25.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1769, —— £ 417 2 9

CONTRA —— —— —— —— Cr

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Thomas Wharton, per Order of the Trustees, —— —— | £ 100 | 0 | 0 |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent. — — — — | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | £ 105 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance due to the Province, — — — — | 312 | 2 | 9 |
| | | £ 417 | 2 9 |

*N. B.* Joseph Galloway, on Behalf of the Trustees, has received One Hundred and Twenty Pounds for the last Year's Rent, due the 25th of March last.

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## On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000, to the King's Use, passed 1763, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1769, — — £ 1,552 14 5

CONTRA —— —— —— —— Cr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Joseph Fox, towards building the Colonel's House, at the Barracks, — — — | £ 500 | 0 | 0 | |
| Paid ditto, Three Hundred and Forty-six Pounds 18/10½ | 346 | 18 | 10½ | |
| | | £ 846 | 18 | 10½ |
| By Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent. —— —— —— | | 4 | 4 | 6½ |
| | £ 851 | 3 | 5 | |
| Balance due to the Province, Seven Hundred and One Pounds 11*s.* — | 701 | 11 | 0 | |
| | | | £ 1,552 | 14 5 |

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## On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, —— —— —— £ 290 0 0

CONTRA — — — — — Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, —— | £ 288 | 11 | 0 |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent. — — — — | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| | | £ 290 | 0 0 |

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## On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for building and supporting the *Light-House* at *Cape Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1769, — | £ 527 | 10 | 1½ | |
| To Cash received of Thomas Coombe at sundry Times, —— —— | 1,328 | 9 | 7 | |
| | | | £ 1,855 | 19 8½ |

CONTRA —— —— —— Cr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Commissioners, at sundry Times, —— —— —— | £ 1,400 | 0 | 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent. — — — | 7 | 0 | 0 | |
| | £ 1,407 | 0 | 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, —— —— | 448 | 19 | 8½ | |
| | | | £ 1,855 | 19 8½ |

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## On Account of the Act for raising £ 20,000, for the Support of Government, passed *May* the 20th, 1767, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1769, — — £ 1,840 6 0

CONTRA —— —— —— Cr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Thomas Willing, Esq; the Judges Expences on the Circuit, — — — | £ 24 | 7 | 5 | |
| By ditto paid ditto —— ditto —— | 67 | 11 | 11 | |
| | | £ 91 | 19 | 4 |
| By ditto paid Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master, at sundry Times, | 659 | 9 | 6 | |
| | | £ 751 | 8 | 10 |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent. —— —— — | | 3 | 15 | 1 |
| | £ 755 | 3 | 11 | |
| Balance due to the Province, — — — — | 1,085 | 2 | 1 | |
| | | | £ 1,840 | 6 0 |

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On

1770. *September* 25.

## On Account of the Act for raising and applying the Sum of £ 3,000, towards removing the Discontent of the *Indians*, &c. passed *February*, 1768, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1769 — — | | | £ 4 19 2 |
| CONTRA — — — — | | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Mary Holmes, a poor Indian, per Order of the Governor, and James Pemberton and William Logan, Commissioners, | £ 1 10 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent. — — | 0 0 2 | | |
| | £ | 1 10 2 | |
| Balance due to the Province, — — — | | 3 9 0 | |
| | | £ | 4 19 2 |

## On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1769, — | | £ | 205 5 1½ |
| To Cash received of Joseph Stretch, Collector for Philadelphia County, — — | £ 2,482 16 4 | | |
| of Charles Humphreys, ditto for Chester, — | 589 8 6 | | |
| of John Woolston, ditto for Bucks, — — | 344 18 3 | | |
| of Sebastian Graff, ditto for Lancaster, — | 420 0 11 | | |
| of Jacob Billmeyer, jun. ditto for York, — — | 151 0 0 | | |
| of James Lindsay, late ditto for Cumberland, — | 43 14 6 | | |
| of Thomas Beard, pres. ditto for ditto, — | 36 2 6 | | |
| of Jasper Scull, ditto for Berks, — | 409 10 11 | | |
| of Jesse Jones, ditto for Northampton, — | 173 19 3 | | |
| of James Webb, late Collector for Lancaster, in full of his Balance due last Year, — — | 52 15 5 | | |
| | £ | 4,704 6 7 | |
| | | £ | 4,909 11 8½ |
| CONTRA — — — | | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Thomas Minshall (which he overpaid in the Settlement of his Excise Account with the late Provincial Treasurer) per Order of Joseph Galloway, Speaker, — — — | £ 46 13 1 | | |
| By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed May 20, 1767, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000, raised for the Support of Government, and Payment of Public Debts, — — — — | 2,532 0 0 | | |
| | £ | 2,578 13 1 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent. — — — | | 128 18 7 | |
| | £ | 2,707 11 8 | |
| Balance due to the Province, remaining in the Treasurer's Hands, to be exchanged into Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed in May, 1767, — | | 2,202 0 0½ | |
| | | £ | 4,909 11 8½ |

## On Account of the Eighth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of David M'Conoughy, for York County, in full — — | | | £ 36 8 3 |
| CONTRA — — — | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — | | £ 36 5 5 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, — — — | | 0 2 10 | |
| | | £ | 36 8 3 |

## On Account of the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of William Matthews, by the Hands of Michael Swoope, for York, in Part of the Debt due from the Estate of John Blackburn, — — | | | £ 100 0 0 |
| CONTRA — — — | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — | | £ 99 15 0 | |
| By his Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, — — — | | 0 5 0 | |
| | | £ | 100 0 0 |

## On Account of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Philip Syng, for Philadelphia County, — — | | | £ 595 7 3 |
| CONTRA — — — | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, — | | £ 593 17 6 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, — — — | | 1 9 9 | |
| | | £ | 595 7 3 |

On

State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer Continued. 1770. September 25.

On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County | | £ 2852 11 11 | |
| of Paul Preston, | for Bucks | | 493 2 2 | |
| of Lewis Davis, | for Chester | | 949 7 5 | |
| of Mathias Slough, | for Lancaster | | 1189 18 3½ | |
| of John Montgomery, | for Cumberland | | 971 3 8 | |
| of Robert M'Pherson, | per Michael Swoope, for York | | 200 0 0 | |
| | | | | £ 6656 3 5½ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | £ 6639 10 8 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 16 12 9½ | |
| | | | | £ 6656 3 5½ |

On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County | | £ 6936 13 6 | |
| of Paul Preston, | for Bucks | | 1924 2 10 | |
| of James Gibbons | for Chester | | 1406 1 10 | |
| of Michael Diffenderfer, | for Lancaster | | 2747 0 0 | |
| of Michael Swoope, | for York | | 500 0 0 | |
| of Christopher Whitman, | for Berks | | 986 17 7 | |
| of John Wagle, | for Northampton | | 926 5 7¼ | |
| of John Montgomery, | for Cumberland | | 385 10 5 | |
| | | | | £ 15,812 11 9¼ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ 9164 0 3 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 22 18 2 | | |
| | | | £ 9186 18 5 | |
| Balance remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer, to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of this Province, | | | 6625 13 4¼ | |
| | | | | £ 15,812 11 9¼ |

On Account of the Debt due from *Jonas Seely*, for Provincial Taxes for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received from Jonas Seely, | | | £ 2475 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt; | | £ 2468 16 3 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 6 3 9 | |
| | | | £ 2475 0 0 |

On Account of the Proprietaries Provincial Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Edmund Physick, Receiver General, | | | £ 1600 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ 1596 0 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 4 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 1600 0 0 |

On Account of Provincial Taxes due from the Estates of Non-residents in *York* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Michael Swoope, | | | £ 102 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ 101 14 11 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 0 5 1 | |
| | | | £ 102 0 0 |

1770. September 25.

## On Account of the Act for raising £ 16,000, for the Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee of Assembly Sept. 21, 1769, — £ 10,547 13 5½

CONTRA — Cr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Certificates paid as follows, viz. | | | | | | | |
| The Honourable John Penn, Esq; | £ | 1000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| William Coleman, | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| James Webb, | | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Lukens and Sellers, | | 16 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| Isaac Pearson, Esq; | | 11 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Samuel Kirke, | | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto, | | 5 | 19 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master, | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto, | | 14 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| William Sheed, | | 3 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Andrew M'Nair, Doorkeeper, | | 22 | 16 | 6 | | | |
| Ditto, Indian Expences, | | 9 | 13 | 8 | | | |
| Joseph Shippen, Postage of Letters, | | 11 | 15 | 7 | | | |
| Ditto, for Account of Warrants, | | 12 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto, as Clerk to the Council, | | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| William Sheed, | | 3 | 17 | 6 | | | |
| Archibald Thomson, | | 3 | 18 | 8 | | | |
| William Parr, | | 25 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto, | | 24 | 13 | 3 | | | |
| James Johnson, | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Richard Jackson, £ 200 Sterling, at 55 per Cent, | | 310 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| James Pemberton, Esq; | | 13 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| James Pemberton and Joseph Fox, for the Use of Nicholas Tatamy, | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Samuel Taylor, | | 1 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| William Goddard, | | 140 | 4 | 6 | | | |
| Ditto, | | 14 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; | | 27 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Carried forwards, | £ | 2142 | 15 | 2 | | | |
| Brought forwards, | £ | 2142 | 15 | 2 | | | |
| William Allen, Esq; | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Lewis Weiss, | | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Michael Hillegas, Esq; | | 14 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Hall and Sellers, | | 56 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto, | | 7 | 10 | 5 | | | |
| Bryan Wilkinson, | | 50 | 8 | 10 | | | |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £ 500 Sterling, at 50 per Cent, | | 750 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Benjamin Chew, Esq; | | 75 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Edward Duffield, | | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; | | 11 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| John Lawrence, Esq; | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Henry Miller, | | 33 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Hugh M'Killip | | 1 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Edmund Physick | | 10 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Fox and Michael Hillegas, Esq; for their Attendance on printing this Emission, | | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Charles Moore, | | 214 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| Philip Syng, | | 8 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| Robert Taggart, for apprehending and convicting Herman Rosenkrantz for counterfeiting and uttering the Bills of Credit, emitted by this Act, per Certificate under the Hand of the Chief-Justice | | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | £ | 3817 | 9 5 |
| Paid Joseph Fox, per Order of the Trustees of the State-House, for Repairs and Building the State-House Wall, | | | | | | 1689 | 14 2 |
| | | | | | £ | 5507 | 3 7 |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | | | | | | 27 | 10 9 |
| | | | | | £ | 5534 | 14 4 |
| Balance remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer, | | | | | | 5012 | 19 1¾ |
| | | | | | | | £ 10,547 13 5½ |

## STATE of other ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

### *Jonas Seely*, late Treasurer for the County of *Berks*, Dr.

TO Balance due from him on Account of Taxes, paid into his Hands as Treasurer of the said County, per Account settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, and reported to the House, Sept. 21, 1769, — — £ 2535 18 3½

CONTRA — Cr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid by him to Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | | | £ | 2475 | 0 0 |
| Balance still due to the Province, | | | | | | 60 | 18 3½ |
| | | | | | | | £ 2535 18 3½ |

## Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for Erecting a *Light-House* at *Cape Henlopen*, &c. Dr.

TO Cash paid them by the Provincial Treasurers, viz.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1768. Octob. | 14. | By Samuel Preston Moore, late Provincial Treasurer, | | | | | £ | 540 6 6 |
| | | By Owen Jones, present ditto, as follows, viz. | | | | | | |
| Dec. | 13. | Three Hundred Pounds, | | | £ | 300 0 0 | | |
| 1769. March | 13. | Two Hundred and Eighty Pounds, | | | | 280 0 0 | | |
| May | 12. | Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds, | | | | 250 0 0 | | |
| Nov. | 18. | Five Hundred Pounds, | | | | 500 0 0 | | |
| 1770. Jan. | 12. | Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, | | | | 350 0 0 | | |
| March | 23. | Two Hundred Pounds, | | | | 200 0 0 | | |
| June | 16. | Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, | | | | 350 0 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | 2230 | 0 0 |
| To Cash received for Lime sold, | | | | | | | 2 | 10 0 |
| | | | | | | Debit carried forward | £ | 2772 16 6 |

## Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for erecting a *Light-House* at *Cape Henlopen*, &c.

1770. *September* 25.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Debit brought forward, | £ 2772 16 6 | |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | | |
| By Balance due to them per Account settled by the Committee of Assembly, Sept. 10, 1768, | | | £ 122 5 2 | | |
| By Amount of their Account for Oil, &c. and maintaining the Lights, from Sept. 1768, to this Time per Vouchers produced | £ 814 9 5 | | | | |
| Wages to James Dryburgh for his Attendance and keeping the Lights during that Time, | | 285 12 8 | | | |
| Principal Sums of two Certificates discharged | £ 400 0 0 | | | | |
| Interest discharged on Money borrowed, | 736 17 8 | | | | |
| | | 1136 7 8 | | | |
| | | | 2236 19 9 | | |
| | | | £ 2359 4 11 | | |
| Balance remaining in the Hands of the Commissioners, exclusive of their Commissions, which is left to the House, | | | 413 11 7 | | |
| | | | | £ 2772 16 6 | |
| The Amount of their Certificates for Money borrowed on Interest now outstanding, is Five Thousand Five Hundred and Ten Pounds, | | | £ 5510 0 0 | | |

## The Trustees of the *State-House*, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the Amount of the Sale of the old Tenements on the State-House Lot, Fences, &c. as sold by public Vendue, per Account, | | £ 139 11 10 | | |
| To Cash paid to Joseph Fox by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, per Order of the Trustees, | | 1889 14 2 | | |
| | | | £ 2029 6 0 | |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By the Amount of sundry Sums paid by Joseph Fox for Tradesmen's Work and Materials for a new Roof, and other Repairs to the House, extending the Wall round the Lot, &c. per Accounts and Receipts examined, | | | £ 2029 6 0 | |
| Commissions to the Trustees for their Attendance to the Business, referred to the Consideration of the Assembly. | | | | |

## Commissioners appointed by an Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act for "appropriating a Sum of Money for building the Middle House, on the West- "Side of the Barracks, in the Northern Liberties of the City of* Philadelphia," Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the Amount of sundry Materials remaining and sold by Joseph Fox, | | | £ 19 1 9¾ | | |
| To Cash paid by the Provincial Treasurers to Joseph Fox per Order of the said Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| 1768. | By Samuel Preston Moore late Treasurer, Eight Hundred Pounds, | £ 800 0 0 | | | |
| 1769. Oct. 20. | By Owen Jones present Treasurer, Five Hundred Pounds, | £ 500 0 0 | | | |
| 1770. Sept. | By ditto, Three Hundred and Forty-six Pounds 18/10½ | 346 18 10½ | | | |
| | | | 846 18 10½ | | |
| | | | £ 1646 18 10½ | | |
| | | | | £ 1666 0 8¼ | |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | | |
| By the Cost of Materials and Amount of Tradesmen's Accounts, paid by Joseph Fox, and approved by the said Commissioners, for building the Middle House for the Accommodation of the Colonel and other Officers at the Barracks, and for some other necessary Regulations in the Court-Yard, &c. per Account and Vouchers produced and examined, | | | | £ 1666 0 8¼ | |

## The Estate of the Honourable the Proprietaries (*Thomas Penn* and *Richard Penn*, Esqs;) on Account of their Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of their Account adjusted by the Committee of Assembly, Sept. 21, 1769, exclusive of three Blanks expressed in said Account, | | | £ 2205 12 11¼ | | |
| To the Amount of the First of those Blanks, viz. their Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, for Lancaster County, | £ 110 3 6 | | | | |
| To ditto, of the Second ditto, their Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax for Cumberland, | 238 13 7½ | | | | |
| To ditto, of the Third ditto, their Twelfth ditto for Chester, | 37 15 3 | | | | |
| | | 386 12 4½ | | | |
| To Amount of their 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, for Philadelphia County, | £ 150 0 0 | | | | |
| To ditto, ditto, for Bucks, | 40 1 0 | | | | |
| To ditto, ditto, for Chester, (not brought in) | | | | | |
| To ditto, ditto, for Lancaster, | 112 19 0 | | | | |
| To ditto, ditto, for Cumberland, | 273 5 2 | | | | |
| To ditto, ditto, for York, | 40 19 3¾ | | | | |
| To ditto, ditto, for Berks, | 128 2 6 | | | | |
| To ditto, ditto, for Northampton, | 126 15 7 | | | | |
| | | 872 2 6¾ | | | |
| | | | Debit carried forward | £ 3464 7 10½ | |

1770 *September* 25.

## The Eſtate of the Honourable the Proprietaries, their Account of Provincial Taxes continued.

Debit brought forward, £ 3464 7 10½

CONTRA Cr.

By Caſh paid by Edmund Phyſick (Receiver General) to Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1770. July 13. Five Hundred and Sixty Pounds, | £ 560 | 0 | 0 |
| Aug. 11. Six Hundred and Forty Pounds, | 640 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 6. Four Hundred Pounds, | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| | £ 1600 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance due to the Province, excluſive of Cheſter Aſſeſsment not brought in, | 1864 | 7 | 10½ |
| | £ 3464 | 7 | 10½ |

## Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor, in the City of *Philadelphia*, &c.

Dr.

TO the firſt Year's Quota of the Bills of Credit, directed to be ſunk and deſtroyed by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed February 18, 1769, One Thouſand Pounds, £ 1000 0 0

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit emitted by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed February 18, 1769, paid into the Hands of the Committee of Aſſembly, by the Treaſurer to the ſaid Contributors, and by them ſunk and deſtroyed, according to the Direction of the ſaid Act, | £ 451 | 3 | 5 |
| Balance remaining in the Hands of Joſhua Howell, their Treaſurer, to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of the ſaid Emiſſion, | 548 | 16 | 7 |
| | £ 1000 | 0 | 0 |

## The Amount of the *Paper Bills* of *Credit*, burnt and deſtroyed in the Preſence of the Committee this Year, is *Twenty-ſix Thouſand* and *Twenty-ſeven Pounds, Eighteen Shillings* and *Ten-pence*, viz.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of the Quotas paid into the General Loan-Office, received from Mary Norris, Adminiſtratrix to the Eſtate of Charles Norris, deceaſed, | £ 1003 | 1 | 11 | |
| On Account of Quotas received by Samuel Preſton Moore, on the Mortgages in his Hands, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, | 1053 | 2 | 6 | |
| | | | | £ 2056 4 5 |
| On Account of Taxes, | | | | 20,700 0 0 |
| On the Negroe Duty, | | | | 288 11 0 |
| On the Exciſe in Bills iſſued by the Act, paſſed in May, 1767, | | | | 2532 0 0 |
| On Account of the firſt Year's Quota due from the Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, | | | | 451 3 5 |
| | | | | £ 26,027 18 10 |

ON Adjuſtment of the foregoing Accounts, We find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, the Sum of Sixteen Thouſand Three Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight-pence Half-penny, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of Tonnage and Duties on Merchandize, | £ 2 | 10 | 7½ |
| On Account of the Province Iſland, &c. | 312 | 2 | 9 |
| On Account of the £ 24000 granted to the King's Uſe, per Act, paſſed 1763, | 701 | 11 | 0 |
| On Account of the Duty on the Tonnage of Ships, for Support of the Light-Houſe at Cape Henlopen, | 448 | 19 | 8½ |
| On Account of the £ 20000 granted for the Support of Government, per Act, paſſed May, 1767, | 1085 | 2 | 1 |
| On Account of the £ 3000, appropriated for removing Indian Diſcontents, | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| On Account of the £ 16000, granted for Support of Government, per Act, paſſed February 18, 1769, | 5012 | 19 | 1¾ |
| On Account of the 13th Eighteen-penny Provincial Tax which remains to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of this Province, in order to be ſunk and deſtroyed according to Law, | 6625 | 13 | 4¾ |
| On Account of the Exciſe per Act, paſſed May, 1767, to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of that Emiſſion, to be ſunk and deſtroyed according to Law, | 2202 | 0 | 0½ |
| | £ 16,394 | 7 | 8½ |

Which Sum being in Gold, Silver, and other current Money, We have counted.

## Debts Outſtanding due to the Province, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FROM the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | £ 8872 | 15 | 3½ |
| From the Commiſſioners appointed by Law for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, the Balance reported laſt Year, | 22 | 0 | 7½ |
| Carried forward | £ 8894 | 15 | 11 |

On

## Debts Outstanding due to this Province

1770. September 25.

Brought forward £ 8894 15 11

### On Account of Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From Philadelphia County, | on the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, — | £ | 123 | 13 | 7¾ | | |
| | on the 13th ditto | | 3773 | 12 | 3 | | |
| | | | | | | 3897 | 5 10¾ |
| Bucks County, | on the 13th ditto — | | | | | 345 | 16 |
| Chester County, | on the 13th ditto (not settled) | | | | | | |
| Lancaster County, | on the 13th ditto — | | | | | 319 | 12 9 |
| York County, | on the 10th ditto | £ | 625 | 14 | 7¼ | | |
| | on the 12th ditto — | | 233 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | on Non-residents Estates, | | 321 | 14 | 0½ | | |
| | on the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax — | | 982 | 18 | 7½ | | |
| | | | | | | 2163 | 7 3¾ |
| Berks County, | on the 13th ditto — — | | | | | 13 | 12 1 |
| Cumberland County, | on the 12th ditto — | £ | 326 | 6 | 5 | | |
| | on the 13th ditto — | | 1212 | 5 | 6½ | | |
| | on the Non-residents Estates, — | | 1189 | 17 | 5¾ | | |
| | | | | | | 2728 | 9 5¼ |
| The Honourable the Proprietaries, — — | | | | | | 1864 | 7 10½ |
| Jonas Seely, — — — | | | | | | 60 | 18 3½ |
| | | | | | | | 11,393 9 10¾ |

### On Account of Excise, *viz.*

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From Joseph Stretch, Collector for Philadelphia County — | | | | | | £ | 680 | 1 7½ |
| Sebastian Graff, — | Lancaster (remains unsettled) | | | | | | | |
| Jasper Scull, — | Berks — — | | | | | | 56 | 4 11 |
| Jesse Jones, — | Northampton — | | | | | | 42 | 14 11 |
| George Eichelberger, late Collector for York | | £ | 80 | 3 | 4 | | | |
| Jacob Billmeyer, Jun. present ditto — | | | 57 | 13 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | 137 | 16 4 |
| James Lindsay, late ditto for Cumberland, } both these Accounts | | | | | | | | |
| Thomas Beard present ditto } remain unsettled, | | | | | | | | |
| From the Commissioners appointed for erecting a Light-House at Cape Henlopen, &c. — — — | | | | | | | 916 | 17 9½ |
| | | | | | | | 413 | 11 7 |
| From the Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. — — — | | | | | | | 548 | 16 7 |
| And of the Duties due in the Year 1768, there remains Outstanding, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| From the Estate of Richard Pearne, deceased, — | | | | | | £ | 1818 | 5 11 |
| Commissioners of the Indian Trade, as reported September 19, 1768, | | | | | | | 3056 | 5 3 |
| | | | | | | | 4874 | 11 2 |
| | | | | | | | | £ 27,042 2 10¾ |

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BESIDES the Accounts adjusted in the foregoing Report, there remains to be settled, an Account of Monies expended by the Trustees of the *Province* Island, in some late Improvements on the said Island, which are not yet fully compleated.

IT likewise appears by a Minute of the Assembly, dated *February* 13, 1762, that Seventy-five Pounds was voted towards opening and finishing a Road from a Public Road to the River *Schuylkill*, opposite to the *Province* Island, which Sum was paid by the late Provincial Treasurer in the Year 1763, as appears by his Account settled that Year to the Supervisors of *Passyunk* and *Moyamensing*, who have not exhibited any Account thereof that we can find.

YOUR COMMITTEE beg Leave also to observe that *Samuel Preston Moore* has not had any Allowance for three Years Services in Collecting and Paying the Monies arising from the Mortgages put into his Hands by the Trustees of the Loan-Office, on the 21st of *October*, 1767; for which, we are of Opinion, a suitable Compensation should be made him, which, together with the foregoing Report, We submit to the Consideration of the House.

*Philadelphia, September* 22, 1770.

JOSEPH FOX, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
JOSEPH RICHARDSON, ISAAC PEARSON,
JAMES PEMBERTON, BENJAMIN CHAPMAN."

Which being in Part read, and the House observing that the Commissioners for the County of *Chester* have been delinquent in enforcing a due Collection of the Provincial Taxes, and settling their Accounts of the present Year,

*Ordered*, That the same be, and it is hereby recommended to the serious Attention of the next Assembly.

The House then adjourned to three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *Mary Norris*, surviving Administratrix of the Estate of her late Husband *Charles Norris*, deceased, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that since the Death of her said Husband when she was first acquainted with a Demand of the Public against the Trustees of the General Loan-Office for the Sum of *Twenty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven Pounds Two Shillings and Six Pence Three Farthings*, she has spared neither Trouble or Expence to find out where that Money was laid out or sunk, by the said Trustees, or the Committees of Assembly,—that under all the Disadvantages encompassing her, she has been fortunate enough to find Vouchers or other Proofs, by which, to the Satisfaction of the Committee of public Accounts,

1770. *September* 25. the aforeſaid Demand was in *September*, 1768, leſſened to the Sum of *Nineteen Thouſand Six Hundred and Seven Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Eleven Pence*, in Part whereof ſhe has paid from Time to Time, to this Day, into the Hands of Your Committees, the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Seven Pence*;——that her ſaid Huſband with all his Acquaintances ever bore the Character of a frugal Man; that his private Accounts, which ſhe lately had examined and ſettled, have fully proved to her, that he neither lived above his Income, nor made any conſiderable Purchaſes which would have required to avail himſelf of the public Money in his Hands; that it was never heard of, nor can be ſuppoſed that his Houſe was robbed; that his great Loſs on *William Griffitts's* Eſtate is balanced with his own and the Petitioner's Fortune; that he ſeveral Times mentioned to the Petitioner that the General Loan-Office owed him conſiderable Sums of Money; that it clearly appears to the Petitioner that the Committees of Aſſembly ſince the Year 1751, have from Year to Year reported Balances which ſupport this Aſſertion;——this the Committee of the Year 1766, by their Report of the Eighth of *September*, have been pleaſed to call a long accuſtomed, intricate, and perplexed Method of ſtating thoſe Accounts, but this Reflexion on the Committees of Fourteen or Fifteen Years preceding, can never ſoften the terrible Concluſion drawn from the Difference of ſtating thoſe Accounts, when the ſame Committee, on the Eighteenth of *September*, reported, as in Votes 1766, "That by the former Set-"tlements made from Year to Year, by the Committees of Aſſembly, the Province was "indebted to the General Loan-Office the Sum of *Six Thouſand Three Hundred and* "*Fifty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings and Eight Pence*," yet by a general Account exhibited by the Truſtees, there appears a Balance due from them of *Twelve Thouſand Nine Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds Ten Shillings and Six Pence*; and that upon the Whole, the Petitioner from the well-eſtabliſhed Character of her ſaid Huſband's Integrity and Frugality, from the State of his private Accounts, from the Perplexity of thoſe of the Public, and from ſeveral other Circumſtances, which it would be in vain to mention in this Place, ſhe has formed her own Opinion, that her Huſband's Eſtate is not indebted to the Public for the Balance adjuſted by the Committee of 1768, and approved by the Houſe; but that the ſaid Deficiency is owing to ſome Errors or Omiſſions, which ſhe is not able to point out with Certainty at this preſent Time, but is no way deſpairing that Divine Providence, may ſoon, or late, interpoſe in Favour of her Huſband's Family, by diſcloſing where ſuch Errors or Omiſſions lay concealed, or why ſuch remarkable Differences in ſtating of Accounts have happened; ſhe therefore prays the Honourable Houſe to conſider her in the ſame Capacities ſhe does conſider herſelf; as a Woman under the Duties of natural Connections, on the one Side, as Widow to the Memory of her deceaſed Huſband, and as a Mother and Guardian to her Children; and on the other Hand as a Member of Society, to the Public owing Affection, and Juſtice to both Parties. She has given her Word, a few Days ago, to the Committee of public Accounts, that ſhe will uſe her utmoſt Endeavours, by the Sale of ſome of her Huſband's real Eſtate, to pay off the Balance ſo adjuſted as aforeſaid within the Space of One Year, but ſhe expects from the Juſtice of the Honourable Houſe a ſolid and poſitive Indemnification for every Shilling that, in this Way, ſhe ſhould pay, more than is juſtly due by the Eſtate of her Huſband; and now prayeth Leave to bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Heirs of her deceaſed Huſband, in Caſe at the ſinking of all the Bills of Credit of this Province, it ſhould be found that the ſaid Balance, or any conſiderable Part thereof, had been already ſunk and burnt; or that any Sum or Sums of Money had been paid by the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office for public Uſes, without taking Credit for the ſame in their Accounts; or that any other manifeſt Error or Overſight ſhould be diſcovered in the State of the whole Accounts of Fourteen or Fifteen Years, which her ſaid Huſband ſerved the Public, as one of the Truſtees of the ſaid General Loan-Office.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in reading the Report of the Committee of the public Accounts, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration To-morrow.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *John Clayton*, concerning his newly invented Machine for Treſhing Wheat and other Grain, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Sellers*, Mr. *Morton*, and Mr. *George Roſs*, be a Committee to examine the ſaid Machine, and report thereon to the Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sup-*"*port of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 26. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine *John Clayton's* Machine for Threſhing Grain, reported

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reported they had carefully viewed the same, and find it at present imperfect, but are of Opinion, it may, when compleated, prove useful, and therefore deserves to be recommended to the Notice of the succeeding Assembly.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for laying out* "*and making a new Road instead thereof*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Regulation of Apprentices within this Province*," with some Amendments thereto, which being read and considered, were agreed to by the House, and the said Bill ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Secretary also returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better* "*amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," "and, "*An Act to regulate Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters within the City* "*of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and acquainted the House, that the Governor would be ready to pass the same, whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

The House again took up the Report of the Committee on the State of the Accounts of the late Trustees of the General-Loan Office, together with the Petition of *Mary Norris* presented Yesterday, and after some Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration.

Upon Motion,

The Accounts attending the Petitions of *Frederick Weiser* and *Gottfried Rehrer* were examined, allowed by the House, and added to the List of incidental Expences.

The Disbursements of the Commissioners of the County of *Berks* (mentioned in the Report of the Committee of Accounts) to certain *Indians* passing through the said County, were also considered, allowed by the House, and added to the incidental List.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and* "*Payment of the public Debts*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, Upon the Question, that the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Minshall* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Remonstrance to the Governor on the Losses sustained by the Waggoners of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties pressed into the King's Service by Colonel *Wilkins*, on his March to Fort *Pitt*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and being read by Order, was referred to further Consideration.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act* "*for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That a certain *Isaac Meyer*, of the County of *Lancaster*, hath lately been secretly and cruelly murdered, and that the Perpetrator or Perpetrators of the said Murder remain undiscovered,

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested by this House to issue his Proclamation, offering a Reward of *One Hundred Pounds* lawful Money of this Province for detecting and bringing to Justice the Author or Authors thereof.

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *William Scull*, and after some Debate thereon,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *Forty Pounds* be allowed and given to the Petitioner towards defraying the Expence of publishing his new Map of this Province.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating* "*a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for laying out and making a new* "*Road instead thereof*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *September 27.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of* Pas-"syunk, *and for laying out and making a new Road instead thereof*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, Upon the Question, that the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

A Petition from *Samuel Penrose*, Tenant on the *Province* Island, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Farm on the said Island rented by the Petitioner

for

1770. September 27. for a ſhort Term of Years, is much out of Repair, the Barn, Stable and Out-Houſes formerly thereon are removed or fallen to Decay, the Dwelling-Houſe much injured by Time and Accidents, is without a Kitchen or Conveniences neceſſary to accomodate a Family;——that the Petitioner being reſtrained by his Contract with the Truſtees from ſelling more Hay than a certain limited Quantity, did propoſe to expend the reſt in Wintering Cattle on the ſaid Iſland, which would greatly contribute to enrich the Soil, amend the Paſturage, and better enable him to pay the Rent, but as there are no Sheds or Conveniences to ſhelter them from the Inclemency of the Weather, his Intentions are, in a great Meaſure, fruſtrated;—— that the Petitioner hath already expended upwards of *Seventy-five Pounds* in opening Drains and repairing the Banks, Dams, and Sluices, and a further Sum is yet neceſſary to be laid out before the Meadows can be brought into ſuch Order as to produce good Graſs;—— that the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into their Conſideration, and to allow of ſuch Repairs and Improvements as they ſhall judge neceſſary, or grant ſuch Relief as they ſhall think juſt and reaſonable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Remonſtrance from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* be allowed and lodged in the Hands of the ſaid Overſeers, to be applied to the Support of the Aged and Infirm among the *French* Neutrals in and about the City.

A Member preſented to the Chair an Account from Colonel *Turbut Francis* for *Indian* Expences at Fort *Auguſta*, Balance due to him *Thirty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings and Four Pence*, which was allowed by the Houſe.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a verbal Meſſage, requeſttng a Liſt of the Draughts, Certificates and Orders mentioned in the Supply-Bill now before him.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk make out a Liſt of the ſaid Certificates, Draughts and Orders to be ſent to his Honour in the Afternoon.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Remonſtrance to the Governor on the Loſſes ſuſtained by the *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* County Waggoners preſſed into the King's Service by Colonel *Wilkins*; and after ſome Alterations therein, ordered the ſame to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Governor, by the Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with a Depoſition of *John Philip de Haas*, Eſq; one of the Magiſtrates of the County of *Lancaſter*, which were read by Order, and the ſaid Meſſage follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly. 'I HAVE ordered the Secretary to lay before you the Depoſition of *John Philip de Haas*, Eſq; one of the Juſtices of the Peace of the County of *Lancaſter*, by which you will perceive that in Conſequence of a Warrant, ſome Time ago iſſued, by *John Lawrence*, Eſq; one of the Supreme Judges of this Province, for the apprehending of *Lazarus Stewart*, *Lazarus Young* and *Zebulon Butler*, charged with the Crime of Arſon, (an Offence made capital by Act of Aſſembly) the ſaid *Stewart* having been arreſted on the *Fifthenth* Day of this Inſtant, reſcued himſelf, with the Aſſiſtance of a Number of lawleſs People, who joined him, and not only beat the Conſtable who arreſted him, but abuſed and threatened the ſaid *de Haas* in the Execution of his Office as a Juſtice in the moſt violent Manner. I ſhall order Proſecutions to be carried on againſt the Reſcuers, who, I hope, may be brought to Juſtice in the common Courſe of legal Proceedings; but, as the principal Offenders will probably, as they hitherto have done, ſet the Laws at Defiance, and make it dangerous to apprehend them, I think it is expedient for the ſake of public Juſtice and the Honour of Government, that a Reward ſhould be offered for taking them, in which I make no Doubt I ſhall have your Concurrence.

*September* 27, 1770, *JHON PENN.*

The Committee of Grievances preſented to the Chair a Report on the Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* againſt *Charles Jolly*, Eſq; one of the Juſtices of the County of *Philadelphia*, which was read by Order and follows, in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee of Grievances. YOUR Committee of Grievances beg Leave to report that they have enquired into the Complaint of *Ludowick Harple*, and find that a Summons had been iſſued againſt him by *Charles Jolly*, Eſq; to appear before him on the Twenty-ſecond Day of *June* laſt, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to anſwer *John Reed* of a Plea of Debt not exceeding *Five Pounds*; that ſaid *Harple* attended at the Houſe of ſaid *Jolly* from the Hour of One o'Clock until Four on ſaid Day, but Mr. *Jolly* not being at home, ſaid *Harple* went away, and that afterwards Mr. *Jolly* came home, and had the Service of the Summons proved, on which he gave Judgment againſt the Defendant, (knowing he had been there) having firſt heard the Plaintiff; that afterwards the Defendant applied for a Hearing,

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which Mr. *Jolly* refuſed to grant;—that Mr. *Jolly* has been cited to appear before the Committee of Aggrievances, and had neglected and refuſed to attend, which is ſubmitted to the Houſe. 1770. *September* 27.

*September* 27, 1770. HENRY PAWLING, GEORGE ROSS, JOSEPH WATSON, MICHAEL HILLEGAS, JOHN MONTGOMERY, MICHAEL SWOOPE."

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Report be, and the ſame is hereby recommended to the Notice of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

The Remonſtrance to the Governor being tranſcribed according to Order was compared at the Table, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

THE Houſe have taken into Conſideration the Application from divers Inhabitants of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Counties, and the Report of the Committee of Grievances relative to the Impreſſing of Carriages by Colonel *Wilkins*, for tranſporting the Bagagge, *&c.* of the Troops under his Command, in their March through the ſaid Counties in the Year 1768, and from Affidavits and other Vouchers laid before this Houſe, it appears that in *June* 1768, the Colonel applied to the Magiſtrates in *Lancaſter*, and by their Warrants had Nineteen Waggons with Horſes and Drivers impreſſed, who tranſported the Baggage to *Carliſle*, where the Colonel had agreed to diſcharge them, but not being furniſhed with a ſufficient Number of other Carriages there, he detained thoſe from *Lancaſter* many Days longer than his Contract, and then proceeded with them as far as Fort *Loudon*, where he engaged to diſcharge them, but detained them alſo many Days; and then, having ſome other Waggons furniſhed him there, he diſcharged ſome of the *Lancaſter* County Carriages, but compelled the Reſt to proceed with him to Fort *Pitt*; and on the Road having met with ſome other Waggons returning from Fort *Pitt* loaded, he obliged them to unload and return with him to Fort *Pitt*;—that the Colonel in ſettling their Accounts, allowed the Waggoners for only about One Third Part of the Time they were in the Service, and deducted out of the ſame the Price of the Proviſions, Fourage, and Paſture expended by the Drivers and Horſes;—that by theſe Means the Owners of the Carriages have ſuſtained great Hardſhips and Loſs. We therefore think it our Duty to lay the Vouchers before your Honour, and requeſt that you will repreſent this Matter to his Excellency General *Gage*, Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's Troops in *America*, not doubting but he will afford proper Relief to the Sufferers. A Remonſtrance to the Governor.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*September* 27, 1770. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

The Liſt of Draughts, Certificates and Orders ſent down for by the Governor being prepared according to Order,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *George Roſs* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith, and alſo deliver the foregoing Remonſtrance for his Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Petition from ſundry Owners of Meadow-Lands in the Precinct of *Richmond*, the Report of the Committee on the Petitions of the Tanners and Shoemakers, the Petitions from *John* and *Joſeph Pawling* and from *Samuel Phipps*, concerning Title-Deeds, be, and the ſame are hereby recommended to the Conſideration of the next Aſſembly.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Petition of *Mary Norris*, ſurviving Adminiſtratrix of *Charles Norris*, deceaſed, late Truſtee of the General Loan-Office, the Length of Time which the Balance due to the Public from the Truſtees of the ſaid Office, hath remained unpaid, together with the repeated Promiſes given by the ſaid *Mary Norris* to the Committees of Aſſembly to pay the ſame,

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſaid *Mary Norris* hath not in her ſaid Petition offered any Reaſon to induce them to think that the Settlement made by the Committee of Aſſembly in 1768, and confirmed by the Houſe, is erroneous or unjuſt.

*Reſolved*, That the Balance at that Time found due to the Province from the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office by the ſaid Committee, and confirmed by the Houſe, was then juſtly due.

*Reſolved*, That after the great Lenity ſhewn by this and preceeding Houſes of Aſſembly in permitting the ſaid Truſtees to delay the Payment of the ſaid Balance ſo juſtly due to the Public, it is highly expedient and juſt that the Balance reported by the Committee of this Houſe remaining to be due from the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office ſhould be immediately paid, and therefore,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Truſtees do forthwith pay the ſame, agreeable to the Directions of the Law in ſuch Caſes provided.

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*Reſolved*, That the enforcing the immediate Payment of the ſaid Balance is hereby earneſtly recommended over to the ſerious Attention of the next Houſe of Aſſembly.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do deliver a Copy of the above Reſolves to the ſaid *Mary Norris* forthwith.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 28.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Remonſtrance from the Houſe and the Liſt of Certificates and Orders for incidental Expences, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſame into Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, with the Depoſition of Juſtice *de Haas* attending it, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage being drawn at the Table, and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſame was tranſcribed by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage from the Houſe.

WE have taken into Conſideration your Meſſage of the Twenty-ſeventh Inſtant, and heartly concur in Opinion with your Honour, that it is highly neceſſary for the Preſervation of the public Peace and a due Execution of the Laws, to offer a Reward for the apprehending *Lazarus Stewart* for the daring Inſult he has committed on the Authority of Government, and we have no Doubt but a future Aſſembly will chearfully make Proviſion for the Payment of *Fifty Pounds*, for the taking him, whenever the ſame ſhall become due.

From the Affidavit laid before us by the Secretary, we obſerve there is Cauſe to ſuſpect the ſaid *Stewart* hath been guilty of a Crime of a more atrocious Nature than that mentioned by your Honour. Should the Reward to be offered for taking him have the intended Effect, we have not the leaſt Doubt but you will give Orders for proſecuting him, as well for any other Offences ſupported by proper Evidence, as for the audacious Contempt he has ſhewn to the Authority of the Magiſtracy.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*September* 28, 1770. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Carpenter* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor with the above Meſſage, and deliver the ſame; and acquaint him, that, the Houſe incline to adjourn To-morrow, if he has no Objection thereto, and that they would be glad to know his Honour's Reſult on the Bills before him.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the Public Accounts, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, obſerving that *James Lindſay*, late Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Cumberland*, hath been greatly delinquent in his Duty in not duly accounting for and paying the Monies ariſing from the Exciſe on Spirituous Liquors,

*Ordered*, That the obliging the ſaid Collector to a Diſcharge of his Duty to the Public, be earneſtly recommended to the ſerious Attention of the next Aſſembly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Petition of *Robert Elder*, of the County of *York*, be, and the ſame is hereby recommended to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, the Houſe ſhould hear from him on the Bills this Evening, or To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe proceeded in reading the Report of the Committee on the public Accounts, and having gone through the ſame,

*Ordered*, That the Commiſſioners of the *Light-Houſe* at *Cape Henlopen* be allowed *Five per Cent* Commiſſions on the Monies paid ſince *September*, 1768, and credited in their Account, which will amount to the Sum of *One Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two-pence.*

*Ordered*, That the Truſtees, of the *State-Houſe* be allowed *Five per Cent* Commiſſions, payable to *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; on the Sum expended by him in repairing the *State-Houſe* and building a new Wall, which will amount to *One Hundred and One Pounds Nine Shillings.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 29.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sup-*
"*port of the Government of this Province, aud Payment of the Public Debts,*" and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe; that he would alſo write to General *Gage*, and recommend to his particular

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Notice the Remonstrance from the House concerning the Losses of the *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Waggoners pressed into the King's Service by Colonel *Wilkins*. 1770. September 29.

The Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating a Part of* "*a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for laying out and making a new Road instead* "*thereof*," and delivered a written Message from the Governor concerning the said Bill, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

'FROM the best Judgment I have been able to form of the Bill now before me, entituled, "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and* '*for laying out and making a new Road instead thereof*," it is proposed that a new Road 'shall be laid out for public Use, to intersect the River *Schuylkill* in a Point opposite to 'a Place on the other Side of that River, from whence a Provincial Road has been ap- 'plied for, by a Petition to me and the Council, to intersect the old Road leading to '*Chester* at *Crum Creek*. It may be proper to inform you that in Consequence of this 'Petition, an Order of Council has been made, appointing a Number of Gentlemen on 'their own View to judge of the Utility of that Road, and to make their Report ac- 'cordingly. As therefore the Necessity of laying out the Road proposed by the Bill seems 'to me wholly to depend on what may be done in the Case of the other Road, with 'which it is intended to have Communication, I think there would at present be great 'Impropriety in passing the Bill under Consideration. Besides, Gentlemen, the Acts of 'Assembly of this Province having established proper Judicatories for laying out both 'Provincial and private Roads, I can not see what Occasion there is for the Legislature 'to interpose in these Cases. For these Reasons I am under the disagreeable Necessity 'of returning you the Bill with a Negative.

*September* 29, 1770. JOHN PENN."

*Ordered*, That the said Road-Bill be, and the same is hereby recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

It being moved by one of the Trustees of the *Province* Island that the House would explain their Order of the *Twnty-first* of *February* last, respecting the Road through the said Island, inasmuch as some Doubts had arisen among the Trustees concerning the same;

*Ordered*, That the Trustees of the *Province* Island, or a Majority of them, do draw Orders on the Provincial Treasurer for defraying the Expence of making as well as laying out the Road already laid out and in Part made through the said Island, and when compleated, to lay their Accounts before a Committee of Assembly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the House being desirous to adjourn some Time To-day, would be glad to know at what Hour they shall attend his Honour to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent, and request he will be pleased to appoint some Members of Council to compare the said Bills with their Originals.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson* and Mr. *Fox* do join with the Members of Council in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Richardson* and Mr. *Fox* see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they shall be passed into Laws, and deposite the same in the Roll's Office.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would send down the Secretary to assist in comparing the Bills that have been agreed on, and should be himself in the Council-Chamber immediately to enact the same into Laws.

The Members appointed to collate the engrossed Bills, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

*Resolved*, Upon the Question,

That the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* be, and the same is hereby allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province, for his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn accordingly at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and ordered to be delivered to his Honour, when the House shall attend him to enact into Laws the Bills to which he has given his Assent.

*A Message by Mr.* Secretary.

"*SIR*,

" The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, pursuant to his Appointment, and " requires the Attendance of the Speaker and the House to enact into Laws the Bills " that have been agreed on during the present Sitting.

Then

1770. *September* 29. Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported the Houſe had waited on his Honour and preſented Four Bills, reſpectively entituled as follows, *viz.*

"*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the Public Debts*;"—— "*An Act for regulating Waggoners, Carters, Draymen, and Porters within the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*;"—— "*An Act for the Regulation of Apprentices within this Province*;" —— and, "*An Act to continue an Act*, entituled, "*An Act for the opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," —— to which ſeveral Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into Laws. The Speaker alſo reported that he had then, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, preſented to his Honour their Certificate for the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, for which he was pleaſed to ſay he was obliged to the Houſe.

The Houſe then took into Conſideration the Report of the Committee on the Accounts of the Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and their Clerks, of the County of *Lancaſter*, as ſettled by the ſaid Committee, and confirmed the ſame.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of Aſſembly do ſend to the Treaſurer for the Provincial Tax of the ſaid County a Liſt of the Names of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors aforeſaid, who are indebted to the Province, with the reſpective Sums from each of them due; and to the Treaſurer of the ſaid County a Liſt of the Names of the ſaid Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors who are indebted to the ſaid County, with the ſeveral Sums from each of them due.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Treaſurers reſpectively, do with all convenient Speed demand and receive the ſaid ſeveral Sums of the Perſons from whom they appear to be due and report their Proceedings herein to the next Aſſembly on or before the *Fifteenth of January* next.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Samuel Penroſe*, Tenant on the *Province* Iſland, was again read and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Truſtees of the ſaid Iſland do view and make Report to the next Aſſembly of the State of the Buildings and the Repairs wanting on the ſame, with an Eſtimate thereof, and alſo lay the Leaſe of the ſaid Iſland before the Houſe for their Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That a Compenſation to Doctor *Samuel Preſton Moore*, who acts in Behalf of the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, be recommended to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

*Ordered*, That the Report of the Committee on the Public Accounts be copied for the Printer.

*Ordered*, That the Minutes of the Houſe as far as they are yet printed, and the Laws of the Province paſſed this Year be ſent to the Agent by the firſt Veſſel.

*Ordered*, That the Road-Law, and Act for regulating Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters within the City of *Philadelphia*, paſſed this Day, be immediately publiſhed in the News Papers.

Adjournment. The Houſe abjourned to the *Thirtieth* of *September* Inſtant.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1770.

Incidental Expences.

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| TO the Honourable *John Penn*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor, | £ 1000 | 00 |
| To *Richard Jackſon*, Eſq; one of the Agents of this Province, in *London*, for Half a Year's Salary £ 100 Sterling, at 57 and an Half per Cent, —— —— | 157 | 10 0 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; Ditto, his Salary for the preſent Year, £ 500 Sterling, at 57 and an Half per Cent, —— | 787 | 10 0 |
| To *William Allen*, Eſq; his Salary as Chief-Juſtice, —— —— | 200 | 00 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Eſq; one of the Aſſiſtant Judges, his Salary, —— | 100 | 00 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; Ditto, his Salary, —— —— | 100 | 00 |
| To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; for Extra Services to the Houſe, —— | 60 | 00 |
| To *John Roſs*, Eſq; for Ditto, —— —— — | 10 | 00 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Eſq; his Salary as Attorney General, —— — | 75 | 00 |
| To *Joſeph Richardſon*, Eſq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts 26 Days, at 10*s.* per Diem, —— —— | 13 | 00 |
| To *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; for Ditto—24 Ditto at Ditto, —— | 12 | 00 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for Ditto—26 Ditto, at Ditto, —— | 13 | 00 |
| To *James Pemberton*, Eſq; for Ditto—26 Ditto, at Ditto, —— | 13 | 00 |
| Brought forward | £ 2541 | 00 |

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| | Brought over £ | 2541 | 0 0 | 1770. |
| To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for Ditto—26 Ditto, at Ditto, —— | | 13 | 0 0 | *September* 29. |
| To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for Ditto—9 Ditto, at Ditto, —— | | 4 | 10 0 | |
| To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of Assembly, and for transcribing and engrossing Laws, Votes, Messages, *&c. &c.* — | | 123 | 0 0 | |
| To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, —— | | 15 | 0 0 | |
| To Ditto, for his Account of Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, *&c.* — | | 18 | 12 6 | |
| To Ditto, for his Account of Postage for public Letters, —— | | 4 | 17 5 | |
| To *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-House Clock, *&c.* —— | | 20 | 10 0 | |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-Master, —— —— | | 60 | 0 0 | |
| To Ditto, his Commissions on the Repairs, and Building the new Wall at the State-House, —— —— —— | | 101 | 9 0 | |
| To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c. &c.* — | | 20 | 16 0 | |
| To *David Hall*, his Account of Stationary for the House, ——— | | 6 | 5 3 | |
| To Messrs. *Goddard* and *Towne*, for printing Laws, Votes, *&c. &c.* —— | | 22 | 5 0 | |
| To *Edmund Physic*, Esq; for affixing the Great Seal to Laws, *&c. &c. &c.* | | 14 | 5 0 | |
| To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, as per Account, —— | | 10 | 17 9 | |
| To *Henry Miller*, for printing Votes and Proceedings of the House, — | | 35 | 2 6 | |
| To *Samuel Kirk*, Serjeant at Arms, for his Services, and a Gratuity from the House, —— —— —— —— | | 30 | 0 0 | |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; the Balance of his Account for *Indian* Expences, — | | 15 | 13 6 | |
| To *William Sheed*, for his Services as Door-Keeper to the Council, ——. | | 3 | 10 0 | |
| To *Andrew M'Nair*, Door-Keeper to the House, for his Attendance and Services, —— — — — | | 20 | 13 1 | |
| To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; on Account of Wood for the ensuing Year, — | | 27 | 10 0 | |
| To *Whitehead Humphreys*, a Gratuity, —— —— | | 100 | 0 0 | |
| To *Godfrey Rehrer*, for Provisions and Attendance to the Commissioners appointed to run the *Berks* County Line, —— | | 41 | 2 5 | |
| To the Commissioners of *Berks* County, for *Indian* Disbursements, —— | | 13 | 12 0 | |
| To *Frederick Weiser*, for Ditto; —— —— | | 21 | 13 0 | |
| To *William Scull*, towards defraying the Expence of publishing his late Map of this Province, —— —— —— | | 40 | 0 0 | |
| To Colonel *Turbot Francis*, for the Balance of his Account of *Indian* Expences, | | 31 | 12 4 | |
| To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, to be applied in Support of the aged and infirm *French* Neutrals, —— | | 50 | 0 0 | |
| | £ | 3406 | 16 9 | |

WE the Committee for Incidental Expences have examined the several Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

*Philadelphia*,
*September* 29, 1770.

JOSEPH WATSON,
JOHN FOULKE,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
GEORGE ROSS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY.

## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fifteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1770, *P.M.*

1770. October 15. BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to ſerve in Aſſembly as Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, for the enſuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
*Michael Hillegas,*
*Rowland Evans,*
*Henry Pawling,*
*Joſeph Fox,*
*Iſrael Jacobs,*
*Thomas Livezey,*
*Joſeph Parker,*
*Samuel Rhoads.*

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
*John Dickinſon,*
*Abel James.*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*John Foulke,*
*Peter Shepherd,*
*John Brown,*
*Henry Krewſen,*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*Joſeph Watſon,*
*William Rodman,*
*Benjamin Chapman,*
*Joſeph Galloway.*

For the County of *Cheſter.*
*Charles Humphreys,*
*Iſaac Pearſon,*
*John Minſhall,*
*John Morton,*
*John Jacobs,*
*John Croſby,*
*George Aſhbridge,*
*John Sellers.*

For the County of *Lancaſter.*
*Emanuel Carpenter,*
*George Roſs,*

For the County of *Lancaſter.*
*James Wright,*
*Joſeph Ferree.*

For the County of *York.*
*Michael Swoope,*
*Thomas Minſhall.*

For the County of *Cumberland.*
*William Allen,*
*John Montgomery.*

For the County of *Berks.*
*Edward Biddle.*

For the County of *Northampton.*
*William Edmunds.*

A Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; was choſen Speaker of the Houſe for the enſuing Year, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Minſhall* and Mr. *Edmunds* be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that, purſuant to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, have proceeded to chuſe a Speaker for the enſuing Year, and requeſt to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleaſed to receive the Houſe, that they may preſent their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would be at the Council Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, in Order to receive the Houſe with their Speaker.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

*A Meſſage by Mr.* SECRETARY.

*SIR,*

" The Governor is at the Council Chamber, agreeable to his Appointment, and re-
" quires the Attendance of the Houſe to preſent their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that the Houſe had waited on his Honour and preſented their Speaker, whom his Honour had been pleaſed to approve, and that he (the Speaker) had then in the Name, and on Behalf of the Houſe, claimed their uſual Privileges, *viz.*

*Firſt*, That the Members of the Houſe, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propoſitions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may, at all ſeaſonable times, have free Acceſs to the Governor, the better to enable them to diſcharge the Buſineſs of the public.

*Thirdly*, That their Perſons and Eſtates may be free from all Arreſts, Moleſtations and Injuries during the Time of accuſtomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*,

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*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in this House, until the same shall be passed into a Resolve, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania* in Assembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might always rely on his Protection.

The Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and subscribed first by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeding as usual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this House for the ensuing Year; and he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with the Minutes of a Conference held by his Honour at *Philadelphia*, on *Saturday*, the Sixth Instant, with several *Munsey Indians*, which were read by Order, and the said Message follows in these Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

'I HAVE ordered the Secretary to lay before you a Conference I had on the Sixth Instant with some *Munsey Indians*, charged with a Message from the *Six Nations*, 'informing me, that they have a great deal to say to me, and requesting that I would 'hold a Treaty with them some Time next Spring. I have not been able to collect 'what particular Business they have to transact with us. Should it relate to Matters 'which concern this Province only, *and are not merely Objects of Negociations between 'His Majesty and them*, which by the late Royal Regulations fall within the Department of the Superintendants of *Indian* Affairs, Justice and good Policy, in my 'Opinion, require that we should comply with their Request. In an Affair of such Importance, and which in its Consequences may be attended with a considerable Expence 'to the Public, I should be glad, Gentlemen, of your Advice and Assistance, and shall 'detain the *Indians* till I receive your Answer, which I request may be as soon as possible.

'During my Administration I have often been put to great Difficulties, for Want 'of Money to defray the Expences of such *Indians*, as have applied to me from Time to 'Time in the Recess of Assembly, and have some times been under the Necessity of detaining them longer than I otherwise should have done on that Account, which has 'greatly enhanced the Public Expence. I think it would be to the Honour as well as 'Interest of the Government, that a permanent Fund should be established for this 'Purpose: I therefore earnestly recommend this Matter to your Consideration, and hope 'you will make such Provision, as you judge may be adequate to the Occasion, without 'Loss of Time.

*October* 16, 1770. *JOHN PENN.*"

A Petition from *William Sheed*, Doorkeeper to the Council, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed to the Office of Serjeant at Arms to the House for the ensuing Year; in the Room of *Samuel Kirk*, who hath resigned the same; whereupon it was

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That the said *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Doorkeeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Watson* and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Thomas Minshall*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmunds* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other Public

1770. *October* 16. Public Accounts for the enſuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe, in order that the ſaid Accounts be fully adjuſted and made ready to be laid before the Houſe on the firſt Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to reviſe and correct the Minutes of this Houſe for the enſuing Year before they are printed.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Minutes of the Proceedings of this Houſe be printed with all convenient Diſpatch, being firſt reviſed by the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Perſon but ſuch as he ſhall appoint, do preſume to print the ſame.

*Reſolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; late of this City, be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province for the enſuing Year, to ſolicit and tranſact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*.

*Reſolved*, That *Joſeph Fox* Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter for the enſuing Year of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City.

*Reſolved*, That *William Bowſman*, of the Borough of *Lancaſter*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter for the enſuing Year of the Barracks in the ſaid Borough.

*Reſolved*, That *Joſeph Stretch*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Philadelphia* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *John Woolſton* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Bucks* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Charles Humphreys*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cheſter* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Sebaſtian Graff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Lancaſter* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jacob Billmeyer* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *York* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Baird* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cumberland* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jaſper Scull* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Berks* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jeſſe Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northampton*, for the enſuing Year.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*October* 17. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Rules for better regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members, were read as uſual, and agreed to by the Houſe.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed and impowered to demand and collect the Fines ariſing upon the Breach of any of the ſaid Rules, to be applied to the Uſe of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

Mr. *Dickinſon* this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

Petitions from *Joſeph Paul* and *William Dewees*, Millers of the County of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting and branding Flour exported from the ſaid County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions from *Richard Price*, *Charles Hicks*, and *Conrad Kehmle*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of this City, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth their Circumſtances, and praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, together with the Minutes of the Conference held by his Honour with the *Munſey Indians* now in Town, and after ſome time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

Upon Motion,

That the Doors of the Aſſembly Room be ſet open, and the Freeholders and other reputable Inhabitants admitted at ſeaſonable Times to hear the Debates of the Houſe, the ſaid Motion was taken into Conſideration by the Houſe, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the ſame was referred to further Conſideration in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read, was, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May*

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*May it please your* HONOUR,

October 17. Answer to the Governor's Message from the Assembly.

THE House taking into their serious Consideration your Honour's Message of the Sixteenth Instant, and the Minutes of the Conference therewith sent down by the Secretary, beg Leave to remark, that they esteem it their Duty at all Times carefully to attend to the Complaints of *Indians*, and to apply every reasonable Means in their Power to keep them in good Temper and Harmony with this Government; but as it does not appear by the present Application for a Treaty with this Province, what is the Cause thereof, nor is it made with such Certainty, or with those Ceremonies usually attending such Requisitions, we apprehend we should not at present be justified in burdening our Constituents with the great Expence which would attend a Public Treaty. We therefore beg Leave, to recommend it to your Honour, to confer further with the *Indians* now in the City, and if they can inform you of any Complaints the *Six Nations* or any other *Indians* have against this Government, or of any other Motive to desire a Treaty with us, the House will, upon being acquainted therewith, duly consider the same, and afford to your Honour such Advice and Assistance as the Nature of such Complaints or Motives may require.

With regard to your Honour's Recommendation that the House would provide a Fund to defray the occasional Expences of *Indians* coming to this City during the Recess of Assembly, we are of Opinion, that the establishing such a Fund may be attended with Inconveniences, as thereby Numbers of *Indians* might be encouraged to pay frequent and unnecessary Visits to *Philadelphia*, to the great Expence of the Province;—and we look upon such an Establishment the more unnecessary, as former Houses of Assembly have always chearfully discharged such Expences as have accrued upon like Occasion; and we presume your Honour may confide in it, that this and future Assemblies will readily defray any reasonable Charges that may be required for such Purposes.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*October* 17, 1770. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message, and deliver the same.

Adjournment *October* 18.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that the House, having no material Business before them at present, incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Seventh of *January* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto.

The House then resumed the Consideration of the Motion made Yesterday, for admitting the Freeholders and other reputable Inhabitants of this Province, to hear the Debates of the House, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, whether the said Freeholders and other Inhabitants, qualified to elect Members of Assembly, shall be admitted to hear the Debates of this House at such Times, and under such Regulations and Restrictions, as the House shall think proper? the same was resolved in the Affirmative.

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the verbal Message in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence do prepare and bring in a Draught of Instructions to the Agent of this Province in *London*, to be transmitted by the first Opportunity.

Adjournment *October* 19.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Committee of Correspondence, pursuant to the Order of last Night, presented to the Chair a Draught of Instructions to the Agent for this Province in *London*, which was read by Order, and being agreed to by the House and transcribed, follows in these Words, *viz.*

*SIR*,

Instructions to the Agent in London.

IN Pursuance of the Directions of the House of Assembly to the Committee of Correspondence, we inclose you their Resolves, appointing us that Committee, and you the Agent to solicit and transact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain* for the ensuing Year.

Upon considering the Instructions given by preceding Assemblies, the present House find them so full, as well on the important Matters which relate to the general Rights

1770. *October* 19. and Liberties of *America*, as thoſe which concern this Province, that they think it unneceſſary to repeat them; and, as nothing new has occurred, they content themſelves at preſent with recommending them to your ſerious Attention.

The Experience they have had of your Abilities and Fidelity, leaves them no room to doubt that you will at all Times exert your utmoſt Endeavours to obtain Redreſs of every Aggrievance which in any wiſe affects the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies, and to promote the Welfare of this Province. We are with great Regard,

*Your aſſured Friends and very humble Servants,*

*Philadelphia*, *October* 19, 1770.

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*
THOMAS LIVEZEY,
JOSEPH FOX,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
JOSEPH WATSON,
ISAAC PEARSON."

The Houſe taking into their Conſideration the Balance long due from the late Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts do immediately call on the ſaid Truſtees and the ſurviving Adminiſtratrix of *Charles Norris*, deceaſed, for the Payment of the Balance found due to the Province by a former Houſe.

*Reſolved*, That if the ſaid Balance ſhall not be paid before the next Meeting of this Aſſembly, that the Houſe will take ſuch Meaſures as ſhall be effectual for obtaining Payment thereof.

The Houſe then taking into their Conſideration the Delinquency of *James Lindſay*, late Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Cumberland*,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do forthwith call on the ſaid *Lindſay* for the Settlement of his Accounts and Payment of the Balance due to the Public.

*Ordered*, That if the ſaid *James Lindſay* ſhall not fully ſettle his Account, and pay the Balance due to the Public, before the next Sitting of Aſſembly, that the Provincial Treaſurer do take ſuch legal Meaſures as ſhall be effectual for thoſe Purpoſes.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker be requeſted to procure a Continuation of the Debates and Votes of the Houſe of Commons, and the Laws and Votes of the ſeveral Colonies of *Maſſachuſetts*, *New-York*, *New-Jerſey*, *Maryland*, and *Viginia*, for the Uſe of the Houſe.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the Seventh of *January* next.

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearſon* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met agreeable to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Buſineſs his Honour may be pleaſed to lay before them.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Swoope* this Day appearing in the Houſe the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *James* be added to the Committee appointed to ſettle the Public Accounts of the enſuing Year.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would, as ſoon as any Buſineſs occurred, communicate the ſame to the Houſe by a Meſſage.

Sundry Petitions from Perſons confined in the Gaol of this City for Debt, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the Circumſtances of the Petitioners, and praying Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to examine the Laws of the Province, and report ſuch as are expired, or near expiring, and require to be renewed; alſo to inſpect the Minutes of the late Aſſmebly, and report the ſeveral Matters recommended over to the preſent Houſe.

A Petition from *Matthew Conard*, of the County of *Philadelphia*, Miller, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed to the Office of Inſpector and Brander of Flour exported from the ſaid County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Committee appointed to examine the Laws of the Province and Votes of Aſſembly, and report from thence ſuch Laws as are near expiring, and require to be renewed, together with the ſeveral Matters recommended to the Conſideration of this Houſe,

House, made Report thereof in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

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Report from the Committee appointed to examine the Laws, &c.

THE Committee appointed to examine the Laws and Votes of Assembly, *&c.* beg Leave to report, that they find some of the following Laws are expired, and others near expiring, or wanting Amendments, *to wit*,

"*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread*,"—expired.

"*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein after named to settle the Accounts of the "Managers, and to sue for and recover from several Persons such Sums of Money as are "now due and unpaid on Account of a Lottery set up and drawn for erecting a Bridge over "*Skippack *Creek*, &c."—expired.

"*An Act to regulate the* Nightly *Watch in the City of* Philadelphia," &c.—"*An Act "for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch*," &c. and a Supplement to the last Act,—expired.

"*An Act to prevent the Destruction of small Rock-Fish, and taking Oysters out of "Season*,"—requires Amendment.

"*An Act to regulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill,"—expired.

"*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, An Act for the better Employment, Relief and "Support of the Poor in the City of* Philadelphia,"&c.—expired.—A Law for Amendment and Explanation of the Poor-Laws in this Province, would be of public Utility.

"*An Act to continue an Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and "for the better regulating Pilots*," &c.—expires at this Sitting of the House.

The several Matters following are recommended to the Consideration of this House by the late Assembly, *to wit*,

"*An Act declaring* Susquehanna *and other Rivers public Highways*," &c.

*John Clayton's* Machine for threshing Wheat and other Grain.

The Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*.

The Balance due to the Province from the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office.

The Petition from sundry Owners of Meadow-Grounds in the Precinct of *Richmond*.

The Petition from *John* and *Joseph Pawling* and *Samuel Phips*, concerning Title Deeds.

The obliging *James Lindsay*, Collector of Excise for the County of *Cumberland*, to account for and pay the Money arising from spirituous Liquors sold in the said County.

The Report of the Committee on the Petitions of the Tanners and Shoemakers of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c.

The Petition of *Robert Elder*, of *York* County.

The Governor's Message concerning the Bill offered to him by the late House for vacating Part of an old Road in the Township of *Passyunk*, and laying out a new Road instead thereof.

The making a Compensation to Doctor *Samuel Preston Moore*, who acts in Behalf of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office.

The Account of the *Province* Island, the State of the Buildings, and the Lease of the said Island.

The Petitions from the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks*, for a new Road.

*Submitted to the House by*

JOSEPH WATSON, ROWLAND EVANS,
GEORGE ROSS, SAMUEL RHOADS,
EDWARD BIDDLE, ABEL JAMES.

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread.

*Ordered*, That the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly to settle the Accounts of the Managers of the *Skippack* Lottery, lay a State of their Settlement before the House as soon as conveniently may be.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 9.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Three Petitions, signed by a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *York*, living near the River *Connewago*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have for many Years past been plentifully supplied with a great Variety of Fish which came up the said River out of *Susquehanna*;—that several Mills have been lately built across the said River *Connewago*, and some of the Dams raised so high that the Fish are entirely prevented from going up, by reason whereof the Petitioners are deprived of the great Advantage of the Fishery, and the River rendered useless to the Inhabitants near the same in this Respect;—that if the several Persons who have built Dams on the said River, and such others as shall hereafter erect Dams thereon,

were

1771. *January* 9. were obliged to make Paſſages for the Fiſh to go up the ſaid River in ſuch Parts of the Dams as would be leaſt prejudicial to the Owners thereof, and to have Gates for the ſame, which ſhould be kept open in the proper Seaſon, the Evil complained of would be remedied without any Injury to the Owners of the Dams; and praying Relief.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Hillegas*, in Behalf of himſelf and the other Commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the Managers of the *Skippack* Lottery, laid before the Houſe a State of their Settlement with the ſaid Managers, purſuant to the Order of laſt Night, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Inſpection of the Members.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable certain Perſons therein named to recover the Balances due from a late Lottery ſet up for raiſing Money to erect a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, to receive ſuch Donations as may hereafter be made for that Purpoſe, and to build the ſaid Bridge.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Sellers* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Deſtruction of Rock-Fiſh and Oyſters.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee do alſo prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Fiſhery in the River *Schuylkill*.

Four Petitions from Perſons confined in the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia* for Debt, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the Circumſtances of the Petitioners, and praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to examine the Laws of this Province, *&c.* and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a general Bill for the Relief of the Poor.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 10. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the Report of the Committee on the ſeveral Matters recommended from the late Aſſembly, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Swoope* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Waters of *Suſquehanna* public Highways, and for improving the Navigation thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Waters of *Delaware* public Highways, and for improving the Navigation thereof.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Waters of *Schuylkill* public Highways, and for improving the Navigation thereof.

*Ordered*, That *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Minſhall*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to examine the Machine lately conſtructed by *John Clayton* for threſhing Grain, and report to the Houſe their Sentiments of the Uſefulneſs thereof,

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from Doctor *Adam Simon Kuhn*, of the Borough of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that *James Hamilton*, Eſq; by Deed dated the 24th of *November*, 1736, granted a certain Lot of Ground known by the No. 3, and in ſaid Deed particularly bounded and deſcribed, ſubject to certain Rents and Covenants therein expreſſed, unto a certain *Henry Boſsler*;—that the ſaid *Henry Boſsler*, by Deed dated the 4th of *December*, 1736, granted and conveyed the ſame Lot of Ground unto a certain *Frederick Struble*, who by Deed dated the 17th of *April*, 1738, granted and conveyed the ſame to *Ludowick Stone*, now of the Borough aforeſaid;—that the ſaid *Ludowick Stone*, by Deed dated the 21ſt of *December*, 1747, granted Part of the ſaid Lot to the Petitioner; and afterwards by Deed dated the 22d of *November*, 1752, the ſaid *Ludowick Stone* granted and conveyed the Reſidue to a certain *Englehart Yeiſer*, deceaſed;—that the ſaid *Englehart Yeiſer* dying inteſtate, the ſame was ſold by Order of the Orphans Court, made the 7th of *December*, 1762, when *Jacob Yeiſer*, Son of the Deceaſed, became the Purchaſer, and had the ſame confirmed to him by the Court, and conveyed in Purſuance thereof by *Eve Yeiſer*, the Adminiſttratrix, by Deed dated the 29th of *November*, 1763, which ſaid *Jacob Yeiſer* granted and conveyed the ſame to the Petitioner; by Means of which ſeveral Conveyances he is now entitled to the Whole of ſaid Lot of Ground with the Appurtenances;—that by ſome Accident the

Deed

Deed from *Frederick Struble* to *Ludowick Stone* is lost, which breaks the Chain of the Petitioner's Title to the said Lot of Ground, and may be very injurious to him;—that the Petitioner humbly offers the other Deeds and his Case to the Consideration of the Honourable House, and prays their Interposition by passing a Law to relieve him from the Inconvenience that may attend such Loss. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

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A Representation from the Grand Jury for the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Behalf of themselves and their Fellow-Citizens they request Leave to submit the following Matters to the Consideration of the Honourable House, *viz.*

A Representation from the Grand Jury for *Philadelphia.*

THAT the Act for the Purpose of enlightening the Streets, *&c.* in the said City, and for other Purposes therein named, has been for some Time expired, and that the Wardens appointed by Virtue of the said Act, have since its Expiration necessarily incurred for the City a very considerable Debt, for the Discharge of which there is at this Time no Fund established;—that many Pumps (the Property of private Persons) in the Streets, *&c.* of this City are now rendered of little Use, and in Case of Fire will prove no Security to the Inhabitants, through the Neglect or Refusal of the Owners to maintain them in good Order;——that they apprehend, the Placing under the Care of City Wardens all private Pumps which are now erected in the Streets, will relieve the present Owners from very great Burthens, and contribute much to the Convenience and Security of the Citizens in general;——that in many Streets (especially in Third-Street, and in those West of Third-Street) Lamps are greatly wanted.

That the Jury, having carefully examined the State of the late Watch and Lamp Tax, are of Opinion, that an Assessment of *Four Pence* per Pound on the real Estates of the Citizens, is insufficient to defray the Annual Expence attending the Nightly Watch, *&c.* on its present Footing; and as the Welfare and Security of their Fellow-Citizens require that many additional Lamps should be erected, and that the Pumps in general should be kept in better Order than they are in at present;—the Jury humbly pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and make such Provision for the Support of the Nightly Watch, Lamps and Pumps as to them in their Wisdom may be deemed effectual. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Complaint of *Ludowick Harple*, recommended from the late Assembly to the Notice of this House,

*Ordered*, That *Charles Jolly*, Esq; do attend the House on *Wednesday* next, the Sixteenth Instant, to answer to such Matters and Things as shall be objected against him by *Ludowick Harple*, relative to his Conduct in the Office of a Justice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*.

*Ordered*, That the Serjeant at Arms to this House do serve the said *Charles Jolly* with a Copy of this Order, and that he also give Notice to *Ludowick Harple* to attend the House with his Witnesses and Proofs on the same Day.

A Report from *Michael Diffenderfer* and *Christian Wertz*, Treasurers of the Provincial and County Taxes levied in the County of *Lancaster*, were presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Pursuance of an Order from the late Assembly of the Twenty-Ninth of *September* last, they have called on the several Persons mentioned in a List to the said Order annexed, and have received from them certain Payments and Answers in Manner following, *viz.*

*John Hay* his Executors refuse Payment.

*George Leonard* has refused to pay.

*Jacob Carpenter* will attend the House and give his Answer.

*Samuel Steel* is dead and has left no Estate.

*William Jones* has refused to pay.

*Henry Walter* has refused to pay.

*Michael Hubley* will answer to the House.

*John Miller* has refused to pay.

*Christian Hildebrand* is not to be found, has left no Estate here.

*John Smith* his Executor has refused to pay.

*Robert Spear* has paid to the Treasurer of the Province Tax £ 69 : 7 : 6, and to the Treasurer of the County Tax £ 70 : 2 : 6.

*Michael Grimes* has refused to pay.

*Joshua Anderson* has refused to pay.

*Henry Weaver* says, it is an easy Matter to receive Money, but hard to return it, and that he would not pay the Balance demanded of him till his Conscience should tell him he had done wrong, which, he says, has not yet been the Case.

*Daniel M'Pherson* is moved out of the Province, and the Treasurers have been credibly informed has left Bonds in the Hands of some Person in this County, for the Purpose of discharging the Demands against him by the said Order; but in whose Hands the Bonds are, the Treasurers have not yet had an Opportunity of discovering.

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*Frederick Stone* is willing to pay, but prays a little Time.

*James Wilſon* has refuſed to pay.

*Iſaac Myers*——the Adminiſtrators have refuſed to pay.

*Adam Ort* has paid to the Treaſurer of the Provincial Tax £ 37, and to the Treaſurer of the County Tax £ 32 : 12 : 5.

*Caleb Johnſon* has brought in Accounts againſt the Province and the County of *Lancaſter*, to the Amount of £ 18 : 2 : 6, which Accounts are herewith delivered to the Houſe,——the Remainder of the Sum demanded from him he is willing to pay.

*George M'Cullough* has refuſed to pay.

*John Carpenter* has left his Wages as Commiſſioner for the Year 1769 and 1770, to diſcharge Part of the Sum demanded of him, and has promiſed to pay the Remainder.

*James Gibbons* ſays, he is willing to pay what he has taken as an Aſſeſſor, but the Sum received as Clerk to the Board he refuſes to pay.

*Caſper Core* is willing to pay, but could not do it at the particular Time it was demanded of him.

*John Hopſon* has brought an Account againſt the Province and the County of *Lancaſter* for £ 12, the Remainder of the Sum demanded of him he has paid into the Hands of the Treaſurers;——the Account is herewith preſented to the Houſe.

*William Davis* has refuſed to pay.

*Iſaac Saunders* ſays he will anſwer to the Houſe.

*James Webb*, Jun. thinks he ought not to pay the Money demanded of him, as he was employed by a particular Set of Men to do their Buſineſs as a Clerk, and was by them paid for his Trouble, according to the Agreement made between them and him.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Repreſentations from *Michael Graham*, and *Michael Hubley*, formerly a Commiſſioner and Aſſeſſor for the County of *Lancaſter*, were preſented to the Houſe, and being read, the latter is in Subſtance as follows, *viz.*

THAT in the Year 1760, 61 and 62 the ſaid County did not elect any Commiſſioner that reſided in the Borough of *Lancaſter*, and the Board thought proper, for the Convenience of the County, to delegate to the ſaid *Hubley*, living in the Borough, a Power to hear Perſons who conceived themſelves aggrieved by their Taxes, and could not attend on the proper Day of Appeal, by which he was enabled to lower the Rates of thoſe who had been overtaxed, and to make out Certificates of ſuch Abatement to the Collectors;— that he accordingly undertook this Buſineſs, and drew, to the beſt of his Remembrance, upwards of a thouſand Certificates within the ſaid Time, for which Service he was allowed Pay by the Board of Commiſſioners, and received ſeveral Orders on the Treaſurer for the ſame;—that he was alſo employed by the ſaid Board to hire Workmen to ſink a Well in the Priſon Yard in the County of *Lancaſter*, which took conſiderable Time, and was attended with much Trouble in blowing Rocks, getting Stone quarried and hauled to wall the ſame, and in procuring a Pump to be made and fixed therein;—that he alſo expended ſundry Sums of Money out of his own Pocket to diſcharge a Number of incidental Charges, for which, and his Trouble, he received ſundry Orders on the Treaſurer; with which Orders he conceives he is charged in the Books laid before the Houſe, and that they have not been conſidered as Money paid to him for his extraordinary Services and Expences in the Matters above-mentioned, but as Sums paid him as an Aſſeſſor, he therefore ſubmits his Caſe to the Judgment of the Houſe, and hopes they will do therein as to them ſhall ſeem juſt and equitable.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 11. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the Report of the Treaſurers of *Lancaſter* County, with the Repreſentation from *Michael Hubley*, preſented laſt Night, the ſaid *Hubley* was called in, and acquainted from the Chair that the Power delegated to him by the Commiſſioners of the ſaid County to determine on Appeals from the Inhabitants, reſpecting their Taxes, being illegal, he ought not to have exerciſed or accepted it, and that as the Balance demanded from him in Right of the Public, was only the Money overpaid him as an Aſſeſſor, and not in diſcharge of other Services, he was required to return the ſame without any Abatement.

*Ordered*, That the Accounts exhibited to this Houſe by *Robert Amor*, *Robert Whitehill*, *John Hopſon* and *Caleb Johnſon*, of the County of *Lancaſter*, be referred to the Committee of Accounts for Examination, and that the ſaid Committee do prepare and bring in a Bill to recover certain Balances due to the Public from ſundry Perſons, late Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks of the ſaid County.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Deſtruction of Rock-Fiſh and Oyſters, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading,

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The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Fishery in the River *Schuylkill*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading. 1771 January 11.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the River *Susquehanna* and other Streams therein mentioned public Highways, *&c.* reported a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House taking into Consideration the Resolve of Assembly in their last Sitting, relative to the Balance due from the late Trustees of the General Loan-Office, and being informed that a Part of the said Balance has been since paid by Mrs. *Mary Norris*, surviving Administratrix of *Charles Norris*, Esq; deceased, one of the said late Trustees, and that the said *Mary Norris* is using her best Endeavours to discharge the Residue, referred the said Resolve to future Consideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Owners of Lands in the Precinct of *Richmond*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose mentioned in their Petition.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. January 12.

A Petition from *Abraham Sahler*, of the Townships of *Perkiomen* and *Skippack*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is seized of a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate in the said Townships, which has been several times sold by one Purchaser to another, and Deeds of Conveyance duly executed, sufficient (as the Petitioner apprehends) to constitute a regular Chain from the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province down to himself; but through Accident two of the said Title Deeds have been very much defaced, and as the Petitioner knows of no other Means of perfecting his Title to the said Land than by an Act of General Assembly to be passed for that Purpose, he humbly prays the House would be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them shall seem proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Consideration of the Report of the Committee of the late Assembly on the Petitions of the Tanners and Shoemakers, recommended to the Notice of this House,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmunds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for remedying the Incoveniences complained of by the Petitioners.

*Ordered*, That the Petition of *George Elder*, of *Fawn* Township, in the County of *York*, against *William Smith*, a Justice of the Peace for the said County, be, and the same is hereby referred to the Consideration of the Committee of Grievances, who are to report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock on *Monday* next. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. January 14. *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by an Act of General Assembly, passed in the 29th Year of his late Majesty's Reign, the Wardens of the City of *Philadelphia* were impowered to take into their Possession, for the Use of the Public, all the Pumps in the public Streets, Lanes and Alleys in the said City, and to lay an additional Tax on all Estates real and personal within the same, to keep them in Repair, which said Act is now expired;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive themselves much aggrieved by the said Act, in that they are compelled to pay a Tax for their own Property, or what they do not partake of, and that the good Intent of the Legislature has not been answered, few Wells having been dug by the Wardens since the passing of the said Act, whereby many of the Inhabitants have been discouraged from erecting Pumps, as they are nevertheless subject to a Tax from which they receive no Benefit;—that the Petitioners are of Opinion, there would have been a greater Number of Pumps in the City, and those kept in as good Order, had the said Law not been made; for although the Wardens were thereby impowered to agree with the Owners of such Pumps as are already fixed in the Streets, and to take them into their Care, yet when divers of the Inhabitants, who had erected Pumps at their own Expence, have offered to deliver up the same to the Wardens, without any other Consideration than that of keeping them in Repair for the future at the public Charge, they have been refused, and notwithstanding it is enacted by the said Law, that every Pump found to have been out of Repair for Three Months shall be taken by the Wardens, and afterwards become the Property of the Public, to be supported at the public Expence, there are Pumps in some Streets that have been unfit for Use Twelve Months, without any Notice being taken of them: Wherefore the Petitioners pray the House to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant them such Relief therein as may be judged reasonable.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

1771. *January* 14. A Petition from a Number of the Back-Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Berks*, for a new County, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 15. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Iſaac Sanders*, of the Couny of *Lancaſter*, late Clerk to the Board of Commiſſioners of the ſaid County, requeſting to be heard before the Committees of Aggrievances and Accounts, relative to the Sum reported by the ſaid Committees to be overpaid him for his Services to the ſaid Board.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Committees do hear the ſaid *Iſaac Sanders*, agreeable to his Requeſt by Letter to the Speaker, and report thereon to the Houſe.

A Member preſented to the Chair, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe a Bill entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting Part of the Counties "of* Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lancaſter *into a ſeparate County*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *John Cox*, Senior, of the City of *Philadelphia*, againſt the Enlargement of *George Hawkins*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Allowance recommended by the late Aſſembly to be made to Doctor *Samuel Preſton Moore*, who has acted for ſome Years paſt in Behalf of the late Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts do enquire into the Services performed by the ſaid *Samuel Preſton Moore*, and report to the Houſe ſuch Compenſation as may be reaſonable to make him for the ſame.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe taking into Conſideration a Bill offered to the Governor by the late Aſſembly, and returned with his Negative, entituled, "*An Act for vacating Part of a "Road in the Townſhip of* Paſſyunk, *and laying out a new Road inſtead thereof*," after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Foulke* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a new Bill for the ſaid Purpoſes.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration certain Petitions to the late Aſſembly for Aſſiſtance in opening and making a public Road from the Town of *Reading*, through *Berks* County, to the River *Suſquehanna*, on the South Side of *Machanay* Mountain, near Fort *Auguſta*, after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration in the Afternoon.

Adjournment The Houſe Adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions read in the Forenoon, praying Aſſiſtance in opening a public Road from *Reading* to *Suſquehanna*, near Fort *Auguſta*, and after a long Debate thereon, four Members ſtanding up, moved for the following Queſtion, *viz.* Whether the Houſe will grant at this Time any public Money towards opening the ſaid Road, upon Condition that Subſcriptions be made by the Inhabitants to a Certain Amount for the ſame Purpoſe;—Upon which the previous Queſtion being called for, and put by the Speaker, the ſame was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 17. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Croſby* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable Commiſſioners to be therein named, to receive and apply ſuch Contributions from the Inhabitants as ſhall be made towards opening the Road laid out, and confirmed by the Governor and Council, from the Town of *Reading* to *Suſquehanna*, near Fort *Auguſta*.

The Petitions from divers Inhabitants of the County of *York*, concerning a Regulation of the Fiſheries in the Rivers *Codorus* and *Connewago*, being again read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Thomas Minſhall* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Fiſheries in the ſaid Rivers.

A Member preſented at the Clerk's Table, purſuant to Leave from the Houſe for that Purpoſe, a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the "better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the Fourth Day of *February* next.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Aggrievances do sit as often, during the present Session of Assembly, as there may be Occasion, to hear the Complaints of Persons who conceive themselves aggrieved by any public Officer of the Province, in taking exorbitant Fees for Services done in Discharge of his Office, or any other public Grievance. 1771. *January* 17.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolve and Order be published in the next Week's News-Papers.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent the* "*Destruction of Rock-Fish and Oysters*," which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls and Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Fees appointed to be taken in the said Office for recording of Deeds, were established by an Act passed in the first Year of King *George* the First, and the Fees of the Office of Master of the Rolls appointed by an Act in the Ninth Year of the same Reign;——that in those early Times, when House-Rent, Provisions, Fire-Wood, and other Necessaries of Living, and the Wages and Maintenance of Clerks, were to be purchased and obtained at very low and easy Rates, the Fees then appointed might by the Legislature be thought sufficient for the Services done; and if there was but little Business, the Officer might employ his Leisure in other profitable Concerns;—— that the Petitioner's Predecessor enjoyed for a great Number of Years, with the said Offices, the lucrative Post of Clerk to the Loan-Office, which in great Measure compensated for the Smalness of the Fees in his other Offices;—that although the Duties of the said Offices oblige the Petitioner to employ several Clerks, and require his constant Attendance and Care to conduct the same with the Accuracy and Dispatch their great Importance requires, yet the very great Advance in all the Articles of House-keeping, and in the Hire and Maintenance of Clerks, since the Time of settling the said Fees, occasion the said Office to be of small Value, and render the Fees appointed to be taken greatly inadequate to the Services done; — the Petitioner therefore humbly prays the House to take this Matter into their serious Consideration, and to grant him Relief therein by establishing such Fees, to be taken for the Business to be done in the said Offices, as will be suitable and proportionable to the Care, Expence and Trouble of executing the same.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A petition from Captain *John M'Pherson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning a new invented Mill for grinding Grain, and a Machine for raising Water, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from *William Parr*, Esq; Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in Obedience to the Order of the late Assembly, made in the Month of *September*, 1769, the Memorialist hath received a Number of Deeds and Papers from *Timothy Matlack* and *Richard Waln*, and prepared a List of the same to publish in the News-Papers, as thereby directed;—that since the Memorialist received the said Deeds and Papers, it has happened, and may happen again, that two Persons holding Lands under the same Deed have demanded it, and each forbid him delivering the same to the other, intimating that if he did, they would bring their Action against him;—that apprehending by publishing the said List, he would furnish such contentious People with Proof, whereby they might vex him with Suits at Law, he has hitherto declined doing it, and now prays the Aid and Advice of the Honourable House in the Premises, and that he may be directed in what Mannner to proceed when any of the said Deeds are claimed by two or more Persons. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the* "*Fishery in the River* Schuylkill," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *January* 18.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein* "*mentioned, public Highways*," &c. which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susque- "hanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *January* 19.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for vacating Part of a Road in the Township of *Passyunk*, and laying out a new Road instead thereof, reported they had essayed a Draught for those Purposes, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

1771. *January* 19. The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring* "*the River* Suſquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. and after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put, Whether the opening and clearing of the ſaid River ſhall be extended as low as *Wright's* Ferry? it was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock on *Monday* next.

*January* 21. *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Thomas Auſtin*, Miller, of the Townſhip of *Abington*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting and branding Flour exported from the City of *Philadelphia*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions from a Number of Debtors in the Gaol of this City for Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do make Enquiry into the Circumſtances of the ſaid Petitioners, and having heard the Allegations of their reſpective Creditors, report thereon to the Houſe.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*Jauuary* 22. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Poor, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt Time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Three 'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from *Martin Breneiſe*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *York-Town*, in the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the Circumſtances of the Petitioner, and praying Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to an* "*Act, entituled*, "*An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Cheſter and "Lancaſter *into a ſeparate County*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Fiſhery in the Rivers *Codorus* and *Connewago*, in the County of *York*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act*, "*entituled*, "*An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Objections ariſing to the ſaid Bill, the ſame was referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Cock To-morrow-Morning.

*January* 23. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the River *Lehеigh*, or Weſtern Branch of *Delaware*, in the County of *Northampton*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the ſaid River or Branch being generally full of Stones, is found by Experience impracticable to fiſh in with Seines or Nets, and the Petitioners, by a ſtrict Conſtruction of the Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the Year 1761, are deprived of the Advantage their Anceſtors and themſelves have enjoyed, ſince the ſettling thoſe Parts, of catching Shad, a Fiſh in great Eſteem, and at the Time of their Running a plentiful Supply of Proviſion to the adjacent Inhabitants;—that the Petitioners therefore pray for Relief in the Premiſes by an Explanation of the ſaid prohibitory Act, which they humbly conceive could not have been intended by the Legiſlature to deprive thoſe holding Lands on the ſaid River, or any others, of ſo great a Benefit, but only to preſerve the young Brood or Spawn, and keep an open Paſſage for Fiſh, Boats, Rafts, &c.—both which good Purpoſes the Petitioners apprehend might be fully anſwered, if they were allowed to erect Fiſhing-Dams ſlanting in the Water, ſo as to leave a certain Breadth, as the Houſe may direct, open and unobſtructed in the deepeſt Part of the River for the paſſing and Re-paſſing of Fiſh, Rafts, Boats, &c. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter*, ſetting forth the dangerous Principles and bad Example of *Iſaac Sanders*, Eſq; a Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants holding Lands adjoining the River *Schuylkill*, and a Number of Fiſhermen employed in the Catching Shad in the ſaid River, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have been informed a Bill is before the Houſe to reſtrain them and others from fiſhing in the ſaid River more than Five Days in each Week;—that, if the ſaid Bill ſhould be paſſed into a Law, they apprehend it muſt prove very injurious to many of them who have lately let divers Fronts on the ſaid River,

River, and been at great Expence in providing Nets and other Conveniences for carrying on the Shad-Fishery;—that several of the Petitioners have letely purchased Islands, and made Fisheries, on which they chiefly depend for the Support of their Families: Wherefore they pray the House will prohibit their Fishing on the *Sabbath-Day* only. 1771. January 23.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Commissioners to open Parts of two Roads leading from the Town of *Reading* to *Susquehanna*, near Fort *Augusta*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act*, *entituled*, "*An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and* "*Territories*," and after some Time spent therein, having agreed that a new Clause be prepared and brought in to be added to the said Bill, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *Henry Mosser*, of *Heidelbergh* Township, in the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that on the 29th Day of *January* last, *Isaac Myers*, deceased, fraudulently prevailed on the Petitioner to execute a Deed to him for his Plantation in the said Township, in Consideration of the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, and antidated the same one Year, knowing the Petitioner had mortgaged the said Plantation the 28th of *December*, 1769;—that the Petitioner being told the next Day, he had sold his Plantation, and finding two half *Johannes's* in his Pocket, which he was informed the said *Myers* had given him in Part of the Purchase, he sent the same to *Myers's* House by his (the Petitioner's) Wife, who left them there,—so that the Petitioner has not the least Consideration for his said Plantation, and by the unfortunate and untimely Death of the said *Myers* (the Deed being recorded) it is not in the Power of any Person to re-convey the same, and the Petitioner is advised there is no Remedy in Law for his Relief, nor any Method for perpetuating the Testimony of his Witnesses, and therefore he is under the Necessity of imploring the Aid of the House in such Manner as they shall think most proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring* "*the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration the great Advantages that must accrue to the Trade of this Province, in Case an inland Navigation can be effected between the Branches of the Rivers *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Leheigh*, and being desirous of the best Information that can be obtained respecting an Object of so much Importance,

*Resolved*, That *John Sellers*, *Benjamin Lightfoot* and *Joseph Ellicot*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed to view and examine, as soon as conveniently may be, the different Branches of the said Rivers lying nearest to each other, to measure by the most direct Courses the Distances between them, to observe the Soil and other Circumstances of the intermediate Country, and report to this House how far the said Waters are or may be made navigable up the Branches thereof, and whether the opening a Communication between them for the Purposes of Navigation or Land-Carriage be practicable at a reasonable Expence, and to lay an Estimate of such Expence before the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 24.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, declaring the Rivers *Delaware*, *Leheigh*, &c. common Highways, *&c.* reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Part of the* Northern Liberties "*of the City of* Philadelphia," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act*, *Post Meridiem* "*entituled*, "*An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories.*" to which a new Clause having been added and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was read the second time by Paragraphs, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the* "*Relief of the Poor*," which being in Part considered and agreed to, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

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1771. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*January* 25. A Petition from *Peter Miercken*, of the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, Sugar-Refiner, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he was born at *Hamburgh*, a free City of the *German* Empire, and educated in the Proteſtant Religion or Church, commonly called by the Name of *Lutherans*;—that he has lived in the City of *Philadelphia* and its Suburbs for the Space of Ten Years and upwards, and by Induſtry has acquired ſome real and perſonal Eſtate or Property;—that he is very deſirous to enjoy as well in the Way of Trade and Commerce, as with reſpect to holding of Lands, and tranſmitting the Poſſeſſion and Inheritance thereof to his Poſterity, the Rights and Privileges of natural born Subjects of his Majeſty the King of *Great-Britain*, in this Province;—that he is willing and ready to take the Oaths of Allegiance and other Qualifications preſcribed by Acts of Parliament and the Laws of this Province: Wherefore he humbly prays for a Law to enable him to hold Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of natural born Subjects of this Province.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P.M.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the* "*Relief of the Poor*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock

Adjournment To-morrow Morning.

*January* 26. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Matthew Neal*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *York* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the Circumſtances of the Petitioner, and praying Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills reſpectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to regulate the Fiſhery in* "*the River* Schuylkill;—"*An Act to prevent the Deſtruction of Rock-Fiſh and Oyſters*;—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* "Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lancaſter *into a ſeparate County*;"—and, *A Supplement to* "*the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the better regulating of Servants in this Province and* "*Territories*," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Edmunds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 28. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Four Bills paſſed on *Saturday*, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with ſome Papers, therein referred to, which were read by Order, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly. 'IN Obedience to his Majeſty's Commands, lately ſignified to me in a Letter from the Earl of *Hillsborough*, I am now to acquaint you that at a Congreſs, held at the 'German *Flats* in *July* laſt, by Sir *William Johnſon* with the *Six Nations*, their Con-'federates and Allies, they loudly complained of Abuſes and Violences committed by 'the Traders and Frontier-Inhabitants of the Colonies; ſtrongly intimating, that unleſs 'they are ſpeedily redreſſed and effectual Meaſures taken in future to prevent the like 'Miſchiefs, it will be impoſſible to reſtrain their young Men and Warriors from Acts 'of Revenge.'

'I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you an Extract of one of the Conferences 'at the Congreſs, and of Sir *William's* Letter to the Earl of *Hillsborough* on this Subject, 'tranſmitted me by his Lordſhip, which will make known to you the Particulars of the '*Indians* Complaints.'

'You muſt be ſenſible, Gentlemen, that the cultivating a laſting Friendſhip with 'the *Indians*, and the conciliating their Affections by all poſſible Means, are Objects 'of the greateſt Importance to his Majeſty's Intereſt in general, and the Peace and 'Welfare of the Colonies in particular.'

'Motives of Juſtice and good Policy alone would, I am perſuaded, incline you to take 'this Matter into your moſt ſerious Conſideration; but when you are informed that 'his Majeſty has been pleaſed expreſsly to order me without Delay to repreſent it to 'you in the ſtrongeſt Manner, and urge you in his Majeſty's Name to fall on ſome 'Means of putting *Indian* Affairs under ſuch Regulations as may have the Effect to

prevent

'prevent the Abuſes of the Trade, and thoſe Violences and Encroachments of the 1771.
'Frontier-Inhabitants, which the *Indians* ſo juſtly complain of, you will, I make no January 28.
'Doubt, hold yourſelves bound by the Ties of Duty and Reſpect to your Sovereign, to
'give this Buſineſs the firſt Place in your Deliberations.
*January* 28, 1771. JOHN PENN."

*Extract of a Talk from* Conoquieſon *to Sir* William Johnſon, July 22, 1770, *at a Congreſs with the ſeveral Nations of* Indians.

BROTHER,

WE are not deſirous of making War but when the ſame appears neceſſary;—but, Brother, whilſt we expreſs ourſelves ſo diſpoſed, we cannot help reflecting on the Treatment we continue ſtill to receive, particularly on the Southern Frontiers, where our People are frequently robbed and murdered, and no Reparation made for all this.—If we inclined to be ſilent at ſuch Conduct, our young Men would force us to ſpeak, and that warmly; they would ſoon be for Revenge, as the Provocation we have received is too great to be longer borne with.——Brother, we requeſt that the great King will give Orders to his Governors and great Men concerning theſe Matters, aſſuring you, that we are diſpoſed to abide by our Engagements, and reſtrain our young People, but that we cannot pretend to do it, unleſs a ſpeedy End be put to the Behaviour of the People who have ſo repeatedly attacked us.

*A black Belt of Ten Rows.*

Brother, At the Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*, you then told us, as you had done before, that we ſhould paſs our Time in Peace, and travel with Security;——that Trade ſhould flouriſh and Goods abound;——that they ſhould be ſold us cheap, and that Care ſhould be taken to prevent any Perſon from impoſing on us: —Brother, This would have endeared the *Engliſh* to us, but we do not ſee it;—it is now worſe than it was before.——

*Extract of a Letter from Sir* William Johnſon *to the Earl of* Hillſborough, *dated* Johnſon-Hall, Auguſt *the* 14th, 1770.

THE reſt of the Proceedings, which conſiſted in the Ratification of the Treaty at Fort *Stanwix*, and the Subject of Grievances, will require my ſaying ſome little upon.—As to the firſt, your Lordſhip will obſerve ſufficiently from the public Conferences, the Satisfaction expreſſed by the *Indians* at the Whole of that Treaty, with the Reſolution they have taken to render it permanent and acceptable to all their Dependants. —— The latter are only the principal Grievances, which were ſpoken of in public,—beſides which there were many others of an inferior Nature not inſerted, as they would have added much to the Bulk of my Tranſactions, and might be deemed unworthy the Attention of Government; they nevertheleſs gave me much Trouble, and occaſioned great Delay, which was of moſt concern to me, as the daily Maintenance of ſuch a Number of *Indians* amounted to a large Sum; to abridge which I gave them my whole Time both by Day and by Night, and thereby conſiderably ſhortened the Time of our Sitting. Your Lordſhip will find that the principal Grievances complained of in public, regarded the Conduct of our Frontier-Inhabitants towards them, and the State of the *Indian* Trade;—the firſt, as I have repeatedly obſerved, is what they have but too much Reaſon to complain of, which they have retaliated in a very few Inſtances; though I know the contrary is too often repreſented. I have on former Occaſions ſaid ſo much of the licentious Spirit of the Inhabitants on the Southern Frontiers, that I need only add, that it ſtill continues, and their Malevolence and Diſregard to all Treaties are ſtill demonſtrated whenever they fall in the Way of any ſmall Parties or ſingle *Indians*;—even ſince I began this Letter, I have received Diſpatches from Mr. *Croghan*, my Deputy now at Fort *Pitt*, acquainting me that a Soldier had ſhot an *Indian* there, and that another was killed by a *Virginian* two Days after near *Chate* River;—the Continuance of which Proceedings will render all Tranſactions with them abortive.

As to the Affairs of Trade, I wiſh I could ſay they had no Cauſe of Complaint, but the contrary has been too often manifeſted of late.—Commiſſioners have been appointed to meet from ſome of the Colonies, but it is not expected that any Expence will be incurred adequate to the Service; in which Caſe it is much better to do nothing, and that it is thought will be the Conſequence of their Meeting.—Another Circumſtance much complained of, as well during the Treaty as ſince by thoſe *Indians* who accompanied me to this Place, is of the great Cargoes of Rum, which (of late in particular) are ſent among them, to their Ruin, as they called it.——Many Traders carry little or nothing elſe, becauſe their Profits upon it are ſo conſiderable, and whatever Reſolutions they enter into, the *Indians* have not Virtue enough to withſtand the Temptation when it comes among them; they therefore beg it may not be ſuffered to come to their Caſtles or Hunting-Places; and, indeed, the licentious Abuſe of the Sale, notwithſtanding its peculiar Profit, is extremely hurtful to the Trade in general from its Effects upon the

1771. *January* 28. *Indians*, beſides its giving Encouragement to the meaneſt and moſt profligate Traders to go among them, in that neither Capacity or Knowledge of the *Indians*, or their Language is neceſſary for the Sale of it; but very little Remedy can be expected here againſt the Abuſe of that Liquor, though its Effects are daily manifeſted:——Again, when *Indians* are aſſembled on public Affairs, there are always Traders ſecreted in the Neighbourhood, and ſome publicly, who not only make them intoxicated during the Time intended for Buſineſs, but afterwards get back great Parts of their Preſents in Exchange for ſpirituous Liquors of the worſt Kind, thereby defeating the Intentions of the Crown, and cauſing them to commit many Murders and other Diſorders as well amongſt the Inhabitants as themſelves;——this is grievouſly complained of by the *Indians*, but I know of no penal Law at preſent ſubſiſting for reſtraining the Sale of that pernicious Liquor, even during public Buſineſs, which I humbly conceive ſhould be recommended to the immediate Attention of the *American* Legiſlatures, as well as ſome Law for the more effectual apprehending and puniſhing Offenders on the Frontiers, in a ſummary Way."

With the foregoing Papers from the Governor, the Secretary alſo brought down the Bills, entituled, as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to regulate the Fiſhery in the River* Schuylkill;" "*An Act to prevent the Deſtruction of Rock-Fiſh and Oyſters*;" and, "*A Supplement to* "*the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Cheſter, "*and* Lancaſter *into a ſeparate County,*" and acquainted the Houſe that his Honour would be ready to paſs the ſaid Bills into Laws when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The Secretary likewiſe returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, en-*"*tituled,* "*An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories,*" with ſome Amendments to the ſame, which being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 29. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Freeholders of the Townſhip of *Briſtol*, in the County of *Bucks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they are poſſeſſed of a valuable Piece of Swamp or Meadow-Ground, ſituate in the ſaid Townſhip, called the *Pigeon Swamp*, which, for want of proper Drains, is rendered uſeleſs, as well to its Owners as to the Public, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for improving the ſaid Meadow-Ground, and defraying the Expence thereof by equal Aſſeſsments on the ſeveral Owners in Proportion to the Quantities they reſpectively hold therein.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Jones*, of the *Northern Liberties* of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting and branding Flour exported from the City and County of *Philadelphia*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member preſented to the Chair, Accounts of the Monies diſburſed and received by the Board of Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*, from the Year 1766 to the 15th of *January*, 1771, which were read by Order, and directed to lie on the Table for the Inſpection of the Members.

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the* "*Relief of the Poor,*" and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 30. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the Twenty-eighth Inſtant, with the Papers attending the ſame, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Aſhbridge* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

An Addreſs from the Proprietors of the China Manufactory, lately erected in the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *now ſitting.*

*The* ADDRESS *of the* Proprietors *of the* CHINA MANUFACTORY.

WORTHY SIRS,

An Addreſs from the Proprietors of the China Manufactory. WE the Suſcribers, actuated as ſtrongly by the ſincereſt Attachment to the Intereſt of the Public as to our private Emolument, have at our ſole Riſque and Expence introduced into this Province a Manufacture of Porcelain or China Earthen Ware, a Commodity, which, by Beauty and Excellence, hath forced its Way into every refined Part

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Part of the Globe, and created various imitative Attempts, in its Progreſs through the different Kingdoms and Principalities of *Europe*, under the Sanction and Encouragement of their ſeveral Potentates. *Great-Britain*, which hath not been the leaſt backward in Royal Teſtimonials of Favour to the firſt Adventurers in ſo capital an Undertaking, cannot yet boaſt of any great Superiority in Workmanſhip, ſurpaſſing *Denmark*, *France* and the *Auſtrian Netherlands*, ſhe yields the Palm to *Saxony*, which in her Turn gives Place to the *Eaſt-Indies*. *America*, in this general Struggle, hath hitherto been unthought of, and it is our peculiar Happineſs to have been primarily inſtrumental in bringing her forward; but how far ſhe ſhall proceed, in a great Meaſure depends on the Influence of your generous Support. We have expended great Sums in bringing from *London* Workmen of acknowledged Abilities, have eſtabliſhed them there, erected ſpacious Buildings, Mills, Kilns, and various Requiſites, and brought the Work, we flatrer ourſelves, into no contemptible Train of Perfection. A Sample of it we reſpectfully ſubmit to the Inſpection of your Honourable Houſe, praying it may be viewed with a favourable Eye, having Reference to the Diſadvantages under which we engaged;—if happy enough to merit your Approbation, we would not wiſh to aſpire at the Preſumption of dictating the Meaſure of your Encouragement, but with all Humility hint at the Manner.—You, Gentlemen, who are appointed to a dignified Pre-eminence by the free Votes of your Countrymen, as well for your known Attachment to their trueſt Welfare, as ſuperior Knowledge, muſt be ſenſible, that capital Works are not to be carried on by inconſiderable Aids or Advancements: Hence it is, we beg Leave to point out the Propriety of a Provincial Loan, at the Diſcretion of your Honourable Houſe, independent of Intereſt, for a certain Term of Years. Under ſuch Indulgence, on our Part, we ſhall not be deficient in the Diſplay of a lively Gratitude, and the Promotion of the Colony's ſervice, by the introducing of an additional Number of experienced Workmen, the Extenſion of our Buildings, and Improvement of the Manufacture, endeavouring to render it equal in Quality to ſuch as is uſually imported, and vending it at a cheaper Rate. We have the Honour to be, with the moſt profound Reſpect,

Worthy Sirs,

*Your obedient Servants,*
GOUSSE BONNIN,
GEO. ANTH. MORRIS.'

*Philadelphia, January* 22, 1771.

Mr. *Dickinſon*, by Requeſt of the Managers, laid before the Houſe a State of the Accounts of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital for the paſt Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows;

STATE *of the* Accounts *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjuſted by the* Managers, *being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Firſt of the* Fifth Month (May), 1770, *laid before the Contributors, at their Annual Meeting, held at the ſaid Hoſpital at that Time.*

State of the Accounts of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

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| BALANCE of Samuel P. Moore's Accounts, ending laſt Year, | £ | 7 | 0 | 4 | | | |
| of Robert Slade's (Steward and Apothecary) ditto | | 24 | 2 | 10½ | | | |
| | | | | | £ | 31 | 3 2½ |
| RECEIPTS this Year, *viz.* | | | | | | | |
| Three Bonds paid by Borrowers of Money | | | | | | 1500 | 0 0 |
| Sundry Contributors, their Notes paid off | | | | | | 115 | 0 0 |
| Intereſt money from the Borrowers of Money lent | £ | 409 | 15 | 3½ | | | |
| from ſundry Contributors Intereſt of their Notes | | 98 | 10 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | | | 508 | 5 9½ |
| Contributions and Benefactions from private Perſons | £ | 638 | 18 | 9 | | | |
| Legacies by Will | | 1040 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | 1678 | 18 9 |
| Annuities this Year | | | | | | 98 | 8 0 |
| For the Board of Pay Patients | | | | | | 326 | 3 1 |
| Ground-rents and Rents | | | | | | 110 | 1 0 |
| Fourteen Students for the Privilege of attending Dr. Bond's Clinical Lectures | | | | | | 11 | 18 0 |
| From ſundry Perſons for viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Caſts | | | | | | 2 | 7 6 |
| For ſundry Flour-Caſks ſold | | | | | | 0 | 19 6 |
| Charity Boxes, *viz.* | | | | | | | |
| The Hoſpital's in the Hall | £ | 15 | 2 | 7½ | | | |
| The Provincial Aſſembly's | | 1 | 8 | 8 | | | |
| Henry Hale Graham, Eſquire's | | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | 21 | 11 3½ |
| | | | | | £ | 4404 | 16 1½ |
| Balance remaining due to the Matron | | | | | | 11 | 15 9 |
| | | | | | | | £ 4416 11 10½ |
| PAYMENTS this Year, *viz.* | | | | | | | |
| Notes taken from two new Contributors for their Subſcriptions | | | | | £ | 23 | 10 0 |
| Sundry Diſburſments on the Building, &c. | £ | 107 | 2 | 6½ | | | |
| Towards finiſhing the Laboratory, &c. | | 231 | 18 | 9 | | | |
| An additional Number of Beds, Bedding, &c. | | 91 | 8 | 3 | | | |
| | | | | | | 430 | 9 6½ |
| Mary Harriſon, the Money borrowed of her and Intereſt thereof | | | | | | 326 | 18 0 |
| Money lent on Intereſt | | | | | | 640 | 0 0 |
| Drugs and Medicines | | | | | | 136 | 11 6½ |
| Carried forward, | | | | | £ | 1557 | 9 1 |

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| Amount of Receipts brought forward, | | | £ 4416 11 10½ |
| Amount of Payments brought forward, | £ 1557 9 1 | | |
| Incidental Charges, *viz.* | | | |
| A Horſe | £ 10 0 0 | | |
| Poſtage of Letters, Parchment and Wafers | 1 4 1 | | |
| Stationary Ware of David Hall | 5 5 0 | | |
| | | 16 9 1 | |
| Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurſes, Servants, &c. | | 191 8 2¾ | |
| Common Expences of Houſekeeping, *viz.* | | | |
| Fire-Wood and Coal | £ 199 17 11 | | |
| Butchers Meat | 295 2 10 | | |
| Milk, Flour, Indian Corn, Sugar, Melaſſes, Beer, Butter, Cheeſe, Eggs, Potatoes, Turnips, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, &c. &c. | 944 4 0¾ | | |
| | | 1439 4 9¾ | |
| | | £ 3204 11 2 | |
| Balance remaining due to the Hoſpital, *viz.* | | | |
| In the Hands of the Treaſurer | £ 462 0 8½ | | |
| And in the Hands of David and John Barclay, of London, a Bill of Exchange, remitted them to be negotiated there for £ 500 Sterl. | 750 0 0 | | |
| | | 1212 0 8½ | |
| | | | £ 4416 11 10½ |

## A LIST *of New Contributions in the Year, ending the Firſt of* Fifth Month, 1770.

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| William Gale, Eſq; from Jamaica, £ 50 Sterl. | £ 80 0 0 |
| Reynold Keen | 20 0 0 |
| James Haldane | 7 10 0 |
| Benjamin Harbeſon | 10 0 0 |
| Philip Alberti | 3 16 3 |
| Archibald Dick | 3 0 0 |
| Robert Pleaſants | 2 3 6 |
| A Perſon in England (unknown) a Guinea | 1 14 0 |
| William Wiſter | 110 0 0 |
| Abraham Uſher | 100 0 0 |
| Samuel Neave, additional | 85 0 0 |
| Jacob Harman | 85 0 0 |
| Grey, Fletcher and Company | 14 0 0 |
| Caleb Foulke | 13 0 0 |
| Henry Hale Graham, Eſq; | 10 0 0 |
| Iſrael Hallowell | 10 0 0 |
| Iſaac Jones Carpenter | 10 0 0 |
| Robert Wickerſham, additional | 10 0 0 |
| John Bringhurſt, of Germantown | 10 0 0 |
| Ellis Lewis | 10 0 0 |
| Carried forwards | £ 595 3 9 |

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| Continued | £ 595 3 9 |
| Dr. Adam Kuhn | 13 10 0 |
| Benjamin Ruſh | 10 0 0 |
| Iſaac Jones, Eſq; | 2 10 7 |
| John Gibſon | 2 10 7 |
| Iſaac Greenleaſe | 2 10 8 |
| Daniel Roberdeau | 2 10 8 |
| Joſeph Richardſon (Merchant) | 3 7 6 |
| John Nixon | 3 7 6 |
| Thomas Wharton | 3 7 6 |
| | £ 638 18 9 |
| *LEGACIES, viz.* | |
| Charles Harriſon, late of Boſton, New-England, £ 500 Sterl. | £ 750 0 0 |
| Iſaac Norris, Eſq; | 100 0 0 |
| Edward Hill, of Bucks County, | 100 0 0 |
| William Coleman, Eſq; | 50 0 0 |
| Peter Delage | 40 0 0 |
| | 1040 0 0 |
| | £ 1678 18 9 |

## CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, Fifth Month Firſt, 1770.

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| Bonds and Promiſſory Notes due from ſundry Contributors for their reſpective Subſcriptions | £ 1954 13 4 | |
| Subſcriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained | 96 10 0 | |
| | | £ 2051 3 4 |
| Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Intereſt | | 6265 19 0 |
| Real Eſtate, per Deeds in the Cuſtody of the Treaſurer, *viz.* | | |
| A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road | £ 24 0 0 | |
| An Annuity of £ 6 per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Derby | 100 0 0 | |
| Three Annuities, amounting to £ 10: 1: 4, per Annum, iſſuing out of three Houſes and Lots in Philadelphia | 200 0 0 | |
| An Annuity of 14 Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Cheſtnut-ſtreet | 378 0 0 | |
| Three Annuities, amounting to 17 and a Half Spaniſh Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of Houſes and Lots in the Diſtrict of Southwark | 400 2 0 | |
| The Moiety of the Square next Weſtward of the Hoſpital, with the Houſe thereon | 443 17 6 | |
| The Moiety of the Square next Eaſtward of the Hoſpital | 607 0 0 | |
| | 2152 19 6 | |
| Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Caſts | 350 0 0 | |
| | | £ 10,820 1 10 |

And an Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, during the Life of Joſeph Mountz.
Beſides the Lot on which the Hoſpital is erected, and the Buildings.

By a Liſt of the Names and Caſes of the Patients, it appears there have been admitted into this Hoſpital within the Year, ending the Firſt of the Fifth Month, (May) 1770, 483 poor diſeaſed Perſons, amongſt whom were 75 Lunatics, or ſuch who were diſordered in their Underſtanding. And

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| Diſcharged, Cured | 276 |
| Relieved | 29 |
| Eloped, moſt of them Relieved | 10 |
| For irregular Behaviour | 5 |
| At Requeſt of their Friends | 10 |
| At their own Requeſt | 4 |
| Died | 34 |
| Incurable | 1 |
| | 369 |
| Remain | 114 |
| Total | 483 |

*Copy from the Minutes of the Managers.* JAMES PEMBERTON.

Upon

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Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Crosby*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmunds* be a Committee to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and Report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating* "*a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for confirming a new Road laid out* "*and made instead thereof*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 31.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Commissioners to open Parts of two Roads* "*leading from* Reading *to the* Susquehanna," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in* "*the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewago, *in* York *County*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message of the Twenty-eighth Instant, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read by Order, was referred to further Consideration in the Afternoon.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of their Answer to his Honour's Message of *Monday* last, which being read by Paragraphs, and, after some Alterations, agreed to, was ordered to be transcribed.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 1.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and their Answer to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was compared at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your Honour*,

Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

WE have taken into Consideration your Message of *Monday* last, with the Papers therein referred to, and have paid the strictest Attention, as it was our Duty, to the Representation made to us in the Name of our gracious Sovereign. We are extremely sensible of how great Importance it is to "his Majesty's Interest and the Peace "and Welfare of the Colonies, to cultivate a lasting Friendship with the *Indians*, and "to conciliate their Affections," and are very desirous of giving all the Assistance we can for promoting Purposes of such extensive Consequence; but we have too much Reason to be convinced that our Power, on this Occasion, is not equal to our Zeal for his Majesty's Service and the Tranquility of the Colonies.

A Law was made in this Province many Years ago, to prevent those particular "Abuses "in the Trade," which are mentioned in Sir *William Johnson's* Letter to the Earl of *Hillsborough*. The Regulations therein contained are so prudently formed, and so severely enforced, that we are inclined to believe, it will be impossible for us, without the Concurrence of the other Colonies in some general Plan, to pursue any Mode that will prove effectual on this Head.

Numbers of very profligate Persons from several Provinces go amongst the *Indians* to trade, and as they traffick through the whole Country without Restraint, and may elude the Laws of the Government to which they belong, by retiring into another, Difficulties arise in detecting and convicting Offenders, that, we apprehend, cannot be removed, but by the Method proposed in your Honour's Message to the late House of Assembly, recommending to them to frame a Bill for appointing Commissioners to meet with other Commissioners from the neighbouring Colonies, to form and agree upon a general Plan for the Regulation of the *Indian* Trade, with which they complied; but as a Meeting of those Commissioners has not hitherto been had, the desired Effect hath not yet been attained.

As to the "Violences" in general complained of by the *Indians* in the Congress at the *German Flats*, we beg Leave to observe, that this Province hath ever been careful to remove every Cause of *Indian* Complaints.—In the Eighth Year of the present Reign, this Province granted by Law *Three Thousand Pounds*, "for defraying the Expence of "Presents of Condolence, and such other Gifts as should be necessary to remove the "Discontents of the *Indians*."—Much the greater Part of this Sum was remitted to Sir *William Johnson* and his Deputy *George Croghan*, Esq; and the Whole expended for those Purposes. The *Indians*, on these Presents being made, expressed themselves to be entirely satisfied for all the Injuries they had received from the People of *Pennsylvania*.—The Laws now subsisting have fully provided for the Punishment of those who shall hereafter offer any Outrages within the Limits of this Province.

With Respect to the last Subject of the Complaints made by the *Indians*, concerning "Encroachments of the Frontier-Inhabitants" on their Lands, we beg Leave to remind

1771. *February* 1. your Honour, that the Year before the laſt an Act of General Aſſembly was paſſed, impoſing heavy Penalties on Perſons who ſhould preſume to ſettle, make Surveys, or cut down Trees on any Lands within the Boundaries of this Province not purchaſed of the *Indians*; Proviſion having been made in the Reign of the late King to prevent any Perſons even from Hunting on ſuch Lands. Motives of "Duty, Juſtice and Policy" will ever induce us to take all proper Means for redreſſing the Grievances of *Indians*, and eſtabliſhing an Intercourſe with them on Terms that may produce a permanent and mutually beneficial Harmony.

If your Honour can point out any Meaſures likely to anſwer this good End, that have not occurred to us, we ſhall chearfully and immediately unite with you to carry them into Execution.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*February* 1, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Anſwer to his Meſſage.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the* "*Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *&c. common Highways, and for improving the Navi-* "*gation in the ſaid Rivers,*" which being in Part read, and ſome Objections ariſing to the ſaid Bill, the ſame was recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Amendment.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for* "*appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* "Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment *February* 2. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer to his Meſſage of *Monday* laſt, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

Mr. *Montgomery*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a ſeparate County,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee of Grievances appointed to viſit the Gaol and examine into the different Circumſtances of the Debtors, who have petitioned this Houſe for Enlargement, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee of Grievances. IN Purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, we the Committee of Grievances having met at the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and made Enquiry into the Caſes and Circumſtances of the ſeveral Debtors now confined there, who have at this Seſſion made Application to the Houſe for Relief with Reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, and had either notified their Creditors or Attornies in the public News-Papers, or otherwiſe given due Notice of ſuch Application, and of our Meeting to hear them with their reſpective Creditors. And having heard the ſaid Debtors, and the Allegations of ſuch Creditors and Attornies as appeared, your Committee beg Leave to report, that it is their Opinion, that *Amos Walker*, *Mark M'Cauſland*, *Thomas Yearſly*, *John Juſtaſon*, *Thomas Turner*, *James Skinner* and *Samuel Brown* are not entitled to the Relief they pray for; — that *Charles Hicks*, being indebted ſeveral *Hundred Pounds* to different People in the Province of *New-York*, and only a Sum of about *Forty Shillings* to a Gentleman in *Philadelphia*, your Committee apprehend the ſaid *Hicks*, under ſuch Circumſtances, ſhould be ſtrictly enjoined and required to give long and timely Notice in the News-Papers of this City of his intended Application, before he can with any Propriety be indulged in the Prayer of his Petition.—Your Committee have likewiſe had before them the Aſſignee of the principal Creditor of *Martin Breniſe*, a Priſoner in the Gaol of the County of *York*, from whoſe Allegations they are induced to believe that the ſaid *Breniſe* intends to defraud his Creditors, having ſuddenly (before he was apprehended) removed his Family, his Stock of Cattle, Shop-Goods and other Effects to *Virginia*, of all which there appears nothing in his Surrender.—Your Committee do further report, that *John Martin* and *Thomas Mayfield* ſince their Petitions to the Houſe have been diſcharged from Confinement, and do beg Leave to recommend *George Hawkins*, *Jonathan Hobby* and *Conrad Kehmle* as Perſons having ſome Claim to the Relief they Petition for. —— The Caſes of *Thomas York*, Jun. *George Wachter* and *Richard Price*, Priſoners in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and *Matthew Neal*, a Priſoner

a Prisoner in the Gaol of the Town of *York*, appear to the Committee to require further Examination:—All which is submitted to the House by

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JOHN JACOBS, Jun. HENRY PAWLING,
WILLIAM EDMUNDS, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
THOMAS MINSHALL, JOHN BROWN."

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The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *February* 4. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Owners of a Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in *Frederick* Township, in the County of *Philadelphia*, commonly called the *Perkiomen Copper-Mine Tract*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said Tract, upon a legal Process of Court, was taken in Execution, and on the Twenty-fourth Day of *February*, $17\frac{23}{24}$, was sold and delivered by *Owen Roberts*, then High-Sheriff of the said County, to *Andrew Hamilton*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, Esq; deceased;—that at the Time of said Purchase it was intended that the said Land, with all its Mines, Minerals and Ore should be held in Sixteen equal Parts or Shares by the said *Andrew Hamilton* and other Partners in the said Mine Company, and their Heirs, and that each of them, and their Heirs and Assigns should pay their Proportion of the Purchase-Money and of all Expences of digging, searching for and getting of Copper-Ore, if any should be found within the said Tract, or otherwise that any Owner or Owners who should refuse or neglect to pay his or their Part or Parts of the Purchase or Expences of carrying on the said Mine should thenceforth forfeit all his or their Right or Shares in the said Land and Mine to the remaining Owners, or to so many of them as being willing to take more Shares should pay the Money due from the delinquent Owners at the Time of their Forfeitures;—that from the Year 1723 to 1757, the Petitioners, or their Predecessors, Owners of several of the original Sixteenth Parts have been obliged at their own Expence to carry on the said Mine, through the Neglect or Refusal of a few others of the original Owners or Claimants under them, to pay their respective Quotas of the Charges that have accrued in carrying on the aforesaid Copper-Mine; but in some Instances the Petitioners apprehend, that the delinquent Owners have even neglected or refused to pay their Proportion of the Purchase-Money, although they might well have known that by such Neglect or Refusal they would forfeit their Right to the aforesaid Land and Mine;—that the Petitioners after such a Length of Time cannot ascertain the true original Owners of the aforesaid Sixteen Parts, not knowing all who may have received Deeds from the aforesaid *Andrew Hamilton*, much less do they know to whom the Rights of some (if not already forfeited) have been transferred by Sale, Devise or Successions, and therefore know not with whom to settle these Difficulties, and the more especially as the Petitioners apprehend some of such Owners have removed beyond Sea, and as all the delinquent Owners have for many Years forborne to make any Claim, perhaps from Conviction that they had by their own Concessions and Non-Payments forfeited their Rights to said Land and Mine, so that under these Circumstances the undivided Shares in the Premises, belonging to the Petitioners, are rendered very uncertain and of little Value, as they can neither possess or use them to much Advantage to themselves, or let or sell them to others, and that without the Aid and Assistance of the Legislature of this Province, the Rights of the Petitioners, or of any other Person claiming a Share in the Premises, can in no other Manner, as they conceive, be so easily ascertained or determined:— Wherefore the Petitioners respectfully pray Leave to bring in a Bill for vesting the aforesaid Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in Trustees, to be sold, and for prescribing the Method by which the Money arising from such Sale may most equitably be distributed to and among the rightful Owners of the several Sixteenth Parts of the said Land and Mine, and dissolve the said Company.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Loaf Bread Bakers of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the late Act of Assembly for regulating the Assize of Bread in the said City is expired, and on that Account much Uneasiness and divers Complaints have arisen, and are still likely to increase, to the Inconvenience not only of the Petitioners, but also of divers Inhabitants, except a Law be passed to prevent it, particularly as the Petitioners are informed there is an old Act in Force, and intended to be put in Execution, whereby the Assize of Middling Bread is set so high that the Bakers cannot afford to make it agreeable to the said Act, and the Want of such Bread would prove a great Disadvantage to the Poor:—Wherefore the Petitioners pray the House to prepare a Bill to ascertain the Assize of Bread, and that the Prices of the Loaves may be 2d. 4d. 8d. and 12d. as in the late Law was directed; and for as much as the Prices of Wheat and Flour do not bear a just Proportion with each other, the Petitioners further crave, that the Assize of the several Kinds of Loaf Bread may be regulated by the current Price of superfine Flour and Middlings of that Kind, confiding

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1771. that the Houſe will grant them ſuch Relief as may, in their Wiſdom, be judged reaſonable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*February* 4. A Petition from *Joſeph Cook*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that on the Twenty-fifth Day of *October* laſt the Petitioner's Barn, two Stables and a Sheep-Houſe were deſtroyed by Fire;—that the Barn was full of Grain, and that four Barracks of Grain adjoining it were alſo conſumed;—that the Petitioner's Loſs on this Occaſion amounted to at leaſt *Two Hundred Pounds* lawful Money of this Province; that the Fire was willfully kindled by a certain Negroe (named *Candy*) belonging to the Petitioner, as appeared by the ſaid Negroe's own voluntary Confeſſion; — that immediately after committing the Crime, he fled into the Woods and concealed himſelf there two or three Weeks, during which Time his Feet and Ankles were ſo ſeverely froſtbitten, that had he continued but a very few Days longer ſo expoſed to the Weather he muſt unavoidably have periſhed;—that after his Return, he was kept in the Petitioner's Houſe, where, notwithſtanding all proper Meaſures were taken for his Recovery, he died on the Eighth Day of *December* following, before a Commiſſion could be obtained to try him for the Crime of which he had confeſſed himſelf guilty;—that the Petitioner cannot recover the Value of the ſaid Negroe in the Mode directed by the Act of Aſſembly for the Trial of Negroes, and has no Proſpect of ever receiving it, unleſs by an Application to the Honourable Houſe, he therefore prays they would be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and give him ſuch Compenſation for the Loſs of his ſaid Negroe as they may think reaſonable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Gemmel*, of *Derry* Townſhip, (near Fort *Granville*) in the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner about the End of the firſt *Indian* War purchaſed an Houſe and Lot in the Town of *Carliſle*, in the County aforeſaid, next adjoining the Houſe of *Adam Hoops*, Eſq; and there followed his Occupation (of Clock- and Watch-Making and Working in Silver) ſeveral Years;—that his Family increaſing, he rented his Houſe and Lot in *Carliſle*, and removed to the Farm where he now dwells, near Sixty Miles North-Weſtward of *Carliſle*, and left in the Garret of his Houſe in *Carliſle* aforeſaid ſome wild Cherry-Tree Tables and Black Walnut Chairs, until an Opportunity of carrying them to his preſent Dwelling-place ſhould offer;—that by Accident a Fire broke out in the Kitchen of the next Neighbour, which ſoon caught the Roof of the Petitioner's Houſe, and conſumed the ſame, with what he left in it, to Aſhes, one Deſk excepted;—that in the Night of the 29th of *April* laſt, the Petitioner and his Family (except his Negroe-Man) being in Bed, his Dwelling-Houſe on the Farm, where he now lives, took Fire, of which the ſaid Negroe gave immediate Notice, whereby the Petitioner and his Family all eſcaped the Flames, except a Negroe-Child, who was burned, with all the Goods in the Houſe, Wearing-Apparel of the Family, (ſave ſome Part of the Petitioner's Cloathing) the Tools of his Occupation, his Books, Papers and Money, together with a Part of the Tax-Money he had collected, of which Loſſes, occaſioned by this laſt Fire, a more particular Account will appear from the Petitioner's Depoſition herewith laid before the Houſe;—that the Damages ſuffered by the Petitioner from the aforeſaid Fires being great and well known to many Inhabitants of the ſaid County, he humbly prays the Honourable Houſe to take his diſtreſſed Caſe into Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Relief as to them ſhall appear reaſonable. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Patrick Sheedy*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the Circumſtances of the Petitioner, and praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.
*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Iſaac Thomas*, of the County of *Cheſter*, with the Model of a Machine invented by him for threſhing Grain, was preſented to the Houſe and read.
*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion by a Member,

That Part of the Duties impoſed by a late Act of Parliament on certain Articles imported into the Colonies, remains unrepealed, and that great Danger to the Rights of the *Americans* is juſtly apprehended from the Continuance of ſuch a precedent for taxing them without their Conſent,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Petition to his Majeſty in Council, humbly praying Relief, by his gracious Interpoſition with the Parliament for obtaining a Repeal of the Duty remaining on Tea, *&c.* imported into the *American* Colonies.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 5. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with ſundry Depoſitions and other Papers therein referred to, which were ſeverally read by Order, and the ſaid Meſſage follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

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February 5. A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

'I Think it proper to inform you that with the Concurrence of the late House of Assembly, I issued in the Month of *October* last a Proclamation offering a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* to any Person who should apprehend *Lazarus Stewart* of *Lancaster* County, for certain Crimes with which he stood charged, and deliver him up to Justice; and that he was taken upon that Proclamation, and delivered into the Custody of the Sheriff of *York* County, from whom he made his Escape.

'I have inquired into the Conduct of the Sheriff on that Occasion, and though it does not appear to me that he was any way consenting or privy to the Escape, the Conduct of those to whom he entrusted the Care of the Prisoner on their Way to *Philadelphia* (while he himself retired to Rest, being much indisposed) is not altogether free from Suspicion.

'The Secretary will lay before you a Letter I received from Mr. *Samuel Johnson*, to which, and the Information of the *York* Members, I refer you for a more particular Account of this Affair.

'I am also to acquaint you, that the same *Lazarus Stewart*, far from being awed by the Proceedings of Government against him, has, since his Escape, put himself at the Head of a Number of People of his Neighbourhood, of the same lawless Disposition with himself, and, with an armed Force, has taken Possession of the Lands at *Wyoming*, turning off from thence the People in Possession, and treating them in the most inhuman and barbarous Manner. Complaint having been made (supported by Affidavit) to one of the Supreme Judges, of this violent Proceeding, he issued his Warrant, directed to all Sheriffs and Officers of Justice, to apprehend the said *Stewart* and some of his Accomplices; and the Sheriff of *Northampton*, in Obedience thereto, and in Consequence of a Writ, which issued out of the Court of Quarter Sessions of that County, for taking the said *Stewart* and many others to answer an Indictment there found and depending against them for a former Riot, raised the Posse, and going to *Wyoming*, where the said *Stewart* and many others had shut themselves up in a Fort, he took the legal Steps to execute the King's Writ and Warrant; but the said *Stewart* and his Associates, setting themselves above all Law, refused him Admittance, stood on their Defence with Arms in their Hands, threatened to put to Death the Sheriff and his Party, and in the End, in cool Blood, and in the most treacherous Manner, murdered *Nathan Ogden*, one of the Posse, who came to the Fort to parley with them in a friendly Way, at their own Request, and wounded several others. And on the same Day, in the Dusk of the Evening, the said *Stewart* and his Company made their Escape from the Fort.—The several Dispositions and Papers which prove the above stated Facts, I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you.

'The Necessity of pursuing these daring Offenders, as well as the dangerous Tendency of such licentious and insolent Proceedings, are my Inducements to recommend these Matters, in the warmest Manner, to your Consideration, in order that you may cooperate with me in such Measures as may not only bring the Criminals to speedy Justice, but also put a Stop to that ungovernable Spirit, which is too prevalent in many Parts of our Back-Settlements, and which loudly calls for Laws more severe than those already in being.

*February* 4, 1771. *JOHN PENN.*"

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Act of Assembly for enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the said City, and for supporting a Nightly Watch, *&c.* which has been of great Service to the Citizens, is expired;—that, upon the best Information, the Petitioners find no Reason to complain of any Neglect of Duty in the Wardens, nor of any Misapplication of Money levied by Virtue of the said Act;—that the Watch and Lamps are well known to be of a great Utility, and the public Pumps, being generally in good Order, are a great Security to the Houses of the Inhabitants against Fire;—that the Supplement to the late Act, which impowered the Wardens to assess every Family, Householder, and others, (who made Use of the public Pumps) would have enabled them to take all such Pumps as were offered to them, had it been in their Power to collect such Assessment, and had not the said Supplement been repealed, through its Inconvenience to the Citizens, the same Difficulty being found by the Wardens in collecting such Assessments that was experienced by the Owners before the Passing of the said Act;—that the Petitioners are of Opinion, there is a Necessity of erecting more Lamps, and of placing a greater Number of Pumps under the Care of the Wardens, and that the Sums of Money annually raised and applied to these Purposes have not been sufficient to defray the Expences thereof: Wherefore they request the Honourable House to make such further Provision therein as to them may seem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

1771. *February* 5. The ſeveral Bills following, *viz.* "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*;" "*An Act for* "*vacating a Part of a Road in the Townſhip of* Paſſyunk, *and for confirmimg a new Road,* "*laid out and made inſtead thereof*;" "*An Act for appointing Commiſſioners for opening* "*and maintaining Parts of two Roads therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act for regulating* "*the Fiſhery in the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewago, *in* York *County,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved,* That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *James* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* The Bills entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Suſquehanna *and other Streams* "*therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the ſaid River and* "*Streams, and preſerving the Fiſh in the ſame,*" and, "*An Act for appointing Regulators* "*in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for* "*other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved,* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 6. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act againſt Adultery and Fornication,*" which being read the firſt time was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, with the ſeveral Affidavits and Letters attending the ſame, and after ſome time ſpent therein, the following Queſtions were put by the Speaker, *viz.*

*Firſt,* Whether the Governor ſhall be requeſted by the Houſe to iſſue his Proclamation, offering a Reward of *Three Hundred Pounds* lawful Money of this Province to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall apprehend *Lazarus Stewart* and ſafely deliver him at the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia?*—— *Carried in the Affirmative.*

*Secondly,* Whether the Houſe will appoint a Committee to bring in a Bill for the Trial of the ſaid *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices in the County of *Philadelphia?*— *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed Yeſterday, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bills into Conſideration and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Rhoads,* Mr. *James,* Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Trial of *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices in the County of *Philadelphia.*

*Reſolved,* That the Governor be enabled to offer a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* lawful Money of this Province for apprehending and ſecuring in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia,* each of the following Perſons, *viz. James Stewart, William Stewart, John Simpſon, William Speedy, William Young, John M'Daniel* (alias *Donnel*) and *Richard Cooke,* Accomplices of the above named *Lazarus Stewart* in the late cruel and treacherous Murder of *Nathan Ogden.*

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Fox,* Mr. *Dickinſon,* Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs,* Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Croſby* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 7. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Abuſes in the Manufacturing of Leather, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

*Ordered,* That the Tanners and Shoemakers upon Application for a Copy of the ſaid Bill be furniſhed therewith, paying the Clerk for his Trouble.

*Ordered,* That this Houſe will proceed to the ſecond Reading of the ſaid Bill for the Manufacturing of Leather on *Tueſday* next.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of *Tueſday* laſt, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented at the Table, and the ſame being read by Order, was referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The

1771.
*February* 7.
*Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of their Answer to the Governor's Message, which being again read, was, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

The Committee to which the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Dela- "ware *and* Leheigh, *&c. common Highways*," &c. was recommitted for Amendment, reported the said Bill, with some Alterations, which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*February* 8.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Answer to the Governor's Message being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

HAVING considered your Message of *Tuesday* last, with the Papers therein referred to, we are extremely concerned to hear that so heinous and dangerous an Offender, as *Lazarus Stewart*, has found Means to elude the Execution of Justice for his former Crimes, and thereby has procured an Opportunity of adding to his Guilt by committing the late horrid Murder at *Wyoming*; and we hope your Honour will order the strictest Enquiry to be made into the Conduct of those who had the Custody of the Prisoner.

This recent Instance recalls to our Memory so many of the same Kind in our Back-Counties, where Miscreants, who have at once stained themselves with Sins of the deepest Die, and have offered the highest Insults to Administration, have escaped with Impunity, that we fear, unless some more successful Method of securing Criminals can be devised, to deserve signal Punishment and to escape it, in some Parts of this Province, will become equally common.

The Outrages arising from the Confederacy of so many desperate Ruffians, who have at Length perpetrated "in a most treacherous Manner," and with an audacious Contempt of Government, the Murder of a Person acting in Obedience to the Laws, too plainly evince "the dangerous Tendency of such licentious Proceedings, and the Ne- "cessity of pursuing these daring Offenders.

We therefore request the Governor to issue a Proclamation, offering a Reward of *Three Hundred Pounds* to any Person or Persons who shall apprehend the said *Lazarus Stewart*, and safely deliver him to the Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, at the Gaol of the said County; and a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* for apprehending and delivering to the said Sheriff at the same Place, each of these his Accomplices, *James Stewart*, *William Stewart*, *John Simpson*, *William Speedy*, *William Young*, *John M'Daniel* (alias *Donnel)* and *Richard Cooke*.

So desirous are we of giving all the Aid in our Power for Punishing such atrocius Violators of divine and human Laws, vindicating the Honour of this Province, and securing the public Tranquillity, that we shall immediately proceed to those further Measures we judge to be most effectual for putting a Stop to that ungovernable Spirit which is too prevalent in many Parts of our Back-Settlements.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*February* 8, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Message and deliver the same.

A Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Remonstrants having received from the late Assembly a Sum of Money towards relieving the Distresses of the *French* Neutrals in this City, beg Leave to lay before the House an Account of the Distribution thereof, and, in Behalf of the said Neutrals, to return their grateful Acknowledgments for the seasonable Assistance it afforded them, though inadequate to their real Wants;——and also to represent to the House the unhappy Situation of these poor People, whose present Circumstances are known only to the Remonstrants and a few charitable Persons in the City;—that many of them are aged, blind, maimed, infirm and Idiots, utterly incapable of helping themselves, depending on others for Subsistance without any Provision for the same but the Bounty of the Inhabitants of the City, who have an heavy Burthen of other Poor to support;—that in distributing the Sum granted as aforesaid, the Remonstrants were much concerned to find it short of affording the temporary Relief which the House intended, and that they were under the Necessity of advancing more than was granted, in Confidence of a Reimbursement from the public Stock;—that the Remonstrants being much affected with the daily Applications and Sufferings of these unhappy People, request the Honourable House to take their Case into Consideration, and grant such Relief therein as to them shall seem expedient. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Zeller*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Innholder, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing of Leather manufactured in this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The

1771. The Houſe proceeding further in the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage, concerning the late Diſturbance in the County of *Northampton*.

*February* 8. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing tumultuous and riotous Aſſemblies and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the "Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, *&c. common Highways*," &c. which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a ſecond Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Meſſage of *Tueſday* laſt, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing tumultuous and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was by ſpecial Order again read, and ordered to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting "Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a ſeparate County*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for "the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Minſhall* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame, and acquaint his Honour, that if it ſuits his Convenience to enact the ſaid Bill into a Law this Morning, the Country Members will continue in till Twelve o'Clock for that Purpoſe.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning ſome Regulation of the Nightly Watch, and for the better Support of Lamps and Pumps in the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions from *John Gueſt* and *Jacob Naglee*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting and ſealing Leather by the Bill now before the Houſe, to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in that Manufacture.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act "for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies,*" &c. reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Owners of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners do forthwith lay the Deeds and other Documents referred to in their ſaid Petition, before the Houſe.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for pre- "venting Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing "the Rioters,*" and acquainted the Houſe, that he would be immediately at the Council Chamber to enact the ſame into a Law.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Fox* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bill after the ſame ſhall be paſſed into a Law, and depoſite the ſaid Law in the Rolls Office.

*A Meſſage by Mr.* SECRETARY.

*SIR*,

"The Governor is in the Council Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Houſe to enact into a Law the Bill he has juſt returned with his Aſſent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour and preſented the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults "and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters,*" to which the Governor had been pleaſed to confirm his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into a Law.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

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1771.
February 11.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Law passed on *Saturday* last, and to deposite the said Law in the Rolls Office, reported the same had been done according to Order.

A Petition from divers Owners of Marsh in the Township of *Bristol*, and County of *Bucks*, (called the *Pidgeon Swamp*) for draining the same, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, and that they forthwith give public Notice thereof to all Persons concerned.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they have repeatedly suffered great Losses among their Sheep from the many unnecessary Dogs too generally kept in the Country, and praying Relief by a Law for laying a Tax upon the Keeper of every supernumerary Dog.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment
*February* 12.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, in the County of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the several Petitions from the Citizens and the Representation from the Grand-Jury of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Pumps, Lamps and Nightly Watch in the said City, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Nightly Watch and enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Trial of *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices in the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Adjournment
*Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Petition to the King's most excellent Majesty in Council, reported they had made an Essay for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, was referred to further Consideration.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *&c. common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers*," and, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Adjournment
*February* 13.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, praying that Enquiry may be made into the Conduct of the Commissioners and Assessors of the said County from the Time of dividing and erecting the same, the Petitioners being credibly informed that the Malpractices of those who have latterly executed the said Offices, must have taken their Rise from the evil Example of their Predecessors.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Nightly Watch and enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Adjournment
*Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*, for regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of *Delaware*, &c.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the better securing and punishing certain Offenders therein mentioned*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

1771. *February* 13. The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the County of* Philadelphia," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Owners of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract having, purſuant to the Order of *Saturday* laſt, laid before the Houſe the Deeds and other Documents referred to in their Petition, the ſame were read, and being duly conſidered by the Members,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Owners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes mentioned in their Petition.

The Committee appointed to viſit the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, reported the State and Oeconomy thereof in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee appointed to viſit the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, they have this Day viſited the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, and having examined the ſeveral Wards and Apartments, find they are kept clean and in good Order, and that a great Number of Sick, Maimed and Diſeaſed are therein properly provided for, and duly taken Care of. Your Committee alſo are of Opinion, that the benevolent Aſſiduity of the Managers and Phyſicians, who have generouſly given their Attendance, has, under the Favour of Divine Providence, contributed to the Relief and Recovery of many unhappy Perſons, according to the Intentions of the charitable Benefactors to this excellent Inſtitution.

*February* 13, 1771. JOSEPH PARKER, ISRAEL JACOBS, JOHN DICKINSON, MICHAEL SWOOPE, WILLIAM EDMONDS."

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Carpenter* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, entituled, "*An Act that no public Houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Li-*" *cence.*"

Adjournment *February* 14. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Carpenter* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor and acquaint him the Houſe requeſt to know whether he has yet received any Anſwer from General *Gage* reſpecting the Damages ſuffered by divers Waggoners in the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland*, who were impreſſed with their Teams into his Majeſty's Service by Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt*.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the immediate raiſing the Sum of *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*.

A Petition from *Joſeph Ogden*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting and ſealing of Leather.

A Petition from the Tanners of the City of *Philadelphia*, and Parts adjacent, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners having been favoured with a Copy of a Bill now under Conſideration of the Houſe, which, if paſſed into a Law, will greatly affect them in their Trade and Buſineſs, they humbly beg Leave to lay before the Houſe ſome Reaſons againſt the ſame.

Reſtraints upon Trade generally, and laying Burthens of Expence and Trouble upon particular Occupations, the Petitioners would obſerve, are only to be juſtified by apparent public Neceſſity;—and though the Bill in Queſtion ſeems to be founded upon ſuch an Allegation, the Petitioners humbly but earneſtly diſavow any Frauds or Abuſes in their Trade or any Decline in the Goodneſs and Worth of their Manufacture;—they wiſh and deſire an Enquiry into this Matter, and cannot but expreſs ſome Concern, that upon a former Occaſion they ſuggeſted a Mode of Enquiry, which was not underſtood, or unintentionally paſſed over by a Committee of a former Aſſembly; the Petitioners therefore now ſubmit it to the Conſideration of the Houſe, and requeſt that proper Perſons may be appointed to examine their Wares, and ſee whether they have not made great Improvements of late Years;—the Petitioners would now humbly ſubmit, whether a Law laying any Reſtrictions upon their Trade in its preſent Situation would be expedient or proper?—To judge of this, the Petitioners beg Leave to lay before the Houſe the State of their Manufacture, and its particular Circumſtances, which are ſuch, that the Petitioners, on full Conſideration, are convinced, that the propoſed Regulations will deſtroy the Manufacture inſtead of improving it.—The Conſumption of tanned Leather in this Province far exceeds the raw Materials the Province can furniſh, ſo that the Demand for foreign Hides and the Uſe of foreign Leather are every Day increaſing, and the

the Petitioners rely ſo much upon the former, that they could not carry on their Buſineſs to any conſiderable Extent without them; that the neighbouring Provinces have the ſame Dependance, and the Petitioners are informed there are ſtanding Orders in this City for the Exportation of raw Hides;—any Reſtraint or Provincial Burthen therefore upon a Trade ſo delicately circumſtanced, the Petitioners conceive will give the neighbouring Provinces and the Exporters of Hides, who are under no ſuch Burthen, a manifeſt Advantage over them;—that the Forms and Delays of Office, and the neceſſary attendant Expence of Officers, occaſioning a higher Price to the Conſumer, or a leſs Price to the Seller of raw Hides, and this upon a Trade ſtruggling with powerful Rivals, muſt in the End turn the Scale (now almoſt evenly balanced) againſt them, in Favour of the other Colonies and the Exporters of raw Hides; beſides opening a Door to the Importation of Shoes and wrought Leather from *Great-Britain*, to the Ruin of the Petitioners, the Injury of the Cordwainers and the Prejudice of the Province, the Inhabitants of which would then receive their own raw Materials in an improved State, with the additional Expence, againſt every Principle of ſound Policy;—the Petitioners would alſo humbly ſuggeſt to the Houſe the Danger and Difficulty of making Alterations and laying Burthens on Trades in a new Country, where as yet the utmoſt Skill and Improvement cannot be attained, and more eſpecially in a Trade which depends upon foreign Supplies, to the Procurement of which every Indulgence and Encouragement have been found neceſſary.—And though there are Acts of Parliament of this Nature, the Petitioners humbly obſerve that the Uſage and Laws of old ſettled Countries are by no Means a proper Guide; for without attending very carefully to the local Circumſtances, any Legiſlature, with the beſt Intentions, may act the Part of an unſkilful Phyſician, who ſhould give the ſame Doſe of Phyſick to the full grown Man and tender Infant. 1771. *February* 13.

To theſe Cauſes the Petitioners impute the Non-Execution of the Act of Aſſembly of this Province paſſed the Seventh of *George* the Firſt, which contains many of the Clauſes in the preſent Bill, but from being impolitic or impracticable has grown obſolete; yet ſhould the Honourable Houſe be of Opinion, that ſome Regulations and Reſtraints are neceſſary, and require the Riſk of loſing a Part, or the Whole, of a valuable Manufactory, the Petitioners humbly conceive the propoſed Bill as it now ſtands, to be in many reſpects exceptionable and improper.

*Firſt*, As no Officer is appointed to inſpect the Hides and exact Obedience to the Law from the Butchers, it will engage the Tanner in conſtant Diſputes with them, and in a ſhort Time, as the Petitioners conceive, induce the Butchers to look out for eaſier and leſs ſcrupulous Cuſtomers, which they will be ſure to find in the Tanners from the neighbouring Provinces, or Merchants who may buy for Exportation.

*Secondly*, The Petitioners conceive that the Injunction in the ſecond Clauſe, to work the Lime quite out, is taken from the Act of Parliament, without attending to the Difference of Climate, for in the exceſſive Heat of an *American* Summer many of the Hides muſt periſh before it could be worked out.—It is alſo worthy of Obſervation, that many of the Cuſtomers prefer that Sort of Leather, at the ſame Price, which this Bill would totally prohibit.

*Thirdly*, By a Clauſe of the ſaid Bill the Petitioners are obliged to keep their Leather at two Feet Diſtance from the Ground, where there is no Cellar, and one Foot, where there is, which they apprehend muſt have ariſen from a total Unacquaintance with their Trade, as dry Cellars have been found, upon full Experience, to be the propereſt Places for this Purpoſe.— The Places, propoſed in the ſaid Bill, the Petitioners apprehend, would Injure the Leather by the too great Heat in Summer,—to which the Petitioners would alſo add, the great Loſs and Hardſhip many of them muſt undergo, who have at a great Expence provided what they eſteemed ſuitable Places for keeping their Leather, which by this Bill will not only be rendered uſeleſs, but they muſt erect others, and, contrary to all Principles of Legiſlation, would give the Law a Retroſpect to their Prejudice, which they conceive the Honourable Houſe do not intend.

*Fourthly*, The ſubjecting the Maſter to a heavy Fine for the Unſkilfulneſs of a young Apprentice, or an accidental Damage to the Leather, the Petitioners conceive to be very hard, and that in this, as in all other Commodities, it would be more equitable for the Buyer and Seller to ſettle the Allowance for ſuch Damage between themſelves, more eſpecially as it is the Intereſt and Reputation of the Tanners to guard againſt ſuch Accidents, and it is the Cuſtom of the Trade to make Abatements in ſuch Caſes.

*Fifthly*, The Reſtraint laid upon Farmers and Shopkeepers, Retailers of Leather, (under the Name of Engroſſers) of Selling only at public Market, would, the Petitioners apprehend, amount to a total Prohibition, as few or none of them would ſell in that Manner; and though it is of Conſequence, and will in ſome reſpect affect ſome of the Petitioners, they think it would prove a great Grievance to the poor Shoemakers in the Country, and Farmers, who, not being ſupplied as formerly, muſt ride a great Diſtance to the City,—nor would they buy it cheaper, as the additional Trouble of ſelling in ſmall Quantities would keep up the Price.

*Sixthly*,

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*Sixthly*, The Appointment of Officers, the Petitioners apprehend, is an Object of great Importance in this Country, and muſt neceſſarily tend to increaſe the Expence and Burthen upon their Trade, which can not bear it; that it is making a Precedent for the Eſtabliſhment of Officers in all other Trades, which in other Countries has been found injurious and generally inadequate to the End propoſed;—that the Powers intended to be given them by this Bill are too great, they not being ſubject to any Controul whatever; and the Petitioners, as Freemen, having an high Senſe of their Privileges, cannot but expreſs their Diſſatisfaction at the Power intended to be given to enter into their Houſes at any Hour to ſearch for Leather, when no ſuch Power is exerciſed under any of the Acts of Parliament; and even the Right of Entry into Warehouſes for that Purpoſe, by Stat. of the 9th of *Ann*, was in Purſuance of Leather being made an Object of Revenue.

*Seventhly*, The half-tanned Hides have been found by Merchants and Riggers of Veſſels the moſt proper for their Uſe,—yet ſuch are prohibited by this Bill, though it is obſervable, they are excepted by the Acts of Parliament, from which this Bill is ſuppoſed to be drawn.

*Eighthly*, As the foreign Hides are of ſo much Importance to the Tanning Buſineſs of this Country, that it could not be carried on to above half its preſent Extent without them, and particularly are found to be the beſt for Sole-Leather, the Petitioners have juſt Reaſon to apprehend that the Strictneſs of the Bill, in reſpect to imported Hides when manufactured, by ſubjecting them, if flawed or tainted (the latter not diſcoverable till in the Work) to immediate Seizure, and a ſummary Conviction, will, inſtead of impoſing Vigilance and Care on the Importers or Butchers in foreign Parts, as the Bill intends, drive them to other Markets, or open a Channel to *Europe*, the bad Effects of which muſt be laſting and irretrievable.

*Ninthly*, The Petitioners humbly hope the Honourable Houſe do not intend to give foreign Leather an Advantage over the Manufactures of this Province, and thereby prefer Foreigners to the Inhabitants, their own Conſtituents, which would be the Caſe if the propoſed Bill ſhould paſs into a Law, no Proviſion being therein made to ſubject foreign Leather to Inſpection, Sealing, or any of the like Burthens or Expence.

*Tenthly*, Inconvenient as the Delays and Expence of Office will prove, the Petitioners would for the public Good ſubmit without murmuring, if they did not think and hope they are able to convince the Honourable Houſe, that intereſted Views, and not public Utility, gave Riſe to theſe Complaints, and that two Effects will immediately follow,—*Firſt*, The Loſs of their whole Trade will be endangered.—*Secondly*, Much leſs Leather will be manufactured in the Province, and greater Quantities of both tanned and wrought Leather will be imported;— that the Shoemakers will have the ſame Opportunity of buying bad imported Leather as formerly, or if they are ſincere in their Deſires to improve the Manufacture, the preſent Attempt muſt be ineffectual, by leaving foreign Leather free from any Inſpection or Examination: Upon this Point the Petitioners would alſo obſerve, that the Intereſt of the Public is equally concerned in the Skill and Care of the Shoemakers, and that the Acts of Parliament upon this Head ſubject Shoes, Boots, *&c.* to Inſpection and Search;—the Petitioners therefore humbly conceive a Regulation much more neceſſary in this Country, where, if the propoſed Bill ſhould paſs into a Law, Shoemakers will ſtill have an Opportunity of impoſing bad Wares on their Cuſtomers, wrought from uninſpected imported Leather, and from ſuch as is to be condemned by this propoſed Law, which, the Petitioners do aſſert and can prove, ſome of the Shoemakers prefer to the beſt manufactured Leather, as they have it at a lower Rate.

Upon the Whole, the Petitioners conceive and ſubmit to the Houſe, that, as imported Leather is not, and perhaps will not, be permitted to become liable to the ſame Reſtraints and Burthens, and as a Law for remedying the principal Matters complained of has been made, and is yet in full Force, though from ſome Defects ſuffered to grow obſolete, whether the propoſed Bill does not come before the Houſe under ſuch Objections and Difficulties as to give the Petitioners reaſonable Hopes of its final Rejection, which they earneſtly deſire.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor in the Forenoon with the verbal Meſſage of the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had received an Anſwer from General *Gage*, reſpecting the Complaints of the *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Waggoners, which he would ſhortly lay before the Houſe for their Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*, and for the better regulating Pilots, *&c.* reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Peter Mierken*, Sugar-Refiner, being again read, it was ordered that the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe expreſſed in his ſaidPetition.

A Member

A Member pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act directing the Manner of assigning Dower within this Province, and for* "*other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading. 1771. *February* 14.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Aggrievances do prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of this City, who have applied to the House for Enlargement.

The Governor by Mr. Secretary, laid before the House a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage*, at *New-York*, dated *October* 23, 1770, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR,

I HAVE received your Letters of the 16th and 18th Instant, with a Number of Depositions, and a Remonstrance to you from the House of Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, all relative to Demands for the Payment of Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt* in 1768, with Part of his Majesty's Royal Regiment of *Ireland*. A Letter from General *Gage*.

The Papers you have transmitted shall be laid before the proper Officers for Examination, with as little Delay as possible, and I will do all that depends on me to redress the Grievances complained of. I have the Honour to be, with great Regard, SIR,

*Your most obedient humble Servant*,

To the Honourable
Lieutenant Governor PENN. THOMAS GAGE."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating* "*the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadel- "phia," *&c.* which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs,

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets,* "*Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* *February* 15. Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Nightly* "*Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes, and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia," *&c.* which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Member pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Law-Suits concerning Wills,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee of Grievances presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for* "*the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languishing* "*Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" which being read the first time was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 16.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the better securing and punishing certain Offenders* "*therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the* "*County of* Philadelphia," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Chapman* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and acquaint his Honour the House would be glad to know his Result on the Bills before him.

Upon Motion,

That the Fund provided by Law for Support of the Light-House erected by this Government at Cape *Henlopen*, is burthened with an heavy Annual Interest, which, added to the constant Expence of supplying and attending the Lights, is almost equal to the yearly Amount of the Duty of Tonnage appropriated to sink the Principal, and that this Debt on the Province cannot be discharged in any reasonable Time, unless the House should think it adviseable to strike a Sum in Bills of Credit, sufficient to pay off the Monies borrowed for building the said Light-House, and stop the Interest that must otherwise accrue; the said Motion, after some Debate thereon, was referred to further Consideration.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased

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*February* 16. Adjournment

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday* next at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 18. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Two Petitions from the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks*, for impoſing a Tax on all ſupernumerary Dogs in the ſaid Counties, were preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *of the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *Sugar-Refiner,* "*to hold Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this* "*Province,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for building* "*a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek in the County of* Philadelphia," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented for that Purpoſe.

Mr. Secretary alſo brought down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Com-* "*miſſioners for opening and maintaining Parts of two Roads therein mentioned,*" and, "*An* "*Act for erecting Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a ſeparate County,*" with ſome Amendments to the ſame, which being read and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bills were ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers Inhabitants near the River *Leheigh* was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 19.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raiſing the Sum of *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch,*" &c. being tranſcribed according to Order, and read the third time, a Member preſented to the Chair a Rider to the ſaid Bill, which being twice read and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſame was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Rider to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly* "*Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys in the City of* Philadelphia," &c. being tranſcribed according to Order, the ſame was again read and annexed to the ſaid Bill.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An* "*Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Townſhip of* Paſſyunk, *and for confirming a* "*new Road laid out and made inſtead thereof*;" "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the* "*Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other* "*Purpoſes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for regulating the Fiſhery in the Rivers* Codorus "*and* Connewago *in* York *County*," and "*An Act for better ſecuring and puniſhing certain* "*Offenders therein mentioned*," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

With the ſaid Bills the Secretary alſo delivered the following verbal Meſſage from his Honour to the Houſe, *viz.*

SIR,

Verbal Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'THE Governor requeſts that the Houſe will inform him whether they are poſſeſſed of any Plans or accurate Draughts of the Rivers *Delaware*, *Leheigh*, *Suſ-* 'quehanna and *Juniata*, and of the Streams *Coneſtogo*, *Bald Eagle*, *Machanoy*, *Penns* 'Creek, *Swatara*, *Connedaguinet* and *Kiſkemenetas*, which, by the Bills now under his 'Conſideration, are propoſed to be kept open for Navigation, and particularly whether 'theſe Streams have been explored; and that if they have any ſuch Draughts the Houſe 'will lay them before him."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *James* wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch,*" &c. for his Aſſent to the ſame, and alſo deliver the following verbal Meſſage, *viz.*

A verbal Meſſage to the Governor from the Houſe.

THE Houſe informs his Honour that they are poſſeſſed of no Plans or Draughts of the ſeveral Rivers and Streams mentioned in his verbal Meſſage of this Day, except an

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an accurate one of a Part of the River *Delaware* (which they lay before him, agreeable to his Requeſt) and thoſe contained in the ſeveral Maps of this Province; and that the Houſe know not whether thoſe Rivers and Streams have been particularly explored, having proceeded in the framing of the Bills referred to by his Honour, on the Information of their Members.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for the Preſervation of Fiſh in the "Rivers* Delaware, Suſquehanna *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Weſtern Branch "of* Delaware," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *John M'Pherſon*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February 20.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed Yeſterday, and the verbal Meſſage of the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Aſſize of Bread, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Motion of *Saturday* laſt, reſpecting the ſtriking a Sum of Money for Repayment of the Sums borrowed for building and ſupporting the Province Light-Houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, and after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put, Whether a Committee ſhall be appointed to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe above-mentioned?——the ſame was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

Upon Motion,

The Remonſtrance from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning a further Proviſion for the Support of the *French* Neutrals, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, it was recommended to the Provincial Commiſſioners to pay into the Hands of the ſaid Overſeers of the Poor the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, to be applied to the immediate Relief of the ſaid *French* Neutrals, and to diſcharge the ſmall Sum the Overſeers are now in Advance for their Support.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Draught of their Petition to his Majeſty, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Objections ariſing to particular Paragraphs thereof, the ſaid Draught was recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Alteration.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February 21.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the "better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pi-"lotage to and from the ſaid Port,*" which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, the Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act ap-"pointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *for the better regulating Pilots plying in "the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Governor, by the Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating "and continuing the Nightly Watch, for enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the "City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

Mr. Secretary likewiſe delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the "Poor,*" with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February 22.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee to whom the Petition to his Majeſty was recommitted for Amendment, reported the ſame with ſome Alterations, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

A Member purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for veſting a certain Tract of* Four Hundred and Fifty *Acres of Land, "ſituate in* Frederick's *Townſhip, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Per-"kiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Truſtees to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein "mentioned,*

1771. " *mentioned,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

*February* 22. Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration the Accounts of *Robert Whitehill* and *Robert Amor*, Witnesses attending on Behalf of *Lancaster* County, in Support of the late Charges brought against the Commissioners and Assessors of said County, after some Time spent therein,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this House that all reasonable Charges and Expences sustained by Witnesses attending on that Occasion in Behalf of the said County, be paid by the said County.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the immediate raising Money heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Secretaries of the *American* Philosophical Society, held at *Philadelphia*, for promoting useful Knowledge, by Order of the said Society waited on the House and presented the following Address, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* HOUSE *of REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN,

An Address from the *American* Philosophical Society to the Assembly.

AS Secretaries of the *American* PhiloſophicalSociety, held at *Philadelphia*, for promoting useful Knowledge, we are appointed to present to each Member of this Honourable House a Copy of the first Volume of the printed Transactions of the said Society, as an Acknowledgement of the grateful Sense which they retain of the public Patronage and Encouragement which they have received from the Assemblies of *Pennsylvania*.

As the various Societies, which have of late Years been instituted in *Europe*, have confessedly contributed much to the more general Propagation of Knowledge and useful Arts, it is hoped that it will give Satisfaction to the Members of this Honourable House, to find that the Province, which they represent, can boast of the first Society, and the first Publication of a Volume of Transactions for the Advancement of useful Knowledge, on this Side of the *Atlantic*;—a Volume which is wholly *American*, both in Composition, Printing and Paper, and which, we flatter ourselves, may not be thought altogether unworthy of the Attention of Men of Letters in the most improved Parts of the World.

*Signed by Order of the Society,*

*Philadelphia, February* 22, 1771.

WILLIAM SMITH,
JOHN EWING,
ROBERT STRETTELL JONES,
DAVID RITTENHOUSE,"
} Secretaries.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the immediate raising of Money heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," which being read through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act directing the Manner of assigning Dower within this Province, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being in Part read, and some Objections arising to the said Bill, the same was recommitted to the Member that brought it in, with Mr. *Evans*, Mr *Livezey*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Pearson*, for Amendment.

Adjournment The House adjourned to Ten o'Cock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 23. The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*"

Adjournment and after some Debate thereon, adjourned to *Monday*, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 25. The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair the following Bills, *viz.* " *An Act for better preserving the Freedom of Assembly*, and, " *An Act to prevent certain Offices being held by Members of Assembly*," which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

Adjournment The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 26. The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" which being gone through, and an Answer to the said Amendments prepared at the Table, the same was ordered to be transcribed.

Adjournment The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

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The Bills, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and* "*for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price* "*of Pilotage to and from the said Port*," and, "*An Act for the immediate raising of Mo-*"*ney heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table. 1771. February 26.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and deliver the Answer of the House to his Honour's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February 27.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed last Night, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for* "*the Relief of the Poor*," reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills and the Answer to his Amendments into immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Sus-"quehanna, *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware," and after some Debate thereon, the said Bill was *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to repeal the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the* "*Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, *and the* Leheigh, *commonly* "*called the Western Branch of* Delaware."

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to re-*"*gulate the Assize of Bread*, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of* "*Bread*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. *Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled," *An Act to enable* Peter "Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a* "*natural-born Subject of this Province*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act* "*for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle and Jonathan Hobby, *languishing* "*Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with Respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House took up the Petition of *John Gemmel*, of *Cumberland* County, which was again read, and after some Debate thereon, ordered that the same do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February 28*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, "*and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a third Reading.

The House, upon Motion, resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from *John* and *Joseph Pawling* and *Abraham Sahler*, after some Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration at their next Sitting, and ordered that the Petitioners, in the mean Time, give public Notice of their Application to Assembly for the Relief prayed for in their respective Petitions.

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for* "*vesting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, situated in* Fredericks "*Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine* "*Tract, in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners for the said Bill do give Notice in all the *English* News-Papers published in the City of *Philadelphia*, that they have obtained Leave to bring in a Bill for Sale of the said Tract of Land, and that such public Notice be continued at least Six Months from the Date of this Order.

The House resumed the Consideration of their intended Petition to his Majesty, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

*Post Meridiem*

1771. The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of their Petition to the King, which being again read, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

*February 28. Poſt Meridiem* The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the ſeveral Bills, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port*;" "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *and Parts of* Neſhaminey *Creek as far up as* Barnſley's *Ford and of the Stream called* Lechawaxin *as far up as the Falls thereof, common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the ſaid Rivers*;" and, "*An Act for the immediate raiſing of Money for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia," with ſome Amendments to each of them, which being read and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bills were ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 1. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*;" and, "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled, An Act for the Preſervation of Fiſh in the Rivers* Delaware, Suſquehanna, *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Weſtern Branch of* Delaware," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *William Parr*, Eſq; Maſter of the Rolls in this City, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration.

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Petition of *William Parr*, Eſq; and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to examine into the State of the Regiſter Generals and Rolls Office in the City of *Philadelphia*, and report thereon to the Houſe at their next Meeting.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 2. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from *Bucks* County for a Tax upon Dogs, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, ordered that the ſame be recommended to the ſerious Attention of the Members at their next Meeting.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*March* 4. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem* Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Joſeph Cook*, of *Cumberland* County, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 5. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act directing the Manner of aſſigning Dower*," &c. was recommitted for Amendment, reported the ſame with ſome Alterations, and the ſaid Bill being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Preſervation of Fiſh in the Rivers* Delaware, Suſquehanna *and the* Leheigh, *commonly called the Weſtern Branch of* Delaware;" "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," and, "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*," and

acquainted

acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose. 1771. March 5.

Mr. Secretary likewise brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" with a Reply to the Answer of the House to his Honour's Amendments to the said Bill, which Reply being read and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

With the foregoing Mr. Secretary also delivered the Bills, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same,*" with some Amendments thereto——and, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread,*" to which last the Secretary acquainted the House his Honour could not give his Assent.

The House then adjourned to Three 'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same,*" and after some Debate thereon, an Answer to the said Amendments being agreed to and prepared at the Table,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *James* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments.

The Petition to his Majesty being transcribed according to Order, was compared at the Table, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*To the* KING's *most excellent* MAJESTY.

The PETITION of the *REPRESENTATIVES* of the FREEMEN of the Province of PENNSYLVANIA,

*Most humbly sheweth,*

A Petition to his Majesty from the House.

THAT we your Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Representatives of the Freemen of *Pennsylvania*, in General Assembly met, humbly ask Permission to offer to your Royal Wisdom our dutiful Supplications.

In our last Petition to your Majesty, we prayed Relief of a Grievance, which the good People of this Province suffered, by Duties being imposed upon them by Act of Parliament, for the sole Purpose of raising a Revenue; and though that Act has been repealed as to Part of these Taxes, yet the Duties on Tea, and other enumerated Goods, not made in *Great-Britain*, but from thence exported to those Colonies, are still retained with Intent, as we have great Reason to fear, of establishing thereby a Precedent for repeating such Taxations upon us hereafter.

Thus we lose the Possession of Part of our Property, and the Title to the Remainder becomes extremely precarious: For as we cannot, from our Situation, be in any Manner represented in Parliament, your Royal Wisdom will perceive that we can call nothing our own, which others assume a Right to take from us, without our Consent.

The Aggrievance still continuing notwithstanding the late Repeal, our Confidence in your Majesty's transcendant Goodness, induces us to hope, that through your gracious Interposition we may yet obtain Redress.—— If we attempted to promote Innovations, we might deserve Censure. We only endeavour to avoid them. —— We presume not to request the Grant of any new Right in our Favour, nor any Diminution of the Royal Prerogative; but only to be restored to that which we constantly till of late enjoyed,—the invaluable exclusive Privilege of demonstrating our Affection for our Sovereign, and our Duty to his Government, as heretofore, by voluntary Gifts of our Property to him.

This Privilege repeatedly recognized by your Majesty and former Kings and Parliaments, our Ancestors transmitted inviolate to us, we possessed it without Abuse, and have lost it without Offence: For we beg Leave to assure your Majesty, that none of your Subjects are or can be more affectionately and firmly attached to your Majesty's Person, Family, and Government, than your faithful People, the Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania*.

*Most gracious Sovereign,*

Fully confiding, that your Majesty will always make the Preservation of the constitutional Rights of your Subjects a principal Object of your Attention, and that your Royal Disposition delights in the Freedom and Happiness of your People, We most humbly and earnestly implore your Majesty, by your Royal Authority, Influence, and Recommendation, to procure us Relief from the Grievance now most respectfully represented.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*Philadelphia, March* 5, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence do immediately transmit the foregoing

1771. going Petition to *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; Agent for the Province in *London*, to be preſented to his Majeſty.

*March* 5. The Members ſent up to the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring* "*the Rivers* Suſquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways*," &c. and the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments to the ſaid Bill, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Anſwer into Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 6. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and took into Conſideration the Addreſs from Meſſieurs *Bonin* and *Morris*, Proprietors of the China Manufactory lately ſet on Foot in the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, ordered that the ſaid Addreſs do lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Elizabeth Corſe*, Widow, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Petition of *Samuel Penroſe*, Tenant on the *Province-Iſland*, referred over by the late Aſſembly,

*Ordered*, That the Truſtees of the ſaid Iſland do make ſuch Buildings and Repairs as to them ſhall appear neceſſary to accommodate the ſaid Tenant, out of the Monies ariſing from the laſt Eleven Months Rent in his Hands, provided the Expence of ſuch Buildings and Repairs ſhall not exceed the Sum of £ 367 11 8, and that the ſaid Truſtees take the Obligation of the Tenant for the Intereſt ariſing on the Monies ſo laid out, (except ſuch Sums as ſhall be expended in repairing the Dwelling-houſe) payable yearly during his Leaſe.

The Truſtees laid before the Houſe, agreeable to the Order of the late Aſſembly, the Leaſe, entered into by the ſaid *Penroſe*, duly executed, which was read by Order, and approved.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Delinquency of *James Lindſay*, Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Cumberland*, recommended over by the late Aſſembly to the Notice of this Houſe,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do put in Suit the Bond given by the ſaid Collector and his Sureties for the faithful Performance of his Duty, unleſs he ſhould ſettle his Account and diſcharge the Balance due to the Province before the next Meeting of the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do furniſh the Provincial Treaſurer with a Copy of this Order.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 7. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* do wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the ſeveral Bills agreed on during the preſent Sitting being engroſſed, the Houſe requeſt he will be pleaſed to appoint ſome Members of Council to aſſiſt in comparing the ſame with their Originals this Afternoon, as they are deſirous of adjourning this Week, if they can be acquainted with his Honour's Reſult on the Bill at preſent before him.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* join with the Members of Council in collating the ſeveral Bills already engroſſed.

The Members return and report they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour war pleaſed to ſay he would appoint ſome Members of Council to aſſiſt in comparing the engroſſed Bills this Afternoon, and that the Houſe ſhould be acquainted with his Reſult on the Bill now under his Conſideration.

Upon Motion.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Delinquency of *James Gibbons*, Treaſurer for *Cheſter* County, and *Michael Swoope*, Treaſurer for the County of *York*, in paying the Arrears due from the ſaid Counties on the Provincial Tax,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do proceed againſt the ſaid *James Gibbons* and *Michael Swoope* agreeable to Law, unleſs they ſhall pay the ſaid Arrears from them reſpectively due before the next Meeting of Aſſembly.

The Houſe alſo taking into Conſideration the Neglect of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Cumberland* in not enforcing the Payment of the Arrears of the Provincial Tax into the Hands of the Treaſurer for the ſaid County,

*Reſolved*, That unleſs the ſaid Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors ſhall before the Sitting of the Houſe in *September* next fully diſcharge their Duty in compelling Payment of the Arrears of the ſaid Tax, this Houſe will take ſuch Meaſures as ſhall be effectual for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do deliver a Copy of the two foregoing Orders to the Provincial Treaſurer.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That the Treasurers for *Lancaster* County make Report of the Names of the several Commissioners, Assessors, and Clerks, ordered to refund public Monies by them received or detained, distinguishing those who have and have not paid the Balance adjusted by the late Assembly, with the Sums by them respectively paid. 1771. *March* 7.

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treasurer do take the proper Measures to recover the Balance due to the Province from *Jonas Seely*, of *Berks* County.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do furnish the Provincial Treasurer with Copies of the two foregoing Orders.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *March* 8.

The Members appointed to join with the Gentlemen of the Council in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

The Governor, by the Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the "River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for im- "proving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the "same*," with a Reply to the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the said Bill, which Reply being read by Order, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Members of Assembly having viewed the Orrery constructed by Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, a Native of this Province, and being of Opinion that it greatly exceeds all others hitherto invented in demonstrating the true Situations of the celestial Bodies, their Magnitudes, Motions, Distances, Periods, Eclipses and Order upon the Principles of the *Newtonian* System,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds* be given to Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, as a Testimony of the high Sense which this House entertain of his Mathematical Genius and Mechanical Abilities in constructing the said Orrery.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Evans*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to agree with and purchase from Mr. *Rittenhouse* a new Orrery for the Use of the Public, at any Sum not exceeding *Four Hundred Pounds* lawful Money of this Province.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House being informed that some Person or Persons unknown did, in the Night of the Seventh Instant, break into the Assembly Room in the State-House of this City, and from thence feloniously take and carry away the Hospital Charity-Box with a Sum of Money therein, *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do issue an Advertisement, offering a Reward of *Ten Pounds* to any Person who shall apprehend the said Felon or Felons, to be paid upon his or their being legally convicted.

*Resolved*, That this House will at their next Sitting take into Consideration the insecure Condition of the State-House, with the Offices adjoining, and the public Property therein.

The Committee of Accounts to whom was referred for Examination the Account of Messieurs *Franklin* and *Hall*, for Printing-Work done for the General Loan-Office from the Year 1750 to 1764, and lately paid by *Mary Norris*, Administratrix to the Estate of *Charles Norris*, deceased, late acting Trustee of the said Office, reported that the said Account of *Six Pounds Seventeen Shillings* is a just Debt against the Province, and that they are of Opinion Mrs. *Norris* ought to be repaid the same.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker, the same was delivered by the Clerk to Mrs. *Norris*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *March* 9.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams "therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and "Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same*," being engrossed according to Order,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the House having gone through the principal Business of the Sitting, incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Sixteenth of *September* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto, and as the *Susquehanna* Bill is agreed to by them, and engrossed, they request the Governor will appoint a Member of Council to assist in comparing the same with its Original, and inform the House at what Hour To-day they shall attend him to enact into Laws the several Bills that have been returned with his Assent.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* join with the Member of Council in comparing the said Bill.

1771. *March* 9. The Members return and report they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had no Objection to the Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe, and would be at the Council-Chamber between Twelve and One o'Clock this Day, to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills that have been agreed on.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be, and the ſame is hereby given and allowed to the Honourable *John Penn*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, towards his Support of the current Year.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being prepared at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker, was ordered to be preſented to his Honour when the Houſe ſhall attend him in the Council-Chamber.

The Members appointed to aſſiſt in collating the engroſſed Bill, reported they had done the ſame according to Order, and found them to agree.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Members, do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Bills to be paſſed into Laws, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the Houſe "to enact into Laws the Bills to which he has given his Aſſent."

Mr. Speaker then with the whole Houſe, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that they had waited on the Governor and preſented Twenty Bills, reſpectively entituled, "*An* "*Act to regulate the Fiſhery in the River* Schuylkill;" "*A Supplement to the Act, en-*"*tituled*, "*An Act for erecting Part of the Counties of* Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lan-"caſter *into a ſeparate County*;" "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled*, "*An Act for the* "*better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories*; "*An Act to prevent* "*the Deſtruction of Rock-Fiſh and Oyſters*;" "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the* "*Southern Parts of the* Northern Liberties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Pur-*"*poſes therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Townſhip of* "Paſſyunk, *and for confirming a new Road laid out inſtead thereof*;" "*An Act for erect-*"*ing a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a ſeparate County*; "*An Act declaring* "*the River* Suſquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for* "*improving the Navigation of the ſaid River and Streams, and preſerving the Fiſh in the* "*ſame*;" "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the County of* Phila-"delphia;" "*An Act for appointing Commiſſioners for opening and maintaining Parts of* "*two Roads therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for regulating the Fiſhery in the Rivers* Co-"dorus *and* Connewago, *in* York *County*;" "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware "*and* Leheigh, *and Parts of* Neſhaminey *Creek, as far up as* Barnſley's *Ford, and of* "*the Stream called* Lechawaxin, *as far up as the Falls thereof, common Highways, and* "*improving the Navigation in the ſaid Rivers*;" "*An Act for the better ſecuring and* "*puniſhing certain Offenders therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*;" "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes* "*and Alleys in the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*;" "*An* "*Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating* "*Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from* "*the ſaid Port*;" "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled*, "*An Act for the* "*Preſervation of Fiſh in the Rivers* Delaware, Suſquehanna *and the* Leheigh *commonly* "*called the Weſtern Branch of* Delaware;" "*An Act for the immediate raiſing of Money* "*heretofore granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia;" "*An Act to enable* Peter "Mierken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a na-*"*tural-born Subject of this Province*;" and "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, "Conrad Kehmle and Jonathan Hobby, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadel-"phia, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*;"—to which ſeveral Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into Laws.—The Speaker further reported that he had then in the Name and on Behalf of the Houſe preſented to his Honour their Certificate for *Six Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleaſed to ſay he was obliged to the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do procure a ſubſtantial Iron Cheſt for the Uſe of the Province, and exhibit an Account thereof to the Houſe at their next Meeting.

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the Sixteenth of *September* next, at Four Adjournment o'Clock, *P. M.*

*September* 16. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment MR. Speaker, with Eighteen Members, met purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

A Quorum

1771.
*September 17.*
*Post Meridiem*

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration that the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; late Governor of this Province, has been gone some Months for *England*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Honourable *James Hamilton*, Esq; President, and acquaint him that the House being met, pursuant to their Adjournment, are ready to receive any Business which he and the Council may think proper to lay before them.

The Members, appointed at the Close of the last Sitting of Assembly to see the Great Seal affixed to certain Laws then passed, and to deposite the said Laws in the Rolls Office, reported the same had been done according to Order.

Sundry Petitions from *Walter Shee*, *Benjamin Davis*, *Joseph Saunders*, *William Crispin*, *Andrew Bankson*, *Enoch Story*, *James Stevenson* and *Peter Robeson*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Duty of Excise upon spirituous Liquors retailed in the City and County of *Philadelphia*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions from *John Reynolds* and *Charles Hicks*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Thomas Pryor*, Junior, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that since his being appointed to inspect the Flour exported from the said City, he presumes he has conducted in the Execution of that Office with such Diligence and Fidelity as to give general Satisfaction; and has the Pleasure to be informed by the most considerable Merchants and Traders in that Article of Commerce in the City aforesaid, that its Reputation at the foreign Markets is superior to the Flour manufactured in any of the neighbouring Colonies;—that the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable House, he may be continued to execute the Law by which he was appointed, until the Term of its Expiration.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Mitchell*, of the County of *Lancaster*, concerning *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the said County, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr *Watson*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to receive, examine and report the several Accounts of incidental Expences for the past Year.

An Account from *Judah Foulke*, Esq; Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, for sundry Expences in apprehending and bringing three Felons to the Gaol of said County, was presented to the House, read, and referred to the Committee for incidental Expences.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*September 18.*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the President and Council with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that the President was pleased to say he believed the Council would have some Business to lay before the House by a Message this Morning.

Mr. Secretary, by Order of the President and Council, brought down a written Message to the House, with the Depositions of *Asher Clayton* and *Joseph Morris* therein referred to, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

*A* MESSAGE *from the President and Council to the Assembly.*

GENTLEMEN,

A Message from the President and Council to the Assembly.

AS by the Laws of this Province the Administration of the Government, upon the Departure of our late Governor, devolved upon us, we cannot, consistent with our Duty, omit to lay before you a Matter, which appears to us of a very serious Nature, and nearly to concern the Peace and good Order of the Province.

The Making of the present Riot-Act, and the unhappy Occasion of it, and the Publication of large Rewards for apprehending and bringing to Justice those daring Offenders, *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices, must be fresh in your Memories.—These Steps taken by the Government and Legislature, calculated to discourage and suppress the turbulent Spirit of these Intruders, and others of the same perverse Disposition, it was hoped would have had the desired Effect. Yet we are sorry to inform you, that the very Persons, for whose Apprehension the Rewards were published, have lately with a Number of Adherents, in open Contempt of the Powers of Government, again appeared in Arms at *Wyoming*; and, after seizing upon all their Effects, forced our Settlers there (to whom the Proprietaries had sold the Lands) to retire into a Block-house, which they besieged in a regular hostile Manner, keeping up an almost continual Fire from

1771. *September* 18. from Intrenchments, for the Space of Sixteen or Seventeen Days. At length our People, reduced to the laſt Extremity, for Want of Proviſions, were obliged to ſurrender upon Terms of Capitulation. Since which it is reported that the Intruders have burnt the Block-houſe, and are fortifying themſelves at a more convenient Place in the Neighbourhood; and that they have Intentions of ſeizing on Fort *Auguſta*, and the Provincial Cannon, and other warlike Stores there.

We muſt inform you, Gentlemen, that upon the firſt Intimation of theſe laſt Violences, the Government took every Step in their Power, at a very great Expence, to raiſe a ſufficient Poſſe to enforce the Execution of the Riot-Act againſt the Intruders, and to apprehend the Offenders; and that ſeveral of the Magiſtrates of *Northampton* County were on their Way to *Wyoming* with a Poſſe, when they received Intelligence of the Surrender of the Block-houſe: And upon being well apprized of the Inſufficiency of that Force, and that it would require a much greater one to apprehend and bring the Rioters to Juſtice, we ordered the Poſſe to be diſcharged, and determined to lay the Caſe before you at your preſent Meeting.

Your own Underſtandings, Gentlemen, will point out to you the fatal Conſequences of ſuffering theſe lawleſs People to remain long in the Poſſeſſions they have thus obtained as it were by open War.—They will probably ſoon become more formidable by aſſociating to themſelves Numbers of profligate People from this and the other Provinces; of Courſe they may extend their Poſſeſſions by Force as far as they pleaſe, take upon themſelves in a little Time to give Laws to Government itſelf, and in the End bring on us all the Evils which have lately been experienced by a neighbouring Colony to the Southward.

When you come, Gentlemen, ſeriouſly to conſider theſe mportant Matters, and that the applying a Remedy to the Evil would, at a future Time, call for a more conſiderable Force, and a much heavier Expence than at preſent, we cannot doubt but you will readily give us all the Aſſiſtance in your Power ſpeedily to ſuppreſs theſe Diſorders, and bring to condign Puniſhment a Set of People, who have, in the moſt daring Manner, ſet the Government and its Laws at Defiance.

The Secretary will lay before you two Depoſitions which prove the Facts aboveſtated.

*September* 18, 1771. JAMES HAMILTON, *Preſident.*"

*The* DEPOSITION *of Colonel* ASHER CLAYTON.

PHILADELPHIA, *to wit,*

ASHER *Clayton*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Gentleman, being duly ſworn on the holy Evangeliſts of Almighty GOD, depoſeth and ſaith, That on the Sixth Day of *July* laſt, being at *Wyoming*, in the County of *Northampton*, in this Province, improving his Farm there, he received Information, that a Number of armed Men, commanded by *Lazarus Stewart*, and *Zebulon Butler*, commonly called Captain *Butler*, were approaching that Place, in order, as they gave out, to diſpoſſeſs the People who had ſettled there under the Proprietaries of this Province, and ſeize on their Lands, upon Pretence of Claim from the Colony of *Connecticut*; and thereupon he and the other Inhabitants, with their Families, making in all Eighty-two, Men, Women and Children, retired into a Block-houſe for their Security and Protection, taking with them the principal Part of their Effects; and this Deponent ſent out two Men to gain Intelligence; that about One o'Clock next Morning one of them returned and reported, that his Companion, *James Bertrong*, was taken Priſoner by a Party of Men at *Lachnawanach*; and about Eleven o'Clock the ſame Day, *Bertrong* returned and informed of his having been made Priſoner the preceding Night by a Party of fifty or ſixty Men, under the Command of *Stewart* and *Butler*, who told him they were come by Authority of the Government of *Connecticut*, to take Poſſeſſion of that Country, and were determined to do it, or periſh in the Attempt; and that while he was with them they took Poſſeſſion of a Houſe at the Mouth of *Mill-Creek*, and a Mill on the ſaid Creek; and *Bertrong* further informed, that by perſuading them he had no Concern in the Lands, he obtained his Liberty, and was charged with a Meſſage from *Butler* to this Deponent, deſiring a Conference at any Place he would appoint; that this Deponent, in Conſequence of an Appointment made, met *Butler* the next Day, at about Half a Mile's Diſtance from the Block-houſe, in the Preſence of *Ezekiel Pierce*, who accompanied *Butler*, and *David Mead*, who went with the Deponent; that *Butler* told the Deponent, that all the Lands there belonged to the Colony of *Connecticut*; that they came under the Authority and Protection of that Government to take Poſſeſſion of them, and were determined to obtain and keep Poſſeſſion at the Riſk of their Lives; and pointing to about Thirty of his Party, who were advanced within a ſmall Diſtance, ſaid, he wiſhed the Right could be determined by their Engagement with an equal Number;—to all which the Deponent anſwered, that he ſhould not diſpute with him about the Right to the

the Lands, at it was a Matter neither of them could determine, but that the Inhabitants having ſettled there under the Proprietaries of this Province, he and they would endeavour to maintain their Poſſeſſion, until they could have Orders from the Governor; and the Deponent propoſed to *Butler*, that he ſhould draw off his Party to the oppoſite Side of the River, and that neither Party ſhould moleſt the other, until he ſhould receive Orders or Advice from the Governor; but this was rejected, and they parted without agreeing to any Terms; that from this Time, he with the reſt of the Inhabitants in the Block-houſe, kept on their Guard to prevent a Surprize, and laid in what Proviſions they could, apprehending that *Butler* and his Party would endeavour to put their Threats in Execution; that on the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *July*, at about Twelve o'Clock at Night, the Block-houſe was ſurrounded by the *Connecticut* Party under *Stewart* and *Butler*, who from that Time kept the Block-houſe inveſted, and ſecured themſelves by Intrenchments; that the ſame Night they called to the Deponent, and told him he had Time enough to go off, and ſwore if he did not ſurrender up the Block-houſe by Eight o'Clock the next Day, they would blow him and the People with him to Hell; that the next Day ſome of them appeared near the Block-houſe, and endeavoured by various Threats and Perſuaſions to induce the Inhabitants to deſert it; that they ſeized on the Horſes, Cattle and ſuch other Effects of the Inhabitants as they could get into their Hands; that on the Twenty-ninth a Number of them drew nigh to the Block-houſe with their Fire-Arms in their Hands, and the Deponent ſuſpecting they intended to ſurprize it, gave them Notice that he was determined to maintain his Poſſeſſion, and forbad their approaching nigher; that on the Thirtieth, a little after Day-break, the Deponent was alarmed with the Firing of Guns, and expecting an Attack, the Inhabitants prepared to defend themſelves, and fired from the Block-houſe towards the Quarter from which they expected it, but it ſoon appeared to be an Engagement betwen the *Connecticut* Party and a Party of Men coming with Proviſions and Neceſſaries to the Relief of the Block-houſe, Twenty-two of whom got into the Block-houſe, the reſt being repelled; that a few Minutes after, the *Connecticut* Party began to fire at the Block-houſe with Ball; which was continued, with little Intermiſſion, Night and Day until *Sunday*, the Tenth of *Auguſt*, the People in the Block-houſe in their Defence returning the Fire; that on the Eleventh *Stewart* and *Butler* ſent a Man with a Flag to ſummon the People in the Block-houſe to ſurrender, which being refuſed, he withdrew, and ſoon after they began to fire at the Block-houſe with ſmall Arms, and from a wooden Cannon, which burſt at the ſecond Diſcharge; that the firing continued on both Sides until the Fifteenth, when the People in the Block-houſe having ſuffered greatly for Want of Proviſions, which were entirely conſumed, and ſeeing no Proſpect of Relief, ſent out a Man with a Flag to *Stewart* and *Butler*, and, after ſeveral Meſſages, having obtained the beſt Terms they could, a Capitulation was ſigned by *Stewart*, *Butler*, and one *John Smith*; purſuant to which the Deponent left the Block-houſe, and the *Connecticut* Party took Poſſeſſion of it;—that during the Siege *Iſaac Dalſton* was wounded and *William Ridgyard* killed in the Block-houſe by Shot from the *Connecticut* Party, and the Deponent hath heard, and believes that ſeveral of that Party were killed and wounded by Shot from the Block-houſe. — And further the Deponent ſaith not.—

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ASHER CLAYTON."

Sworn the 22d Day of *Auguſt*, *Anno Domini* 1771, before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, and Notary and Tabellion Public duly appointed and ſworn for the Province of *Pennſylvania*.

*Quodque Manu ac Sigillo notariali atteſtor,*

*Locus Sigilli.*

JAMES BIDDLE, *Juſt.* & *Not.*

*The* DEPOSITION *of* JOSEPH MORRIS.

PHILADELPHIA County, *to wit*,

JOSEPH *Morris*, of *Morris* County, in the Province of *Eaſt New-Jerſey*, Gentleman, being duly ſworn on the holy Evangeliſts of Almighty GOD, depoſeth and ſaith, That the ſaid Deponent being poſſeſſed of Lands near *Wyoming* upon *Suſquehanna*, in *Northampton* County, in this Province of *Pennſylvania*, which he held under the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province, and underſtanding that a Number of People had aſſembled at *Wyoming*, and were endeavouring forcibly to diſpoſſeſs the People ſettled there of their Lands, pretending to claim them by Authority from the Colony of *Connecticut*, he joined a Party of Thirty-two Men going with Neceſſaries and Proviſions for the Relief of the Settlers at *Wyoming*, by Orders from this Government, on the Twenty-ſixth Day of *July* laſt, and on the Thirtieth about Day-break being advanced

1771. *September* 18. within about two hundred Yards of a Block-houſe, wherein the Inhabitants had ſheltered themſelves, and were inveſted by the *Connecticut* Party, a Man, poſted as a Centinel, preſented his Firelock, and challenged the People with the Deponent, calling out, who goes there?—that they anſwered they were Friends; that the Centinel bid them ſtop, and threatened to fire if they advanced; upon which *John Dick*, one of the Party with the Deponent, told him they were going peaceably to the Block-houſe, and did not intend to hurt any one, and deſired him not to fire, but the Centinel perſiſted in declaring his Reſolution to fire, and then *Dick* raiſing up his Gun, bid him fire at his Peril; that the Centinel then ſtepped a little aſide, and a Number of Men, about Eighteen or Twenty, who lay concealed at a ſmall Diſtance to the right Hand, ſtarting up ſuddenly fired upon the Deponent and the Party with him, who preſently after received another Fire from the Left and from the Centinel; that finding themſelves attacked in this hoſtile Manner, they found it neceſſary to defend themſelves, and being provided with Arms, returned the Fire on their Aſſailants, and haſtening to the Block-houſe under a conſtant Fire from ſeveral Parties of the *Connecticut* People, Twenty-one of them got in, the reſt being driven back, with the Loſs of four Horſes with their Loading, having had one of their Men, named *Gilbert Ogden*, dangerouſly wounded by a Shot from the Block-houſe, as this Deponent believes, and two others ſlightly hurt; that the Deponent and his Party continued in the Block-houſe with *Aſher Clayton* and the Inhabitants until the Fifteenth of *Auguſt* inſtant, during all which Time, except on *Sunday* the Twelfth, the Party ſurrounding the Fort, who had entrenched themſelves, and were commanded by *Lazarus Stewart* and *Zebulon Butler*, kept a conſtant Firing with Ball at the Block-houſe, by which *Iſaac Dalſton* was wounded, and *William Ridgyard* killed; and alſo fired with Ball from a wooden Cannon, which burſt at the ſecond Diſcharge; that the Fire was returned by the People in the Block-houſe in their own Defence; but on the ſaid Fifteenth of *Auguſt*, being reduced to great Straits for Want of Proviſions, which for many Days before had been dealt out very ſparingly, and was by that Time wholly conſumed, they were obliged to ſend out a Man with a Flag to treat upon Terms, and, after ſeveral Meſſages, were conſtrained to ſurrender on the Conditions mentioned in the Capitulation granted to them by *Butler*, *Stewart*, and one *John Smith*, a Copy whereof is hereto annexed, which the Deponent believes to be a true and exact Copy, as he himſelf tranſcribed the Original, and has compared this with a Copy of it made for him by *John Dick*, who has it in his Poſſeſſion; and further the Deponent ſaith not.—

JOSEPH MORRIS."

Sworn the 22d Day of *Auguſt*, *Anno Domini* 1771, before me, one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, and Notary and Tabellion Public duly appointed and ſworn for the Province of *Pennſylvania*.

*Locus Sigilli.*

*Quodque Manu ac Sigillo notariali atteſtor,*

JAMES BIDDLE, *Juſt.* & *Not.*

"*Articles of Capitulation, agreed upon the Fifteenth Day of* Auguſt, 1771, *betwixt Colonel* Aſher Clayton, Joſeph Morris *and* John Dick, *Commandants of the Block-houſe, in Behalf of the Honourable the Proprietaries of* Pennſylvania, *and the Subſcribers, on Behalf of the Colony of* Connecticut, *on Surrender of the Fort to the latter.*

"*Firſt*, That Twenty-three Men ſhall go out armed, the Remainder unarmed, and to go from hence to their reſpective Habitations unmoleſted by the oppoſite Party.

"*Secondly*, That the Men, who have Families, are to have Liberty to ſtay on the Land two Weeks, and to take off their Effects, which they are to do unmoleſted.

"*Thirdly*, That the Sick and Wounded are to have Liberty to ſtay and keep ſuch Perſons as they think proper for Nurſes and to ſend for a Doctor.

"The above Articles we the Subſcribers do bind ourſelves by the Honour and Faith of Gentlemen to abide by and perform. Witneſs our Hands,

*Teſtes*,
ALEXANDER PATTERSON,
EZEKIEL PIERCE.

ZEBULON BUTLER,
LAZARUS STEWART,
JOHN SMITH."

"The above is the Copy of the Capitulation referred to in the foregoing Affidavit.

JAMES BIDDLE, *Juſt.* & *Not.*"

With the foregoing Papers the Secretary alſo brought down and delivered at the Table a Letter from the Earl of *Hillſborough*, one of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, dated *Whitehall*, *July* 3, 1771, with two Inſtruments under the Privy Seal, ſignifying his Majeſty's Diſallowance of two ſeveral Acts of the General Aſſembly of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, and a Report from a Committee of the Lords of Trade on certain other

Laws

Laws of the said Province, which were read by Order, and the said Letter and Report are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

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*Whitehall, July* 3, 1771.

"SIR,

"INCLOSED I send you, by the King's Command, an Order of his Majesty in "Council on the Twenty-fourth of *May* last, upon the Consideration of several "Laws passed in *Pennsylvania* in *September* 1769, and in *February*, *May* and *September*, "1770.——I likewise transmit to you, in order to its being published in the proper "Manner, an Instrument which has passed under the Privy Seal, signifying his Ma-"jesty's Adjudication and Declaration of one of the said Acts to be void; and also "another like Instrument, that passed the Privy Seal in *June*, 1766, for declaring void "a Law of *Pennsylvania*, enacted in *September* 1764, which Instrument I found, upon "Enquiry, had been neglected to be taken out at the Time it passed. I have the Ho-"nour to be, SIR,

*Your most obedient humble Servant,*
HILLSBOROUGH."

*To the Deputy Governor of* Pennsylvania.

*At the* COURT *at* ST. JAMES'S, *the* 24*th Day of* May, 1771.

PRESENT,

The KING'S MOST EXCELLENT *MAJESTY.*

LORD PRESIDENT,
DUKE of QUEENSBERRY,
LORD STEWARD,
EARL of DENBIGH,
EARL of ROCHFORD,
EARL of BRISTOL,
EARL of POMFRET,
VISCOUNT FALMOUTH,
LORD GEANTHAM.

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Report from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, upon considering Twenty Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *September*, 1769, and in *February*, *May* and *September*, 1770, which Report is dated the 23d Instant, and is in the Words following, *that is to say*,

"YOUR Majesty having been pleased by your Order in Council of the 11th of *Fe-"bruary* last, to refer to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations Twenty "Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *September*, 1769, and in *February*, "*May* and *September*, 1770, with Directions to them to make their Report thereupon "to this Committee, which Acts are entituled as follows, *viz.*

No. 1. "*An Act to enable the Owners of Meadow Lands on both Sides of* Gunner's "*Creek, to construct, maintain and keep up a Dam and Sluices, and to raise a Fund to "defray the Expence thereof.*"——Passed the Twenty-fourth of *February*, 1770.

No. 2. "*An Act for repairing the Highway between* Frankford *Bridge, and the Bridge "over* Frankford *Mill-Race.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 3. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An "Act for taking Lands in Execution for the Payment of Debts, and for confirming Par-"titions in several Instances heretofore made.*"——Passed ditto.

No. 4. "*An Act for the better Confirmation of the Estates of Persons holding or claim-"ing under* Feme Coverts, *and for establishing a Mode by which Husband and Wife may "hereafter convey their Estates.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 5. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act to enable the Owners and Posses-"sors of a certain Tract of Marsh and Meadow Land therein described, situate in the County "of* Chester, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair, and to raise a "Fund to defray the Expence thereof.*"——Passed ditto.

No. 6. "*An Act for the Sale of Goods destrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to "the Persons distraining the same for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent Frauds "and Abuses committed by Tenants.*"——Passed ditto.

No. 7. "*An Act for appointing Commissioners to meet with Commissioners, who are or "may be appointed by the Legislatures of the neighbouring Colonies to form and agree upon a "general Plan for the Regulation of the* Indian *Trade.*"——Passed ditto.

No. 8. "*An Act for incorporating the Society formed for the Relief of poor, aged and "infirm Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children.*—Passed ditto.

No. 9. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Bailing Prisoners, and "about Imprisonment.*—Passed ditto.

No. 10. "*An Act for the Relief of the languishing Prisoners in the Gaols of the several "Counties within this Province, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—— Passed ditto.

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No. 11. " *An Act for puniſhing wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons going armed in Diſ-* " *guiſe, and doing Injuries and Violence to the Perſons of his Majeſty's Subjects within this* " *Province, and for the more ſpeedy bringing the Offenders to Juſtice.*"—Paſſed ditto.

No. 12. " *An Act for the Relief of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *Priſoners in the* " *Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.*" —— Paſſed the 30th of *September*, 1769.

No. 13. " *An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of* " *the public Debts.*"—Paſſed ditto.

No. 14. " *An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* " *An Act to enable the Commiſſioners* " *herein after named, to ſettle the Accounts of the Managers, and to ſue for and recover* " *from ſeveral Perſons ſuch Sums of Money as are now due and unpaid on Account of the* " *Lottery ſet up and drawn for erecting a Houſe of Worſhip at the Town of* Carliſle, *in* " *the County of* Cumberland, *for the Uſe of the firſt* Preſbyterian *Congregation, under the* " *Paſtoral Care of* John Steel."—Paſſed ditto.

No. 15. " *An Act for the Relief of* John Galbreath, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol* " *of* Cheſter, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.*"—Paſſed ditto.

No. 16. " *An Act for the further Continuance of the Act, entituled,* " *An Act for ap-* " *pointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying* " *in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the ſaid Port.*"— Paſſed the Sixteenth of *May*, 1770.

No. 17. " *An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* " *An Act for the opening and better* " *amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.*"— Paſſed the Twenty-ninth of *September*, 1770.

No, 18. " *An Act for regulating Waggoners, Carters, Draymen and Porters within the* " *City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*"—Paſſed ditto.

No. 19. " *An Act for the Regulation of Apprentices within this Province.*"——Paſſed ditto.

No. 20. " *An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of* " *the public Debts.*"—Paſſed ditto.

" The ſaid Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, purſuant to your Ma- " jeſty's afore-mentioned Order in Council, have made the following Report to this " Committee.

" That theſe Acts having in general been enacted for Purpoſes of domeſtic Oeconomy " and Convenience, we have no Obſervations to ſubmit to your Lordſhips Conſidera- " tion thereupon; neither has any Objection in Point of Law been reported to us by " *Richard Jackſon*, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Counſel, to whom we have referred theſe " Acts, except in the four following Caſes,

" The firſt and ſecond of theſe reſpect two Acts paſſed in the ſaid Province of *Penn-* " *ſylvania*, in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Sixty-nine, entituled, First, " *An Act for the Relief of* John Relfe *and* Abraham Howell, *languiſhing Priſoners* " *in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.*"

Second, " *An Act for the Relief of* John Galbreath, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol* " *of* Cheſter, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.*"

" Upon theſe two Acts Mr. *Jackſon* obſerves, that, beſides the general Objection, to " which they are liable, as private Acts of Inſolvency, he conceives them to be faulty, " inaſmuch as they contain no Clauſe excepting Debts due to the Crown, nor any " Clauſe in Favour of Landlords, as to Goods ſubject to Diſtreſs, nor a Clauſe in Fa- " vour of diſtant or abſent Creditors; every one of which Clauſes, he thinks ſhould " make Part of an inſolvent Act:——On the other Hand he obſerves, that it is pro- " bable the Object of one of theſe Acts, being confined in a Country Gaol, is not in- " debted in any mercantile Debt;—that *Relfe*, the Bankrupt, one of the Objects of the " other, appears to be entitled in Juſtice to his perſonal Liberty, having complied with " the Laws of Bankruptcy in this Kingdom, and that theſe Clauſes having frequently, " as he obſerves, been inſerted in former Laws of this Province, it may be preſumed " they would have had their Place here, had there not been ſome Proof given that there " was no Occaſion for them; which is the more probable, as there has been no Ob- " jection made to the Acts though they paſſed above eighteen Months ago; nor does " there appear to have been any Oppoſition to them in *America*.

" The next Caſe wherein Mr. *Jackſon* has ſtated any Objection to the Acts under " Conſideration, refers likewiſe to an Inſolvent Act paſſed in the ſaid Province, in the " Year 1769, entituled, " *An Act for the Relief of the languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaols* " *of the ſeveral Counties within this Province, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their* " *Perſons.*"——Upon this Act Mr. *Jackſon* obſerves, that it is defective in the Particu- " lars mentioned in the Obſervations above ſtated; but that theſe Defects are in a De- " gree obviated by the Truſtees being required to act under the Directions of the Court; " nevertheleſs he obſerves, that he ſhould humbly ſubmit his Opinion for the Repeal " of this Act, thinking as he does theſe Proviſions neceſſary in ſuch Laws, unleſs it

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" ſhould be deemed ſufficient for this Year to rely on the Controul given to the Court; 1771.
" intimating however in ſuch Manner, as ſhall ſeem fitting, what ſhould be the Con- September 18.
" tents of future Laws of this Kind.

" The fourth and laſt Caſe refers to an Act paſſed in the ſaid Province in the Year " 1770, entituled, " *An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch* " *Goods to the Perſon diſtraining for the ſame, for the better Security of Rents, and to pre-* " *vent Frauds and Abuſes committed by Tenants.*" —— Upon this Act Mr. *Jackſon* ob- " ſerves, that the greater Part thereof is almoſt neceſſary in a Country where Lands and " Houſes are frequently occupied by Tenants, and ſo much of this Act has therefore " long ſince been made Part of the Law of *England* by Act of Parliament; but that " there is beſides a Clauſe in this Act impowering two Juſtices to deliver Poſſeſſion of " the demiſed Premiſes, in Caſe of a Tenant's holding over, that goes beyond any Pro- " viſion in our Law; that there is in this Act a Direction for impannelling a Jury to try " the Fact of Demiſe; but as it is poſſible the Title may ſometimes be in Queſtion (as " for Inſtance where the original Leſſor being dead, his Will or the Conſtruction of it " is diſputed) he thinks it by no Means proper ſuch a Queſtion (perhaps a Point " of Law) ſhould be decided by two Juſtices, as it muſt ſometimes be, as the Act now " ſtands; that therefore he wiſhes that an Amendment of this Law may be made by a " further Act of Aſſembly, enabling the Tenant to alledge that the Title is diſputed, at " the ſame Time naming the Perſon, who he alledges diſputes the Title, and in Caſe " ſuch Perſon ſhall on Summons enter into Recognizance to proſecute his Claim, with- " in a limited Time, the Juſtices to ſtay their Proceeding, but in Default of ſuch Pro- " ſecution, or of the Tenant's appearing, Judgment to be by Default.

" Having thus ſtated theſe Obſervations and Objections in the Caſes above enume- " rated, as reported to us by Mr. *Jackſon*, we ſhall ſubmit it to your Lordſhips Con- " ſideration, to give ſuch Advice to his Majeſty thereupon as to your Lordſhips Wiſ- " dom ſhall ſeem fit:—But, before we cloſe this Report, we think it our Duty on this " Occaſion to obſerve to your Lordſhips, that the Proprietaries of *Pennſylvania* having " in the Laws of that Colony for ſome Time paſt been uſually ſtiled, " *true and abſolute* " *Proprietaries of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *and of the Counties of* New-Caſtle, Kent " *and* Suſſex *on* Delaware," is highly improper and unwarrantable, this Board in *July* " laſt did accordingly repreſent the Impropriety of this Innovation to the ſaid Propriе- " taries, requiring it to be diſcontinued, in Conſequence of which Intimation *Henry* " *Wilmot*, Eſq; Agent and Attorney to the ſaid Proprietaries who has attended us on the " Subject of the above Laws, has informed us, that the ſaid Proprietaries did accordingly " give Inſtructions thereupon, and that the Deputy Governor in Anſwer thereunto, by " Letter dated the 6th of *March* laſt, writes to the following Effect, *viz.* " That the Aſ- " ſembly being then upon the Point of breaking up, the Laws paſſed that Seſſion muſt " be in the uſual Form; but that at the next Meeting he ſhall take Care to change it." " —The Lords of the Committee upon Conſideration thereof do agree humbly to re- " port to your Majeſty, as their Opinion, that which reſpect to the aforeſaid Act, " No. 6. entituled, " *An Act for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch* " *Goods to the Perſons diſtraining the ſame for the better Security of Rents, and to prevent* " *Frauds and Abuſes committed by Tenants*," it may be adviſeable for your Majeſty to " adjudge and declare, under your Privy Seal, the ſaid Act to be void; and as to all the " reſt of the ſaid Acts, that it may be adviſeable for your Majeſty to permit and allow " them to continue in Force according to their own Limitation."

" His Majeſty, taking the ſaid Report into Conſideration, is pleaſed, with the Advice " of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and having adjudged and declared void the " afore-mentioned Act, No. 6. his Majeſty hath thought proper to direct the Lord " Privy Seal to prepare and paſs under the Privy Seal a proper Inſtrument, ſignifying " ſuch his Majeſty's Adjudication and Declaration of the ſaid Act to be void; and as to " all the reſt of the ſaid Acts, his Majeſty is hereby pleaſed to permit and allow them " to continue in Force according to their own Limitation.—And the Proprietaries of " *Pennſylvania*, their Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, and the Aſſembly of the ſaid " Province, and likewiſe all others whom it may concern, are to take Notice and go- " vern themſelves accordingly."

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
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The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed by Law to attend the ſtriking the Sum of *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had ſeen the ſaid Bills of Credit printed, and the ſame being ſigned and numbered, were delivered to the Provincial Treaſurer, according to Law; and the ſaid Committee pro- duced at the Table eleven overplus Sheets of the ſame Bills unſigned, each containing the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, which being examined, were burnt in Preſence of the Members.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Shearman's* Valley, in the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have heretofore enjoyed conſiderable Advantages not only from the Fiſhery in the prin-

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cipal Stream and different Branches of *Shearman's* Creek, which runs through the ſaid Valley, and empties itſelf into the River *Suſquehanna*, but alſo by tranſporting their Produce down the ſaid Creek into the River aforeſaid, which Benefit is likely to become much more general, as well on Account of the great Increaſe and Induſtry of the Inhabitants, as the Encouragement given by the Legiſlature for clearing the River *Suſquehanna*;—that the Petitioners for ſome Time paſt have been in a great Meaſure deprived of thoſe Advantages by a certain *James Patton* having erected a Saw-Mill Dam acroſs the ſaid Creek, near the Mouth thereof, to the Obſtruction of the Fiſh running up, and the Navigation of the ſame, which Mill-Dam is now ſwept away by the Floods;—the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable Houſe, that by an Act of Aſſembly the ſaid Creek, may be declared a public Highway, and (as it is not the Deſire of the Petitioners to prevent the ſaid *James Patton* from rebuilding his ſaid Mill-Dam) that he may be obliged to conſtruct it in ſuch a Manner, by putting Floodgates of at leaſt Twenty Feet wide, ſo as to render the ſame paſſable for Rafts of Boards, Logs, Boats, or Canoes, and Fiſh running up the ſaid Creek. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Chriſtian Wertz*, late Treaſurer for the County Tax in *Lancaſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner in the Year 1770, while Treaſurer for the County Tax aforeſaid, received from the Clerk of Aſſembly an Order of the Houſe for demanding and receiving from the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, and their Clerks, of the County of *Lancaſter*, the ſeveral Sums of Money due from each of them to the ſaid County, as ſtated by the Committee of the Houſe; and at the ſame Time received a Liſt of the Names of the ſaid Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks, with the Sums due from each of them;—that the Petitioner on Receipt thereof, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, rode to different Parts of the County, to notify ſuch Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks of the ſaid Order, and to make Demand of the Monies due;—that in this Service the Petitioner was from Home about two or betwen two and three Weeks at different Times, and was at great Expence;—that having applied to the preſent Commiſſioners of the ſaid County for Satisfaction for his ſaid Trouble and Expences, he hath been refuſed; the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and make him a reaſonable Allowance for his Trouble and Expences aforeſaid, and direct the Payment thereof.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to inſpect the Minutes of the preſent Houſe, and report ſuch Matters from thence as may be proper to recommend to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Thomas Pryor*, Junior, to be continued in the Office of Inſpector and Brander of Flour to be exported from the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, the following Queſtions being called for, were put by the Speaker, *viz.*

*Firſt*, Whether the Petitioner ſhall be re-appointed the Officer for inſpecting and branding Flour exported from the City and County of *Philadelphia*?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

*Secondly*, Whether the ſaid Petitioner ſhall execute the ſaid Office during the Continuance of the Act of Aſſembly by which he was firſt appointed?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions from *Walter Shee*, *Benjamin Davis*, *Joſeph Sanders*, *William Criſpin*, *Andrew Bankſon*, *Enoch Story*, *James Stevenſon*, and *Peter Robeſon*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Philadelphia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put by the Speaker, Whether *William Criſpin*, the preſent Collector, ſhall be continued in the ſaid Office?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

A Petition from *Henry William Stiegel*, of *Manheim* Townſhip, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, at a very great Expence of Time, and with much Fatigue, has erected a Furnace and other Works for making Flint Glaſs in the Townſhip and County aforeſaid, and been at heavy Charges in procuring Workmen from *Europe* and elſewhere, to carry on the ſame, by Means whereof he has brought this new Manufacture to ſuch a Degree of Perfection as may prove advantageous to the Public, and humbly ſubmits to the Conſideration of the Honourable Houſe whether it might not be a proper Object of their Notice and Encouragement. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Allman* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that without his Aſſiſtance and particular Management of *American* Materials at the Glaſs-Work of *Henry William Stiegel*, in *Lancaſter* County, the Manufacture of white Flint

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Glass could not have been brought to its present Degree of Perfection in this Province, and referring to the Consideration of the House, whether he may not have some Pretence of Claim to a Share in any Encouragement they shall think proper to afford so important an Object. 1771. September 19.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *September* 20.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Shearman's* Valley was again read, and after some Debate thereon, referred to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, with an Order that Notice be given to *James Patton* mentioned in the said Petition, of this Application to the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Message from the President and Council, with the Papers therein referred to, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Message from the President and Council, and after some Debate thereon, *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 21.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Message from the President and Council, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read and agreed to, was transcribed by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please the President and Council,*

WE concur with you in Sentiments, that the Subject of your Message is of a very serious Nature. Answer to the Message from the President and Council.

It is with Concern we find that the Measures taken by the Legislature in their last Sitting have not answered the good Purposes intended. The Chearfulness with which this House, as well as anticedent Assemblies, have supported the executive Part of Government in a due Execution of the Laws, must, we apprehend, convince you of our Readiness to adopt just and proper Means of suppressing that turbulent Spirit which has too long prevailed, with Impunity, in several Parts of this Province.

But it appears from the Papers laid before us, and other Circumstances, that the Matter recommended to our Consideration is of great Importance and Difficulty, and demands more Attention and Enquiry than the Duration of the present Assembly will admit of. Besides, you must be sensible, would the Time allow of the necessary Enquiry, however desirous we might be to strengthen the Hands of Government, no Act of Legislation can pass when the Office of Governor is supplied by a President and Council.

A new House must soon meet in Pursuance of the Charter, who, no doubt, will pay due Attention to all Matters that may be laid before them, and pursue such prudent Measures as shall appear to them necessary to maintain the Peace and good Order of the Province, should the Powers of Legislation be then compleat.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*September* 21, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Ferree* wait on the President and Council with the foregoing Answer to their Message.

The Committee of Accounts, pursuant to their Appointment, presented to the Chair a Report on the State of the public Accounts for the past Year, which being in Part read, the House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 23.

The Committee appointed on *Saturday* last to wait on the President and Council with the Answer of the House to their Message, reported they had delivered the same according to Order. *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion by a Member,

That the *Pennsylvania* Chronicle, No. 245, published this Day, from the Office of *William Goddard*, Printer, now under Execution for Debt in the Gaol of this City, contains a Number of scandalous Reflections on the Character of the present Speaker of this House, the said Paper was read by the Member in his Place, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves, shewing the Sentiments of the House on the said Publication.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

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*September* 24. The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Reſolves upon the ſcandalous Publication in the Chronicle of Yeſterday, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read and agreed to by the Houſe, follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Publication in the *Pennſylvania* Chronicle, Number 245, ſigned *A Friend to Liberty*, with one other Piece, dated *German-Town*, *September* 20, 1771, publiſhed by *William Goddard*, Printer, who is now confined in the common Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia* under divers Executions for Debts,

*Reſolved*, That the Charges and Reflections contained in the ſaid Publications againſt the Honourable *Joſeph Galloway*, the Speaker, are falſe, ſcandalous and malicious, a daring Inſult to, and a Breach of the Privileges of this Houſe.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Reſolve be publiſhed in the *Pennſylvania* Gazette and Journal, and that the Clerk of this Houſe immediately furniſh the Printers with a Copy of the ſame.

A Repreſentation from the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province, was preſented to the Houſe, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The REPRESENTATION of the MANAGERS of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in the ſaid Province,

*Reſpectfully ſheweth*,

A Repreſentation from the Managers of the Contributions to the Houſe.

THAT a Number of public-ſpirited Perſons in the City and County of *Philadelphia*, moved by a laudable Zeal to increaſe and improve the Productions of the Province, did, about two Years ſince, generouſly ſubſcribe a conſiderable Sum of Money, ſubject to the Diſpoſal of certain Managers by them elected, for encouraging the Growth of Mulberry-Trees and raiſing of Silk Worms.

That the ſaid Managers having ſpent much Time and uſed their beſt Endeavours to execute the Truſt repoſed in them, have had the Pleaſure to find the Soil and Climate of the Province, with the Spirit they have raiſed in the People, ſo favourable to this new Attempt, as to encourage the Proſecution thereof to a much greater Extent, by which it ſeems higly propable, the Article of Raw Silk may ſhortly become a valuable Remittance from hence to *Great-Britain*, in Payment of the Manufactures we receive from our Mother Country.

That upon comparing the Quantity of Cocoons raiſed the firſt Year, with what have been brought this Summer to the Filature for Sale, the Managers find the Difference nearly *fifteen* to *one*, and by the Accounts received from many Parts of the Country, with the Applications made for Eggs againſt Spring, they have Reaſon to expect a proportionate Increaſe of Cocoons the enſuing Seaſon, if the Weather proves favourable.

That the Managers expect to have ready for Exportation in a few Weeks, about One Hundred and Fifty Weight of reeled Silk, of ſuch a Quality as ſells in England from Twenty to Twenty-five Shillings *per Pound*, excluſive of the Parliamentary Bounty; and are very confident, that many Charges, hitherto attending the Filature, muſt be leſs in future, ſome Regulations being now eſtabliſhed, that greatly facilitate the Buſineſs of Reeling; yet as the Contribution-Money, with which they ſat out, will be wholly expended in the Payment of Premiums, and other Debts already incurrred, they are apprehenſive the Proceeds of the Silk to be exported, will prove altogether inadequate to the Demands of another Year; and how much the Want of neceſſary Stock may damp the Spirit of the Country People, and fill them with Prejudice to an Object of great Expectation, though ſtruggling with the Weakneſs of Infancy, the good Underſtanding of the Houſe will readily ſuggeſt.

That if the Samples of different Kinds of Raw Silk, propoſed to be ſent Home in the Fall, ſhould be approved, which it is hoped they may, from the Judgement of ſome *Engliſh* Gentlemen, acquainted in this Branch, who have ſeen them here, the Managers are encouraged by thoſe Gentlemen, to expect that very liberal Contributions might be obtained in *England* for promoting this new Article of Commerce, eſpecially if the Society here were previouſly enabled, by ſome Gratuity, Grant, or Loan from the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, to repreſent to their Correſpondents at Home, that it had been favoured with the Patronage of their own Government, ſo juſtly diſtinguiſhed by a chearful Munificence on every Occaſion, conducive to the Reputation or Intereſt of the Province.

That the Money ſunk in the Outſet of this Deſign ought not to be any Diſcouragement to the Proſecution of it, ſince it will appear by the State of the Accounts, which the

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Managers are ready to lay before the Honourable House, or any Committee appointed by them, that such *Sinking* is no more than was to be expected from the Nature of the Undertaking, and arises wholly from the high Price and Premiums which were thought necessary for encouraging the raising Cocoons, and from *Reeling* at a Disadvantage with Persons who had the Business to learn, together with the Expence of setting up and furnishing the Filature; the Payment of House-Rent, and the employing a Superintendant at great Wages to instruct young Persons in the Art of Reeling, *&c.* And it may be made appear, that when these extraordinary Expences (necessary at the first Outset) shall cease, even allowing the present high Price of Five Shillings Currency, *per Pound*, for good dry Cocoons, instead of the *Georgia* and *Carolina* Price of Eighteen-pence Sterling; a Pound of reeled Silk will cost only from Twenty-five to Thirty Shillings Currency, which may be sold for nearly as much Sterling in *England*, exclusive of the Parliamentary Bounty, as aforesaid; and therefore this Undertaking may be prosecuted to great public Advantage, and employ many old and young Persons, whose Labour could no way else be rendered of so great Advantage to the Community;—all which is respectfully submitted to the Consideration of the Honourable House.

*Signed by Order of a Board of Managers,*

WILLIAM SMITH,
BENJAMIN MORGAN,
ROBERT STRETTELL JONES."

*September 24, 1771.*

A Petition from *Peter Rimer*, *Bernard Kepler*, and *Andrew Hizer*, of the Township of *Perkiomen* and *Skippack*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that whereas an Advertisement has been published in the *Pennsylvania* Gazette of the 4th of *April* last, signed *John Pawling*, *Joseph Pawling* and *Abraham Sahler*, purporting that the said Signers being Owners of Lands on *Perkiomen* Creek, have by Petition to the General Assembly of this Province represented, that two certain original Deeds (*viz.* an Indenture of Bargain and Sale of *August* 3, 1724, made between *Daniel Dubois* and *Philip Dubois* of the one Part, and *Abraham Dubois* of the other Part, whereby the said *Daniel* and *Philip* grant to the said *Abraham* the North-Westerly Moiety or half Part of Twelve Hundred and Eighty-five Acres of Land at the Place aforesaid; and a Deed Pol of Bargain and Sale, of *November* 2, 1724, whereby the said *Abraham Dubois* grants his said Moiety unto *John Pawling* and *Isaac Dubois*, their Heirs and Assigns forever; under which the said Signers hold their Lands aforesaid) have by some unlucky Accident been so much defaced, that they cannot be produced as legal Evidence of their Title, and have petitioned the Legislature to remedy this Defect by an Act of General Assembly; and the Petitioners having intermarried with *Rachel Zeeber*, *Rebecca Zeeber* and *Sarah Zeeber*, who are Grand-Daughters of the aforesaid *Isaac Dubois*, and inherit and possess a Part of the said Moiety, they likewise pray the House to take their Case into Consideration, and grant them such Relief as shall to the Wisdom of the House appear most expedient. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to make a Survey of the Branches of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and the *Leheigh*, in order to discover the nearest Distance between them, presented to the Chair a Draught of the said Waters, with a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

Report of the Committee.

IN Obedience to the Order of the House of the Twenty-third of the Month called *January* last, we the Subscribers (two of the Persons appointed to view the different Branches of *Susquehanna* and *Schuylkill* lying nearest to each other) met at *Reading* the Nineteenth Day of last Month, and waited some Days for *Joseph Ellicot*, but he being prevented from attending us (as we are informed) by Indisposition; and having an Opportunity of the Assistance of the Surveyor-General, *John Lukens*, we thought it our Duty to proceed, at least on Part of the Business recommended to us, and beg Leave to inform the House, that we levelled and surveyed the Ground between the Head Spring of *Tulpehocken* Creek, a Branch of *Schuylkill*, and the Head Spring of the *Quitipahilla* Branch of *Swatara*; that we find the Distance between these Head Springs to be only four Miles and sixty-four Perches; that the highest Ground between them does not exceed forty-two Feet, and that only a small Part of the Ground is of this Height, the greater Part of it being through a natural Hollow, as will appear by a Sketch of the same, which we propose to draw out from our Field Work. We further found, that the Head Waters of *Quitipahilla* and *Tulpehocken* are nearly on a level, and the Waters in each of these Branches large enough at the Springs aforesaid to turn Mills. So that we are of Opinion, upon the Whole, that a Communication may be formed between these Springs by a Canal which may be sufficiently supplied by a large Mill-Stream,

1771. September 24.

called *Furnace* Creek, whoſe Source is high enough for this Purpoſe, and which falls into *Quitipahilla* about two Miles below its Source; that with the Aſſiſtance of this Canal and the improving *Quitipahilla* down to the great *Swatara*, and *Swatara* to its Mouth in *Suſquehanna* on that Part, and the improving *Tulpehocken* to its Mouth in *Schuylkill*, and *Schuylkill* down to *Philadelphia*, it is thought an inland Navigation may be formed of vaſt Extent and Benefit to the Province. We have alſo been informed, that a like Communication may probably be formed by a Canal between the Head Branches of *Conneſtogo* and *French* Creek, but we had no Time to examine the Ground in that Place, nor indeed to make ſo full an Examination of every Particular in the other Place, as may be neceſſary to a full Report, the Seaſon for Works of this Kind being when the Leaves are off the Trees.

JOHN SELLERS,
BENJAMIN LIGHTFOOT."

" As going again on the above Service will be very inconvenient to me, I requeſt the Favour of the Houſe to releaſe me.

*Ninth Month* 23, 1771. BENJAMIN LIGHTFOOT."

With the ſaid Draught and Report was preſented an Account of Expences attending the ſaid Survey, amounting to *Nineteen Pounds Seventeen* Shillings and *Five-pence*, excluſive of any Allowance for Services, which being read and examined, was

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in reading the Report of the Committtee on the State of the public Accounts, which being gone through, and deliberately conſidered, was approved by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

## REPORT of the COMMITTEE of ASSEMBLY on the State of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1771.

*Purſuant to the Appointment of the HOUSE, We have inſpected and examined the ſeveral Public Accounts mentioned in this Report, and have ſunk and deſtroyed the Bills of Credit received into the General Loan-Office, on Account of the Quotas, or principal Sums due on the Mortgages and the Bills of Credit paid into the Treaſury on Account of the Provincial Taxes, the Duty on Slaves, and the Exciſe on Spirituous Liquors, as ſpecified in the State of the reſpective Accounts, as follows,* viz.

### WE FIND, THAT

State of the Accounts of the Aſſembly.

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, has received ſince laſt Year's Settlement, ſundry principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages (put under his Care by the ſaid Truſtees, on the 21ſt of October, 1767) for which he credits the Province,

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons from September 10, 1770, to September 13, 1771, for Quotas due on the ſeveral Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, Six Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds Ten Shillings — — — — £ 662 10 0

And he Charges, viz.

To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of the Aſſembly, and by them burnt and deſtroyed according to Law — — — — £ 662 10 0

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And on Account of Intereſt on the ſaid Mortgages, he Credits,

By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account ſettled the 10th of September laſt Year, £ 1896 2 9

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons ſince laſt Settlement, for Intereſt due on their ſeveral Mortgages taken — — — — 285 9 3

£ 2181 12 0

Which Sum of Two Thouſand One Hundred and Eighty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings remaining in the Hands of the ſaid Samuel Preſton Moore, we have counted.

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Quotas remaining as per Report of the Committee laſt Year — — £ 4710 4 0

Of which Samuel Preſton Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee ſince that Time, and by them burnt and deſtroyed as above-mentioned, — 662 10 0

Quotas remaining due and to become due on One Hundred and Seven Mortgages, £ 4047 14 0

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## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the ſeveral COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

*Philadelphia* County Provincial Tax, 1769, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treaſurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee September 8, 1770, — — £ 123 13 7¾

To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not received and adjuſted by County Commiſſioners, — — — — — 1 17 1½

To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for — — 18 2 4

Debit carried forward, £ 143 13 1¼

State of the Accounts of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued. 1771.

*Philadelphia* County Provincial Tax 1769.

Debit brought over, £ 143 13 1¼ *September* 24.

CONTRA — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, Deficiences allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — £ 80 9 7

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

1771. March 1. Sixty-one Pounds Three Shillings and Nine-pence One Farthing, — — £ 61 3 9¼

Sept. 6. One Pound Seven Shillings and Three-pence, — 1 7 3

62 11 0¼

By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 62 11 0¼, at 20*s.* per Cent — 0 12 6

£ 143 13 1¼

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## On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee September 8, 1770, — — — £ 3773 12 3

To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not received and adjusted by County Commissioners — — — 3 4 8½

To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for — — — 14 11 6½

£ 3791 8 6

CONTRA — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, Deficiences allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — — £ 129 9 0

Township and Ward Assessors Fees, &c. — — £ 8 4 7½

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

1770. October 3. Twelve Hundred and Sixty-seven Pounds 10*s* 3½ — £ 1267 10 3½

Novem. 1. Eight Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds 1*s* 7½ — — 821 1 7½

Decem. 6. Two Hundred and One Pounds 16*s* 2½ 201 16 2½

26. Five Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds 18*s* 3 — — 549 18 3

1771. March 1. FourHundred and FourteenPounds 11*s* 2 414 11 2

April 18. Two Hundred and Sixty-four Pounds 17*s* 1 — — 264 17 1

August 17. Ninety-five Pounds 15*s* 5½ — 95 15 8½

Sept. 6. One Pound 19*s* 4½ — — 1 19 4½

3617 9 8½

3625 14 4

By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 3625 14 4, at 20*s.* per Cent, — 36 5 2

£ 3791 8 6

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## On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount thereof — — — £ 11,679 8 0

To Amount of sundry Fines received from Persons appointed Ward and Township Assessors, who refused or neglected serving — — — 27 5 0

£ 11,706 13 0

CONTRA — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax as settled by County Commissioners, viz.

Deficiences allowed by County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. — £ 307 19 0

Collectors Fees — — — — 284 5 5

County Commissioners Fees — — — £ 36 9 0

County Assessors ditto — — 110 15 0

Township and Ward Assessors ditto — — — — 127 0 0

Clerks Fees for this Year — — — 79 5 4

Ditto — Part of last Year — — — 35 1 8

Sundry Disbursments — — — 7 16 0

£ 396 7 0

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

1771. June 4. Eleven Hundred and Nineteen Pounds 7*s* 8½ — — £ 1119 7 8½

24. Fifteen Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds 17*s* 10½ — 1548 17 10½

July 26. Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds 18*s* 11 — 839 18 11

27. Eleven Hundred and Seventy Pounds 18*s* 5½ — — 1170 18 5½

Aug. 6. Twelve Hundred and Ninety-one Pounds 15*s* 10½ — 1291 15 10½

31. Fifteen Hundred and Eight Pounds 9*s* 5½ — — 1508 9 5½

Sept. 4. Five Hundred and Forty-six Pounds 12*s* 11 — 546 12 11

8026 1 2½

£ 8422 8 2½

By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 8422 8 2½, at 20*s.* per Cent, 84 4 5¾

8506 12 8¼

Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — 2607 15 10¾

£ 11,706 13 0

*Bucks*

1771. *Bucks* County Provincial Tax, 1770, *Paul Preſton*, Treaſurer, Dr.

*September* 24. TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee September 1, 1770, — — — £ 345 16 3
To a Tax in Northampton Townſhip, not accounted for in the ſaid Settlement, — 0 13 3
£ 346 9 6

CONTRA Cr.

By ſundry Charges on the ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled,
Deficiences allowed by County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. £ 14 1 0
Collectors Fees — — — 8 6 2½
£ 22 7 2½
Commiſſioners Fees — — — £ 0 9 0
By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz.
1771. June 22. Three Hundred Pounds — £ 300 0 0
Sept. 4. Twenty Pounds 9/2 — — 20 9 2
320 9 2
320 18 2
By County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 320 18 2, at 20/. per Cent, — 3 4 1½
£ 346 9 6

*Bucks* County Provincial Tax, 1771, *Paul Preſton*, Treaſurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, — — £ 2554 0 0

CONTRA Cr.

By ſundry Charges in levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz.
Deficiences allowed by the County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. £ 4 17 6
Collectors Fees — — — 43 11 2
£ 48 8 8
County Commiſſioners Fees — — £ 30 15 0
County Aſſeſſors ditto — — — 31 15 0
Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto — — — 60 5 0
Clerks Fees, &c. — — — 36 14 8
By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz.
1771. June 22. Fourteen Hundred Pounds — £ 1400 0 0
Sept. 4. Two Hundred and Twenty-ſeven Pounds 9/3 — — 227 9 3
1627 9 3
1786 18 11
By County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1786 18 11, at 20/. per Cent, £ 17 17 4
Mileage — — — — 0 15 0
18 12 4
By Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, — — 700 0 1
£ 2554 0 0

*Cheſter* County Provincial Tax, 1770, *James Gibbons*, Treaſurer, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, — — £ 4285 13 9

CONTRA Cr.

By ſundry Charges in levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz.
Deficiences allowed by the County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. £ 187 7 1
Collectors Fees — — — 107 2 11
£ 294 10 0
Commiſſioners, County Aſſeſſors and Clerks Fees, £ 130 6 6
Townſhip Aſſeſſors Fees — — 95 19 9
£ 226 6 3
By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz.
1770. Aug. 29. Thirteen Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds 1/10 — £ 1333 1 10
Sept. 10. Seventy-three Pounds — 73 0 0
1406 1 10
Octo. 27. Five Hundred and Ninety Pounds 7/5½ — — £ 590 7 5½
1771. March 29. Three Hundred Pounds and 4*d*. 300 0 4
May 30. Twelve Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds and ½*d*. — 1225 0 0½
Aug. 29. One Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds 18/. — 175 18 0
Sept. 7. Twenty ſeven Pounds 19/6½ — 27 19 6½
2319 5 4½
3951 13 5½
By County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 3951 13 5½, at 20/. per Cent, — 39 10 3½
£ 4285 13 9

*Cheſter*

## *Chester* County Provincial Tax, 1771, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

1771. *September* 24.

TO the full Amount of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax — — £ 4215 5 3

CONTRA — — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.
Deficiences allowed by the County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. £ 119 1 6
Collectors Fees — — — 105 7 8
£ 224 9 2

Commissioners, County Assessors and Clerks Fees £ 117 14 0
Township Assessors Fees — — 76 8 6
£ 194 2 6

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.
1771. Aug. 29. One Thousand Pounds 4/2 — £ 1000 4 2
30. One Hundred and One Pounds 19/10 — 101 19 10
Sept. 7. Twenty-five Pounds 1/10½ — 25 1 10½
1127 5 10½
1321 8 4½

By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1321 8 4½, at 20/. per Cent, £ 13 4 3
Mileage — — — — 0 12 0
13 16 3

By Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding — — 2655 11 5½
£ 4215 5 3

## *Lancaster* County Provincial Tax, *Michael Diffenderfer*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 8, 1770, — — — — £ 319 12 9

CONTRA — — — Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.
1770. Oct. 18. One Hundred and Eighty Pounds 10/. — £ 180 10 0
1771. Jan. 10. One Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds 19/6 — 135 19 6
£ 316 9 6

By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 316 9 6, at 20/. per Cent, — 3 3 3
£ 319 12 9

## On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — — — — £ 3735 13 0

CONTRA — — — Cr.

By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.
Deficiences allowed by the County Commissioners for Insolvents, &c. £ 200 7 6
Collectors Fees — — — 80 7 6
£ 280 15 0

County Commissioners Fees — £ 45 18 0
Ditto on the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, 24 10 0
County Assessors Fees — — 69 0 0
Clerks Fees and Stationary, &c. — — 24 0 0
Township Assessors Fees — — 118 10 0
£ 281 18 0

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.
1771. July 16. One Thousand Pounds — £ 1000 0 0
Sept. 7. Sixteen Hundred and Thirty-two Pounds 13/4 — — 1632 13 4
2632 13 4
2914 11 4

By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 2914 11 4, at 20/. per Cent, £ 29 2 10
Mileage, — — — 1 13 0
30 15 10

By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, — — 509 10 10
£ 3735 13 0

## *York* County, on the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining due from the Estate of John Blackburn, late Treasurer, deceased, as settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, with William Matthews, Administrator to said Estate, £ 625 14 7¼

CONTRA — — Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, by William Matthews,
1770. Dec. 31. One Hundred and Seventy Pounds, — — — £ 170 0 0
By Balance remaining due to the Province, — — — 455 14 7¼
£ 625 14 7¼

1771. *September* 24.

*York* County,

On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, *Robert M'Pherſon*, Treaſurer, Dr.

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| TO Balance remaining due, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, Of which no Part has been paid. | | £ 233 0 0 |

On Account of Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-reſidents, Dr.

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| TO Balance due, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, Of which alſo no Part appears to have been paid. | | £ 321 14 0½ |

On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, *Michael Swoope*, Treaſurer, Dr.

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| TO the full Amount of ſaid Tax, as reported laſt Year, | | | £ 1482 18 7½ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed by County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 123 17 7 | | |
| Collector Fees, | 37 10 6 | | |
| | | £ 161 8 1 | |
| By County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 58 6 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto | 35 10 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto | 93 2 6 | | |
| Clerks ditto | 36 10 0 | | |
| Surveyors ditto, for Draughts, &c. | 1 0 0 | | |
| Meſſengers to carry Notices, | 1 10 0 | | |
| Commiſſioners Orders to former Collectors for Errors, | 4 1 6 | | |
| | £ 230 0 0 | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | |
| 1770. Sept. 17. Five Hundred Pounds, as reported laſt Year, | | 500 0 0 | |
| 1771. Jan. 9. One Hundred and Fifty Pounds, | £ 150 0 0 | | |
| May 27. Two Hundred and Seventy Pounds, | 270 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 9. One Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds 3/6. | 135 3 6 | | |
| | | 555 3 6 | |
| | | | 1285 3 6 |
| By County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1285 3 6, at 20/. per Cent, | | £ 12 17 0 | |
| Mileage, | | 2 5 0 | |
| | | | 15 2 0 |
| By Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | 21 5 0½ |
| | | | £ 1482 18 7½ |

*York* County, on Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, *Michael Swoope*, Treaſurer, Dr.

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| TO the full Amount of ſaid Tax, | | | £ 1497 15 5 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges allowed by the County Commiſſioners, | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | | £ 49 11 9 | |
| County Commiſſioners, County Aſſeſſors, Townſhip Aſſeſſors and Clerks Fees in Part, | £ 188 12 5 | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | | | |
| 1771. Sept. 9. Six Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds, | 673 0 0 | | |
| | | 861 12 5 | |
| By County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 861 12 5, at 20/. per Cent, | | £ 8 12 3 | |
| Mileage, | | 2 5 0 | |
| | | 10 17 3 | |
| By Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | 575 14 0 | |
| | | | £ 1497 15 5 |

*Cumberland* County, on Account of Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax.

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| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as per Settlement with the Committee, September 22, 1770. | £ 326 6 5 | |
| To the Amount of Taxes laid on the Eſtates on Non reſidents, for the 10th, 11th and 12th Eighteen-penny Taxes, as charged in that Account laſt Year, | 1183 19 1½ | |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ 1510 5 6½ |

*Cumberland* County, on Account of Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Treasurer, 1771.
On the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax,

Debit brought over, £ 1510 5 6½ *September* 24.

CONTRA Cr.

By the Amount of Thirteen Pounds 14/1¾, being so much transferred last Year from the 12th Eighteen penny Tax to the Credit of the Account, formed for the Taxes laid on the Estates of Non-residents, £ 13 14 1¾

By sundry Charges and Abatements on the 10th, 11th and 12th Eighteen-penny Taxes, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz.

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| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. on the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, | £ 241 | 7 | 6 |
| Ditto on the 11th ditto, | 124 | 1 | 8 |
| Ditto on the 12th ditto, | 166 | 6 | 6½ |
| | £ 531 | 15 | 8½ |
| Collectors Fees, | £ 3 | 14 | 0 |
| Ditto on £ 88 11 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| | 5 | 18 | 3 |
| | 537 | 13 | 11½ |

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

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| 1771. Aug. 11. By the Hands of Reuben Haines Twenty-eight Pounds Six Shillings and Three-pence, | £ 28 | 6 | 3 |
| Sept. 17. Eigty-eight Pounds Eleven Shillings, | 88 | 11 | 0 |
| | £ 116 | 17 | 3 |
| By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 116 17 3, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| | 118 | 0 | 7 |
| By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, | 840 | 16 | 10¼ |
| | £ 1510 | 5 | 6½ |

## On the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO Balance remaining uncollected as per Settlement with the Committee, September 22, 1770, £ 1212 5 6

To the Amount of Taxes laid on the Estates of Non-residents on the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, as charged in that Account last Year, 19 12 6

£ 1231 18 0

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges and Abatements on said Tax, exclusive of those settled last Year, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 60 | 14 | 2 |
| Collectors Fees, | £ 16 | 8 | 2½ |
| Ditto on receiving £ 64 11 0, | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| | £ 18 | 0 | 5½ |
| | £ 78 | 14 | 7½ |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 3 | 15 | 0 |

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

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| 1771. May 9. One Hundred and Ninety Pounds, | £ 190 | 0 | 0 |
| Forty nine Pounds 10/9 | 49 | 10 | 9 |
| Sept. 17. Fifty three Pounds 12/10 | 53 | 12 | 10 |
| Sixty-four Pounds 11*s.* | 64 | 11 | 0 |
| | 357 | 14 | 7 |
| | £ 361 | 9 | 7 |
| By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 361 9 7, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 3 | 12 | 3 |
| By Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, | 788 | 1 | 6½ |
| | £ 1231 | 18 | 0 |

## On the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, £ 1597 1 11

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.

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| Deficiencies, | £ 13 | 5 | 0 |
| Collector Fees, | £ 5 | 8 | 10 |
| Ditto on receiving £ 36 16 3 | 0 | 18 | 9 |
| | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| | £ 19 | 12 | 7 |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 33 | 15 | 0 |
| County Assessors ditto, | 37 | 10 | 0 |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 119 | 0 | 0 |
| Clerks ditto and Stationary, | 40 | 16 | 2 |
| Expences, | 1 | 0 | 0 |

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

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| 1771. Aug. 17. One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 17/10, | £ 115 | 17 | 10 |
| Sept. 17. One Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds 5*s.* | 133 | 5 | 0 |
| Thirty-six Pounds 16/3, | 36 | 16 | 3 |
| | 285 | 19 | 1 |
| | 518 | 0 | 3 |
| By County Treasurers Commissions on £ 518 0 3, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 5 | 3 | 7 |
| Mileage, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | 8 | 3 | 7 |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding | 1051 | 5 | 6 |
| | £ 1597 | 1 | 11 |

*Berks*

*Berks* County, on Account of the Provincial Taxes, *Chriſtopher Witman*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax,

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| TO Balance due, at Settlement with the Committee, September 4, 1770, | | £ 13 12 1 |
| Which Sum of Thirteen Pounds 12/1 remains undiſcharged. | | |

On the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

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| TO the full Amount of ſaid Tax, | | | £ 1211 1 0 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting the ſame, as ſettled by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed by County Commiſſioners for Inſolvents, | £ 25 6 6 | | |
| Collector Fees, | 29 12 10 | | |
| | | £ 54 19 4 | |
| By County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 16 14 4 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 23 0 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 51 15 0 | | |
| Clerks ditto and ſundry Diſburſements, | 31 19 3 | | |
| | £ 123 8 7 | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | | | |
| 1771. May 28. Five Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, | £ 514 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 4. Four Hundred and Six Pounds, | 406 0 0 | | |
| | 920 0 0 | | |
| | | 1043 8 7 | |
| By County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1043 8 7, at 20/. per Cent, | £ 10 8 8 | | |
| Mileage, | 1 9 0 | | |
| | | 11 17 8 | |
| By Balance due to the Province on this Tax, ſaid to be uncollected, | | 100 15 5 | |
| | | | £ 1211 1 0 |

*Northampton* County, on the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, *John Wagle*, Treaſurer, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the full Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | £ 1113 3 9 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges attending the Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed for Inſolvents, | £ 6 12 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 27 13 3 | | |
| | | £ 34 5 9 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 34 13 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto | 30 2 6 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto | 58 12 6 | | |
| Clerks Fees and qualifying Aſſeſſors, &c. | 35 7 6 | | |
| | £ 158 15 0 | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | |
| 1771. April 3. Four Hundred Pounds, | £ 400 0 0 | | |
| May 7. Two Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds, | 265 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 5. Two Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 19/1, | 242 19 1 | | |
| | 907 19 1 | | |
| | | 1066 14 7 | |
| By County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1066 14 7, at 20/. per Cent, | £ 10 13 5 | | |
| Mileage, | 1 10 0 | | |
| | | 12 3 5 | |
| | | | £ 1113 3 9 |

## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the EXCISE on *Spirituous Liquors*, in the ſeveral Counties, *viz.*

The Eſtate of *Joſeph Stretch*, deceaſed, late Collector of Exciſe for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | £ 680 1 7½ | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1770, to April 1, 1771, | £ 1580 7 4 | | |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | 17 10 0 | | |
| | | 1597 17 4 | |
| | | Debit carried forward, | £ 2277 18 11½ |

The Account of the Estate of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector of Excise for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Continued. 1771. September 24.

Debit brought forward, £ 2277 18 11½

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1770. Oct. 11. | One Hundred and Forty-five Pounds, | | £ 145 | 0 | 0 |
| Nov. 27. | One Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds 19/9. | | 184 | 19 | 9 |
| 1771. Jan. 14. | One Hundred and Fourteen Pounds 16/3 | | 114 | 16 | 3 |
| April 22. | One Hundred and Sixteen Pounds 9/9 | | 116 | 9 | 9 |
| May 21. | One Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds 7/4 | | 161 | 7 | 4 |
| June 20. | One Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds 7/9 | | 127 | 7 | 9 |
| July 17. | Two Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds 1/5 | | 227 | 1 | 5 |
| Aug. 1. | Two Hundred and Nine Pounds 10/9 | | 209 | 10 | 9 |
| 17. | One Hundred and Thirteen Pounds 13/11 | | 113 | 13 | 11 |
| Sept. 6. | Eighty-one Pounds 10/3 | | 81 | 10 | 3 |
| | | £ | 1481 | 17 | 2 |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, | | | 74 | 1 | 10 |
| | | £ | 1555 | 19 | 0 |
| By sundry Debts due from divers Persons, who are become Insolvent, &c. as per List rendered, | | | 93 | 4 | 10 |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, | | | 628 | 15 | 1½ |
| | | £ | 2277 | 18 | 11½ |

*William Crispin*, present Collector of Excise for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from April 2, 1771, to July 1, 1771, | £ | 811 | 15 | 4 |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | | 363 | 0 | 0 |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | | 28 | 18 | 3 |
| | £ | 1203 | 13 | 7 |

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1771. Aug. 12. | Three Hundred and Two Pounds 11/2 | £ | 302 | 11 | 2 |
| 24. | Two Hundred and Forty Pounds 17/10 | | 240 | 17 | 10 |
| Sept. 3. | Four Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 8/6 | | 415 | 8 | 6 |
| | | £ | 958 | 17 | 6 |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, | | | 47 | 18 | 10 |
| | | £ | 1006 | 16 | 4 |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, | | | 196 | 17 | 3 |
| | | £ | 1203 | 13 | 7 |

*John Woolston*, Collector of Excise for *Bucks* County, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771, | £ | 296 | 15 | 0 |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | | 96 | 15 | 0 |
| | £ | 393 | 10 | 0 |

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1771. April 23. | Sixty-seven Pounds, Eleven Shillings, | £ | 67 | 11 | 0 |
| June 24. | One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds, | | 134 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 4. | One Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds 12/. | | 152 | 12 | 0 |
| | | £ | 354 | 3 | 0 |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | | | 39 | 7 | 0 |
| | | £ | 393 | 10 | 0 |

*Charles Humphreys*, Collector of Excise for *Chester* County, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771, | £ | 498 | 7 | 0 |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | | 129 | 5 | 0 |
| | £ | 627 | 12 | 0 |

CONTRA Cr.

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1771. Sept. 7. | Four Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 7/9 | £ | 442 | 7 | 9 |
| 14. | One Hundred Pounds Eight Shillings and Six-pence, | | 100 | 8 | 6 |
| 16. | Twenty-two Pounds and Seven-pence, | | 22 | 0 | 7 |
| | | £ | 564 | 16 | 10 |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | | | 62 | 15 | 2 |
| | | £ | 627 | 12 | 0 |

1771. *September* 24.

*Sebaſtian Graff*, Collector of Exciſe for *Lancaſter* County, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1769, to July 1, 1770, | £ | 305 | 10 | 0 | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, | | 292 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 598 | 0 0 |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771, | £ | 314 | 3 | 2 | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, | | 309 | 5 | 0 | |
| To a Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | | 4 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 627 | 8 2 |
| | | | | £ 1225 | 8 2 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | |
| 1770. As reported by the Committee laſt Year, | £ | 420 | 0 | 11 | |
| 1771. Sept. 9. Five Hundred Pounds, | | 500 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 920 | 0 11 |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | | | | 92 | 0 1 |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | | 213 | 7 2 |
| | | | | £ 1225 | 8 2 |

*George Eichelberger*, late Collector of Exciſe for *York* County, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as ſettled by the Committee, Sept. 5, 1769, and reported 1770, | | | | £ | 80 3 4 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | |
| 1770. Oct. 9. Twenty-ſeven Pounds, | £ | 27 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1771. Sept. 9. Per Michael Swoope, Thirty-four Pounds 7*ſ*. | | 34 | 7 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 61 | 7 0 |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | | | | 6 | 16 4 |
| By ſundry Debts due from ſundry Perſons who became Inſolvent from 1767 to 1769, | | | | 12 | 0 0 |
| | | | | £ | 80 3 4 |

*Jacob Billmeyer*, Jun. preſent Collector of Exciſe for *York* County, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | | £ 57 | 13 0 |
| To Amount of Exciſe from Auguſt 1, 1770, to Auguſt 1, 1771, | | | | 264 | 16 3 |
| | | | | £ | 322 9 3 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | |
| 1771. Aug. 22. Forty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings and 3d. | £ | 42 | 14 | 3 | |
| Sept. 9. One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds 8*ſ*. | | 153 | 8 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 196 | 2 3 |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | | | | 19 | 12 2 |
| By ſundry Debts due from divers Perſons who became Inſolvent, | £ | 9 | 15 | 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | 96 | 19 | 10 | |
| | | | | 106 | 14 10 |
| | | | | £ | 322 9 3 |

*Jaſper Scull*, Collector of Exciſe for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as ſettled by the Committee, September 4, 1770, | | | | £ 56 | 4 11 |
| To Amount of Exciſe from 14th Aug. 1770, to 14th Aug. 1771, | £ | 247 | 2 | 6 | |
| To ſundry Retailers per Annum, | | 119 | 5 | 0 | |
| To a Moiety of a Forfeiture, | | 12 | 13 | 0 | |
| | | | | 379 | 0 6 |
| Debit carried forward, | | | | £ | 435 5 5 |

THOMAS Beard, preſent Collector for the County of Cumberland, hath not appeared nor ſent his Account, either for the laſt or preſent Year, but we find by Report of the Committee of 22d September, 1770, that he had paid into the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, £ 36 2 6
And ſince that Time hath paid unto ſaid Treaſurer, at ſundry Times, 87 0 0
£ 123 2 6

*James Lindſay*, late Collector of Exciſe for *Cumberland* County, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as ſettled by the Committee, Sept. 12, 1768, | | | | £ 49 | 5 7 |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers from 1768 to 1769, | | | | 63 | 10 0 |
| | | | | £ 112 | 15 7 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | |
| 1769. Twenty-three Pounds Ten Shillings, | £ | 23 | 10 | 0 | |
| 1770. Forty-three Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six-pence, | | 43 | 14 | 6 | |
| | | | | £ 67 | 4 6 |
| 1771. Feb. 8. Nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Three-pence, | £ | 9 | 19 | 3 | |
| June 4. Eighteen Pounds, | | 18 | 0 | 0 | |
| 6. Six Pounds Six Shillings and Four-pence, | | 6 | 6 | 4 | |
| | | | | 34 | 5 7 |
| By Commiſſions at 10 per Cent, | | | | 11 | 5 6 |
| | | | | £ 112 | 15 7 |

The Account of *Jasper Scull*, Collector of Excise for *Berks* County, Continued. 1771.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Debit brought forward, | £ 435 5 5 | *September* 24. |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | |
| 1771. Aug. 20. One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds 2/4 | £ 148 2 4 | | | |
| Sept. 5. Two Hundred and One Pounds 17/8 | 201 17 8 | | | |
| | | £ 350 0 0 | | |
| By William Frick's Excise, accounted for a Settlement 1769, who moved off, and died Insolvent, | £ 3 0 0 | | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 35 0 0 | | | |
| | | 38 0 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, | | 47 5 5 | | |
| | | | £ 435 5 5 | |

*Jesse Jones*, Collector of Excise for *Northampton* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of his Account, as settled by the Committee, September 5, 1770, | £ 42 14 11 | | |
| To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1770, to July 1, 1771, | 147 15 2 | | |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, | 45 6 8 | | |
| | | £ 235 16 9 | |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| 1771. July 20. Seventy-one Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Six-pence, | £ 71 17 6 | | |
| Sept. 2. One Hundred and Thirty-one Pounds 2/6 | 131 2 6 | | |
| | £ 203 0 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 20 6 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be Outstanding, | 12 10 9 | | |
| | | £ 235 16 9 | |

*Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for building and supporting a *Light-house* at *Cape-Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from September 4, 1770, to September 2, 1771, as per Account, | | £ 1565 15 10 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, per Receipts, | £ 1471 16 11 | |
| By Commissions on £ 1565 15 10, at 6 per Cent, | 93 18 11 | |
| | | £ 1565 15 10 |

*Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on Negroe and Mulattoe Slaves, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Duties received, being Part of a Balance due on sundry outstanding Debts, contained in several Lists exhibited to the Committee of Assembly, September 17, 1770, | £ 179 0 0 | | |
| To Amount of Duties received on Slaves imported since last Settlement, | 69 10 0 | | |
| | | £ 248 10 0 | |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Balance due, as per Settlement with the Committee, September 17, 1770, | £ 70 6 6 | | |
| 1771. Sept. 14. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | 153 0 0 | | |
| By his Commissions on £ 153 0 0, at 5 per Cent, | 7 13 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 17 10 6 | | |
| | | £ 248 10 0 | |

*Note.* The Balance remaining last Year on outstanding Debts, as per List and Account, settled by the Committee, September 17, 1770, £ 704 0 0

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Of which received as above, | £ 179 0 0 | |
| Sundry Drawbacks on Slaves exported, as per List now rendered, | 75 0 0 | |
| Balance remaining outstanding, per List, | 450 0 0 | |
| | 704 0 0 | |

And by another List produced this Day, there appears outstanding Debts on Slaves imported since last Settlement, £ 120 0 0

Which, with the above Balance of 450 0 0 is £ 570 0 0 being the Total of outstanding Debts at this Time.

*Joseph Fox*, Barrack-Master, in *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash paid him by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| Out of the £ 20000 | £ 1019 12 9½ | | |
| Out of the 16000 | 70 3 4½ | | |
| | | £ 1089 16 2 | |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Fire-Wood, Candles, Small-Beer, &c. from October 17, 1770, to September 13, 1771, | | £ 1089 16 2 | |

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## The Truſtees of the *State-Houſe*, Dr.

*September* 24. TO Caſh paid Joſeph Fox, Eſq; by Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, per Order of the Truſtees, £ 116 2 0

CONTRA Cr.

By Caſh paid ſundry Perſons their reſpective Balances for Work done at the State-Houſe Wall and Gate-way, and hauling Earth into the State-Houſe Yard, &c. as per Accounts and Vouchers, £ 116 2 0

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## The ESTATE of the Honourable the PROPRIETARIES of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as ſettled by the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of their Account, adjuſted by the Committee of Aſſembly, Sept. 21, 1770, excluſive of their 13th Eighteen-penny Tax for Cheſter County, | | | £ 1864 7 10½ | |
| To the Amount of the ſaid 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, for ſaid Cheſter County, | | | 37 16 9 | |
| To their 14th Eighteen-penny Tax for Philadelphia County, | £ | 150 0 0 | | |
| To — ditto | Bucks County, | 30 12 0 | | |
| To — ditto | Cheſter County, | 47 16 9 | | |
| To — ditto | Lancaſter County, | 110 0 11 | | |
| To — ditto | York County, | 50 19 3¾ | | |
| To — ditto | Cumberland County, | 249 10 2 | | |
| To — ditto | Berks County, | 139 14 6 | | |
| To — ditto | Northampton County, | 123 1 5½ | | |
| | | | 901 15 1¾ | |
| | | | | £ 2803 19 8¾ |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | £ 455 0 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 2348 19 8¾ | |
| | | £ 2803 19 8¾ |

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## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treaſurer, *viz.*

### On Account of Duties and Tonnage per Act of Aſſembly, paſſed 1758, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee of Aſſembly, September 21, 1769, £ 2 10 7½
Which Sum of £ 2 10 7½ remains in his Hands.

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### On Account of the *Province* Iſland, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, | £ | 312 2 9 | |
| Balance due to Owen Jones, | | 2 17 3 | |
| | | | £ 315 0 0 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1770. Nov. 7. By Caſh paid Thomas Wharton, per Order of the Truſtees, | 300 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5 per Cent, | 15 0 0 | |
| | | £ 315 0.0 |

*N. B.* The One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, which Joſeph Galloway, Eſq; in Behalf of the Truſtees of the Province Iſland, had received, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, We are informed, has been applied agreeable to the Order of the Houſe, and remains to be accounted for by the ſaid Truſtees.

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### On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

TO Caſh received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, £ 153 0 0

CONTRA Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 152 4 9 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*ſ.* per Cent, | 0 15 3 | |
| | | £ 153 0 0 |

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### On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Uſe, paſſed 1763, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, £ 701 11 0
Which Sum of Seven Hundred and One Pounds Eleven Shillings remains in his Hands.

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State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, Continued. 1771. September 24.

On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for building and supporting the *Light-house* at *Cape-Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, | | £ 448 19 8½ | |
| To Cash received of Thomas Coombe at sundry Times, | | 1471 16 11 | |
| | | | £ 1,920 16 7½ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Commissioners, at sundry Times, | £ 1316 18 4 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 6 11 8 | | |
| | | £ 1323 10 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 597 6 7½ | |
| | | | £ 1,920 16 7½ |

On Account of the Act for raising £ 20,000, for the Support of Government, passed *May* 20, 1767, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, | | | £ 1,085 2 1 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| 1770. Dec. 1. By Cash paid Hugh Ferguson, per Order of Thomas Willing, the Judges Expences on the Circuit, | £ 10 15 6 | | |
| 1771. May 3. By ditto paid Stephen Shewell, for B. Franklin, | 14 0 0 | | |
| July 4. By ditto paid Hugh Ferguson, per Order of Thomas Willing, the Judges Expences on the Circuit, | 35 5 10 | | |
| | | £ 60 1 4 | |
| By ditto paid Joseph Fox at sundry Times, on Account of the Barracks, | | 1,019 12 9½ | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | | 5 7 11½ | |
| | | | £ 1,085 2 1 |

On Account of the Act for raising and applying the Sum of £ 3000, towards removing the Discontent of the *Indians*, &c. passed *February*, 1768, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, | | £ 3 9 0 |
| Which Sum of Three Pounds Nine Shillings remains in his Hands. | | |

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, | | £ 2,202 0 0½ | |
| To Cash received of Joseph Stretch, late Collector for Philadelphia County, | £ 1481 17 2 | | |
| William Crispin, present ditto, for ditto, | 958 17 6 | | |
| John Woolston, ditto for Bucks County, | 354 3 0 | | |
| Charles Humphreys, ditto for Chester County, | 564 16 10 | | |
| Sebastian Graff, ditto for Lancaster County, | 500 0 0 | | |
| George Eichelberger, late ditto for York County, | 61 7 0 | | |
| Jacob Billmeyer, Jun. present ditto for ditto, | 196 2 3 | | |
| Jasper Scull, ditto for Berks County, | 350 0 0 | | |
| James Lindsay, late ditto for Cumberland County, | 34 5 7 | | |
| Thomas Beard, present ditto for ditto, | 87 0 0 | | |
| Jesse Jones, ditto for Northampton County, | 203 0 0 | | |
| | | 4,791 9 4 | |
| | | | £ 6,993 9 4½ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By Bills of Credit issued by Act of Assembly, passed May 20, 1767, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000, raised for Support of Government, &c. | | £ 1894 0 0 | |
| By Bills of Credit issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 16,000, raised for Support of Government, &c. | | 3,100 10 0 | |
| By Cash paid Thomas Wharton, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Hospital, per Order of the Signers of the £ 15,000, emitted per Act passed 9th March last, | | 54 0 0 | |
| | | £ 5,048 10 0 | |
| By his Commissions on £ 269 7 8½, being so much by him paid, Part of the said £ 15,000, as per Account stated, at 5*s.* per Cent, | £ 0 13 5½ | | |
| By his Commissions on £ 5048 10 0, at 5 per Cent, | 252 8 6 | | |
| | | 253 1 11½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 1,691 17 5 | |
| | | | £ 6,993 9 4½ |

On Account of the Tenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of William Matthews, Administrator for the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer for York County, | | £ 170 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 169 11 6 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 8 6 | |
| | | £ 170 0 0 |

1771. *September* 24.

## State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, Continued.

### On Account of the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County, | | | £ | 62 | 11 | 0¼ |
| To ditto — of John Montgomery, Esq; | for Cumberland County, | £ 88 | 11 0 | | | | |
| To ditto — of ditto — | for ditto, | 28 | 6 3 | | | | |
| | | | | 116 | 17 | 3 | |
| | | | | | | £ 179 | 8 3¼ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | | £ | 178 | 19 | 4 |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | | | 0 | 8 | 11¼ |
| | | | | | | £ 179 | 8 3¼ |

### On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of this Tax in his Hands, September 21, 1770, | | | | £ | 6,625 | 13 | 4¼ |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County, | £ 3,617 | 9 8½ | | | | |
| Paul Preston, | for Bucks County, | 320 | 9 2 | | | | |
| James Gibbons, | for Chester County, | 2319 | 5 4½ | | | | |
| Michael Diffenderfer, | for Lancaster County, | 316 | 9 6 | | | | |
| Michael Swoope, Esq; | for York County, | 555 | 3 6 | | | | |
| John Montgomery, Esq; | for Cumberland County, | 357 | 14 7 | | | | |
| | | | | 7,486 | 11 | 10 | |
| | | | | | | £ 14,112 | 5 2¼ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | | £ | 14,076 | 19 | 7 |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | | | 35 | 5 | 7¼ |
| | | | | | | £ 14,112 | 5 2¼ |

### On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Treasurer | for Philadelphia County, | £ | 8026 | 1 | 2½ |
| Paul Preston, — | for Bucks County, | | 1627 | 9 | 3 |
| James Gibbons, — | for Chester County, | | 1127 | 5 | 10½ |
| Michael Diffenderfer, — | for Lancaster County, | | 2632 | 13 | 4 |
| Michael Swoope, Esq; — | for York County, | | 673 | 0 | 0 |
| John Montgomery, Esq; | for Cumberland County, | | 285 | 19 | 1 |
| Christopher Witman, — | for Berks County, | | 920 | 0 | 0 |
| John Wagle, — | for Northampton County, | | 907 | 19 | 1 |
| | | | | £ 16,200 | 7 10 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ | 9409 | 14 | 4½ |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 23 | 10 | 5½ |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | 6,767 | 3 | 0 |
| | | | | £ 16,200 | 7 10 |

### On Account of the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Edmund Physick, | | | £ | 455 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 453 | 17 3 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 1 | 2 9 | |
| | | | £ | 455 0 0 |

### On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £ 16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee, September 21, 1770, | | | £ | 5,012 19 1¼ |

CONTRA — Cr.

By CERTIFICATES paid as follows, viz.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Godfrey Rehrer, | £ | 41 | 2 5 | Amount brought over, | £ | 632 | 0 3 |
| William Scull, | | 40 | 0 0 | Joseph Fox, Esq; Indian Expences, | | 15 | 13 6 |
| Frederick Weiser, | | 21 | 13 0 | Ditto Barrack-Master, | | 60 | 0 0 |
| Samuel Kirk, | | 30 | 0 0 | Ditto Services on Accounts | | 12 | 0 0 |
| Whitehead Humphreys, | | 100 | 0 0 | Joseph Shippen, Esq; for Warrants, | | 18 | 12 6 |
| William Allen, Esq; | | 200 | 0 0 | Ditto Postage of Letters, | | 4 | 17 5 |
| Joseph Richardson, Esq; | | 14 | 10 0 | Ditto Clerk of the Council, | | 15 | 0 0 |
| Ditto Ditto | | 13 | 0 0 | John Ross, Esq; — | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; | | 101 | 9 0 | Andrew Allen, Attorney-General, — | | 75 | 0 0 |
| William Shed, | | 3 | 10 0 | The Honourable John Penn, Esq; — | | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| William Parr, | | 10 | 17 9 | | | | |
| James Pemberton, Esq; | | 13 | 0 0 | | | | |
| Andrew M'Nair, Doorkeeper, | | 20 | 13 1 | | | | |
| Goddard and Towne, | | 22 | 5 0 | | | | |
| Carried forwards, | £ | 632 | 0 3 | Carried forwards, | £ | 1,213 | 3 8 |

State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, Continued. 1771. September 24.

On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £ 16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Credit brought over, | £ | 1213 | 3 | 8 | | | |
| Turbut Francis, Indian Expences, | | 31 | 12 | 4 | | | |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| John Lawrence, Esq; | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Isaac Pearson, Esq; | | 13 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Charles Moore, Clerk of Assembly, | | 123 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| Benjamin Chapman, Esq; | | 4 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Michael Hillegas, Esq; | | 13 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Hall and Sellers, | | 20 | 16 | 0 | | | |
| David Hall, | | 6 | 5 | 3 | | | |
| Edward Duffield, | | 22 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; for Wood, | | 27 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto for extra Services, | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Henry Miller, | | 35 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| David Jones and John M'Graw, for apprehending Lazarus Stewart, per Order of the Governor, Joseph Fox, Michael Hillegas, and William Allen, Esqrs. | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| The Overseers of the Poor, for the Support of French Neutrals, | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Carried forwards, | £ | 1,870 | 18 | 9 | | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | | | | | | 21 | 9 7¼ |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | | | 695 | 0 5 |
| | | | | | £ | 4296 | 9 1½ |
| Debit brought over, | | | | | £ | 5,012 | 19 1¾ |
| Amount brought over, | £ | 1870 | 18 | 9 | | | |
| Richard Jackson, Esq; £100 St. | | 157 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £500 Sterl. at 57½ per Cent, | | 787 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Edmund Physick, | | 14 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| The Honourable John Penn, Esq; | | 600 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Paid Thomas Brandon and Edward Lee, for apprehending William Speddy, by Order of James Hamilton, Esq; President, and with the Advice of Abel James, Michael Hillegas and Joseph Fox, Esqrs. | | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; on Account of the State House, | | 116 | 2 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto on Account of the Barracks, | | 70 | 3 | 4½ | | | |
| | £ | 4296 | 9 | 1½ | | | |
| | | | | | £ | 5,012 | 19 1¾ |

On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £ 15,000, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, passed *March* 9, 1771, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Paper Bills of Credit, struck in Pursuance of said Act, | | | | | |
| 1771. May 13. Received of the Committee of Assembly, | £ | 12,740 | 0 | 0 | |
| June 20. Received of ditto ditto | | 2,250 | 0 | 0 | |
| Received of ditto ditto | | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ | 15000 0 0 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Orders from the Provincial Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Matthew Clarkson, | £ | 15 | 14 | 3½ | |
| Captain Montresor, | | 135 | 0 | 0 | |
| Thomas Palmer, | | 25 | 9 | 6 | |
| Matthew Clarkson, | | 7 | 4 | 2 | |
| William Dunwick, | | 27 | 15 | 9 | |
| Ditto | | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| Thomas Palmer, | | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| Edward Drinker, | | 3 | 4 | 0 | |
| | £ | 269 | 7 | 8½ | |
| Balance due to the City, | | 14,730 | 12 | 3½ | |
| | | | | £ | 15,000 0 0 |

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, We find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Twenty-five Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds Thirteen Shillings and 1½ *d.* viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act passed 1758, | £ | 2 | 10 | 7½ | |
| On Account of the £ 24000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, | | 701 | 11 | 0 | |
| On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for Support of the Light-house at Cape-Henlopen, | | 597 | 6 | 7½ | |
| On Account of the £ 3000, appropriated for removing Indians Discontents, | | 3 | 9 | 0 | |
| On Account of Excise, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in Order to be sunk and destroyed according to Law, | | 1691 | 17 | 5 | |
| On Account of the 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in Order to be sunk and destroyed according to Law, | | 6767 | 3 | 0 | |
| On Account of the £ 16000, granted for the Support of Government, per Act passed the 18th of February, 1769, | | 695 | 0 | 5 | |
| On Account of the £ 15000, granted for the Defence of the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed March the 9th last, | | 14730 | 12 | 3½ | |
| | £ | 25,189 | 10 | 4½ | |
| And there appears a Balance due to him, on Account of the Province Island, | | 2 | 17 | 3 | |
| Which Sum of £ 25186 13 1½ we have carefully counted. | | | | £ | 25,186 13 1½ |

WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit Part of the £ 14,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of £ 121 5 5
Which we have sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law.

The

1771. September 24. The Amount of the *Paper Bills* of *Credit*, burnt and deſtroyed in the Preſence of the Committee of Aſſembly this Year, is *Thirty-five Thouſand Nine Hundred* and *Seventy-three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings* and *Three Farthings*, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ON Account of the Quotas paid into the General Loan-Office, received from Mary Norris, Adminiſtratrix to the Eſtate of Charles Norris, deceaſed, | £ | 4754 | 4 | 10¾ | |
| Of Quotas, received by Samuel Preſton Moore, on the Mortgages in his Hands, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office — | | 662 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | | £ 5,416 14 10¾ |
| On Account of Taxes | £ | 24,289 | 2 | 0½ | |
| On Account of Negro Duty | | 152 | 4 | 9 | |
| | | | | | 24,441 6 9½ |
| On Exciſe in Bills of Credit iſſued by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the 20th of May, 1767, Part of £ 20,000, | £ | 1,894 | 0 | 0 | |
| In Bills of Credit iſſued by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the 18th February, 1769, Part of the £ 16,000, | | 3,100 | 10 | 0 | |
| | | | | | 4,994 10 0 |
| On Account of the £ 14,000, iſſued by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the 18th Feb. 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. — | | | | | 121 5 5 |
| | | | | | £ 35,973 17 0¾ |

Debts outſtanding, due to the Province on Account of Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FROM Philadelphia County, | on the 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | | £ | 2607 15 | 10¾ |
| Bucks County, | on the 14th ditto | | | | | 700 0 | 1 |
| Cheſter County, | on the 14th ditto | | | | | 2,655 11 | 5½ |
| Lancaſter County, | on the 14th ditto | | | | | 509 10 | 10 |
| York County, | on the 10th ditto | £ | 455 14 | 7¼ | | | |
| | on the 12th ditto, reported laſt Year, | | 233 0 | 0 | | | |
| | on Non-reſidents Eſtates, reported laſt Year, | | 321 14 | 0½ | | | |
| | on the 13th 18d. Tax, | | 21 5 | 0½ | | | |
| | on the 14th ditto | | 575 14 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | 1607 7 | 8¼ |
| Cumberland County, | on the 12th ditto | £ | 840 16 | 10¼ | | | |
| | on the 13th ditto | | 788 1 | 6½ | | | |
| | on the 14th ditto | | 1051 5 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | | | 2680 3 | 10¾ |
| Berks County, | on the 13th ditto | £ | 13 12 | 1 | | | |
| | on the 14th ditto | | 100 15 | 5 | | | |
| | | | | | | 114 7 | 6 |
| The Honourable the Proprietaries | — | | | | | 2,348 19 | 8¾ |
| Jonas Seely, as reported laſt Year | — | | | | | 60 18 | 3½ |
| | | | | | | | £ 13,284 15 4½ |

On Account of Exciſe, *viz.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From the Eſtate of Joſeph Stretch, late Collector for Philadelphia County | £ | 628 | 15 | 1½ | |
| William Criſpin, preſent ditto for ditto — | | 196 | 17 | 3 | |
| Sebaſtian Graff, ditto for Lancaſter County — | | 213 | 7 | 2 | |
| Jacob Billmeyer, Jun. ditto for York County — | | 96 | 19 | 10 | |
| Thomas Beard, ditto for Cumberland County, remains unſettled. | | | | | |
| Jaſper Scull, ditto for Berks County — | | 47 | 5 | 5 | |
| Jeſſe Jones, ditto for Northampton County — | | 12 | 10 | 9 | |
| | | | | | 1,195 15 6½ |

On Account of Duties on Negro and Mulattoe Slaves,

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From Thomas Coombe — | | | | | 17 10 6 |
| Beſides the following Debts, reported laſt Year, viz. | | | | | |
| From the Commiſſioners appointed by Law, for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, — | £ | 22 | 0 | 7½ | |
| The Commiſſioners appointed for erecting a Light-Houſe at Cape Henlopen, &c. — | | 413 | 11 | 7 | |
| The Eſtate of Richard Pearne, deceaſed, — | | 1818 | 5 | 11 | |
| Commiſſioners of the Indian Trade, — | | 3056 | 5 | 3 | |
| | | | | | 4,310 3 4½ |
| | | | | | £ 1,8808 4 9½ |

The TRUSTEES of the GENERAL LOAN-OFFICE in Account with the Province of *Pennſylvania*, viz.

On Account of Bills put into the Hands of the ſaid Truſtees, and lent out on Mortgage,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | | Dr. |
| TO Balance due to the Province, as reported by the Committee, September 22, 1770, — | | £ 4754 4 10¼ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Bills of Credit paid by Mary Norris, Adminiſtratrix to the Eſtate of Charles Norris, deceaſed, late acting Truſtee of the ſaid General Loan-Office, at ſundry Times ſince laſt Settlement to the Committee of Aſſembly, and by them burnt according to Law, — | | £ 4754 4 10¼ |

On

On Account of the several Grants of the Assembly for the King's Use, and the Sums allotted by the Parliament of *Great-Britain*, Dr. 1771. *September* 24.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, as reported by the Committee, September 22, 1770, —— | | | £ 4118 10 5½ |
| CONTRA —— —— —— —— | | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid by Mary Norris, Administratrix to the Estate of Charles Norris, deceased, in Gold and Paper Currency of different Provinces, the Sum of Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds, Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence, being the unexpended Part of the £ 5000, appropriated by Law for defraying the Expences of Indian Treaties — | £ 977 16 3 | | |
| Also the Sum of One Thousand and Fifty-six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings and Six pence, being the unexpended Part of the £ 5000, appropriated by Law for purchasing Ground, adjoining the State-House Lot, —— —— —— | 1056 15 6 | | |
| And the Sum of Two Thousand and Eighty-three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and Eight-pence ½d. being the Residue of the Parliamentary Grants, &c. remains to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of this Province, to be burnt and sunk according to Law, —— | 2083 18 8½ | | |
| | | | £ 4118 10 5½ |

Which Sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Eighteen Pounds, Ten Shillings and Five-pence Half-penny, together with the £ 4754 4 10¼ aforesaid, is the full Balance reported last Year as outstanding in the Hands of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office.

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YOUR COMMITTEE do further report, That there still remains unsettled, the Accounts of the Monies expended on the Province Island in some Improvements made there by Order of the House, the Tradesmens Bills not being all brought in.—The Seventy-five Pounds paid by the Provincial Treasurer in the Year 1763, towards opening and finishing a Road in Passyunk Township, leading to the said Province Island, We are informed has been fully expended, but no Account rendered.

*All which is submitted to the House by*

*Philadelphia, September* 21, 1771.

JOSEPH FOX,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON."

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Secretary delivered a verbal Message from the President and Council in the Words following, *viz.* *Post Meridiem*

SIR,

'THE President and Council order me to acquaint the House, that there are several *Indians* of different Tribes now in Town, some of which are of the *Six* '*Nations*, and appear to them to be of Consequence; and as their Visit to this Go-'vernment will necessarily be attended with Expence, as well for their Support during 'their Stay here, as for some small Presents, it may be thought necessary to make 'them, they request the House will take it into Consideration and enable them to do 'what may be requisite on the Occasion. If the House should sit To-morrow, the 'Minutes of the Conferences with the *Indians* will be laid before them." Verbal Message from the President to the Assembly.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the House, and report such Matters as may be necessary to be recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Word, *viz.*

THE Committee appointed to inspect the Minutes of Assembly, and report what Matters may be proper to be recommended to the Consideration of the succeeding Assembly, beg Leave to report the following, *to wit*, Report of the Committee appointed to inspect the Minutes of Assembly, &c.

The Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, Esq; relative to the Loss of a Deed.

The Application from divers of the Inhabitants of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties for Relief on Account of their Losses under Colonel *Wilkins*.

The Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace.

The Petitions of *John* and *Joseph Pawling*, *Samuel Phipps*, *Peter Rimer*, and others, concerning Title Deeds.

The Petition of the Shoemakers and Leather-Cutters.

The Petition of *Henry Mosser*.

The Bill for regulating the Assize of Bread in this Province.

The Petition for Sale of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract of Land.

The Petitions from *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* County for imposing a Tax on useless Dogs.

The Petition of *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls, and the Order of the House for examining the State of that Office and the Register General.

The Consideration of the insecure Condition of the State-House, with the Offices adjoining, and the public Property therein.

The Consideration of the two Acts of Assembly lately repealed by his Majesty.

The Bill for Assignment of Dower, &c.

1771. *September* 24. And the Houſe having ſhewn great Indulgence to the late Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks of the County of *Lancaſter*, in Expectation that they, ſenſible of their Miſconduct, would have paid in the ſeveral Sums due from them to the Public, which the greater Part of them have ſtill neglected; and it being to no Purpoſe at this Time for the Committee appointed, to bring in a Bill to enforce an immediate Diſcharge of thoſe Debts, as there is no Governor at preſent in the Province to paſs ſuch Bill, the Committee are of Opinion, that this Matter be particularly recommended to the Care of the ſucceeding Aſſembly, in Order that the Delinquents be compelled to do Juſtice to the Public.

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants for keeping *Shearman's* Creek navigable.

The Petition from *Chriſtian Wertz*, late Treaſurer for the County Tax in *Lancaſter* County.

The Petitions of *John Reynolds* and *Charles Hicks*, Priſoners in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, for Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

The Petition of *William Mitchell*, relative to *Iſaac Sanders*, Eſq; of *Lancaſter* County.

The Petitions of *Henry William Stiegel* and *John Allman*, concerning the Flint-Glaſs Manufactory in the County of *Lancaſter*.

The Report of *John Sellers* and *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Eſquires, relating to the Waters of *Suſquehanna* and *Schuylkill*.

The Repreſentation of the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk, being in the Opinion of the Committee a Matter of very great Conſequence to the Intereſt of this Province, the ſame is in a particular Manner recommended to the Notice of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

The Petition of divers Owners of Marſh in *Bucks* County (called the *Pidgeon Swamp*) for draining and better improving the ſame.

All which Matters are ſubmitted to the Houſe by

GEORGE ROSS, SAMUEL RHOADS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOSEPH WATSON,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN JACOBS, Jun.

The Committee of Accounts preſented to the Chair a Report in Writing upon the Dividend of certain Monies raiſed by Lottery for the Uſe of different Churches in this City and Province, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Committee appointed to audit and ſettle the public Accounts.

WE the Committee appointed to audit and ſettle the public Accounts, having had a State of the Accounts of *William Moore*, Treaſurer of the Lottery of St. *Peter's* Church, &c. inſtituted by an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed in the Fifth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, laid before us, do report that we have examined the ſame, together with Vouchers, and find, that the ſeveral Churches mentioned in the ſaid Act have, agreeable to the Directions thereof, received an equal Proportion out of the nett Monies which have ariſen from the ſaid Lottery, amounting to 76 and ½ *per Cent* of the ſeveral Sums directed to be raiſed as aforeſaid, including a Balance of Six Pounds in the Hands of the Treaſurer, due to the Church in *Huntington*, beſides detaining in his Hands £ 13 13 9, the Balance of an Account due to *William Bradford*; — that the ſaid Treaſurer has alſo remaining in his Hands the Sum of £ 24 8 11, which, with £ 179 19 7, (the Amount of a Liſt of outſtanding Debts, when recovered) are intended to make another Dividend among the ſeveral Churches. And it alſo appears to the Committee that the Church-Wardens and Veſtrymen of St. *Peter's* Church have received an Advance of £ 62 7 4, over and above the ſaid 76 *per Cent*, which they are to account for when the next Dividend is made; — and that in the Dividend paid to the Truſtees of St. *Paul's* Church in *Philadelphia*, they the ſaid Truſtees requeſted, under their Hands, that the ſaid Treaſurer ſhould retain in his Hands for them the Sum of £ 105 13 9, ſubject to ſuch Draughts as they might afterwards make for the ſame, which laſt mentioned Sum is retained in his Hands accordingly. ——— All which is ſubmitted to the Houſe by

*September* 24, 1771.

BENJAMIN CHAPMAN, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
ISAAC PEARSON, JOSEPH FOX,
SAMUEL RHOADS."

The Committee appointed to treat and agree with Mr. *David Rittenhouſe* for one of his newly invented Orreries for the Uſe of the Public, preſented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee.

THE Committee appointed to agree with and purchaſe from Mr. *Rittenhouſe* a new Orrery for the Uſe of the Public, beg Leave to report, that they have, in Purſuance of the Order of Aſſembly, agreed with Mr. *Rittenhouſe* for a new Orrery at the Price of *Four Hundred Pounds*, the Sum limited by the Houſe, to conſiſt of one principal

cipal Square of eight Feet or more each Way, with two Wings, making in the Whole one large Front, as nearly resembling the Form of the Orrery now standing in the College of the City of *Philadelphia*, as its superior Size will admit. 1771. *September* 24.

JOHN MORTON, ROWLAND EVANS,
EMANUEL CARPENTER, SAMUEL RHOADS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, ABEL JAMES,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, WILLIAM RODMAN."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *September* 25.

The President and Council sent down, by Mr. Secretary, a Copy of the Conference held Yesterday with the *Indians* in Town, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*At a* CONFERENCE *held in the Council Chamber at* Philadelphia, *on* Tuesday, *the* 24*th of* September, 1771, *with several* Indians *of different Tribes, who came to Town on* Saturday *last, from the West-Branch of* Susquehanna,

PRESENT,

The HONOURABLE *JAMES HAMILTON*, Esq; *President*,
JOSEPH TURNER, JAMES TILGHMAN,
WILLIAM LOGAN, ANDREW ALLEN, } Esqrs.
RICHARD PETERS, EDWARD SHIPPEN, Jun.

INDIANS PRESENT,

CHEAHOGA, a *Cayuga* Chief,
SHAWANA BEN, } Chiefs of the *Delawares*,
NEWOALEKA, }
JACOB ASQUASH, a *Nanticoke* Interpreter,

And 24 other *Indians*, viz. *Cayugas Tuscaroras Shawanese, Delawares, Mohickons, Nanticokes* and *Canoys*.

The *Indians* being seated, the *Cayuga* Chief rose up, and spoke as follows, *viz.*

*Brothers*,

I Thank GOD, who has brought us safe here to meet our Brothers in Council, whom I am very glad to see.

*Brothers*,

When I was at Home with my Nation, we were thinking with ourselves about our Brethren at *Philadelphia*.——We remembered that there was an old Road between us and them in the very Beginning of Times, and as we wanted to say something to our Brethren at *Philadelphia*, and that we should travel in the same Road that our Ancestors had opened as a Communication between them and us: Upon this I sat out with some of our People, and found the old Road that has been used from the Beginning, and travelled safe in it to this City; and we are glad to find the old Council-Fire, which was kindled by our Fathers, is still burning bright and clear as it used to be, and that we see our Brethren.—We give you this String, to clear your Eyes that you may see us in Council;——we open your Throats and clean your Hearts, that there may be no Foulness in you;——we also unstop your Ears, that you may the better hear what we have to say to you, and we likewise cleanse the Council-Chamber, that we may sit happily together without any Thing to offend us.

*A String of three Rows.*

*Brothers*,

" Please to hearken to us—Having now cleared your Eyes, cleansed your Hearts, " opened your Ears, and swept the Council-Chamber, I shall proceed to tell you our " Business."

*Brothers*,

" As we have already mentioned, there was at the Beginning a great Council-Fire " kindled in the City, and it always burnt clear and bright. Of late there was another " Fire kindled between our Nations and our Brethren the *English* at Sir *William John-* " *son's*, and there we have of late gone, and by this Means the old Road to this Council- " Fire was grown up and difficult to be found, but we have found it and travelled " through it, and are come once more to the old Council-Fire at *Philadelphia*."

*Brothers*,

" Our Fathers and your Fathers were in close Friendship, they held fast the Cove- " nant-Chain, and strengthened it, — one held it fast at one End and the other at the " other, but there are always some bad People who want to break the Chain, but they

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" never have been able to do it; both you and we have held it faſt. — We deſire to put " you in Mind that your Fathers were kind to the *Indians*, and ready to aſſiſt them, and " we hope that you are of the ſame Diſpoſition that they were."

*A String of four Rows.*

" *Brethren*,

" When we were at Home we were looking towards *Wyoming*, and obſerved that " the People of *New-England* were come to live there,——now we want to know what " Reaſon theſe *New-Englandmen* have for doing this, ſince we never gave that Land to " them?——Being aſked what they meant by this? they anſwered that the *New-Eng-* " *landmen* tell ſome of the *Indians* that they, the *Indians*, gave them the Land at *Wyo-* " *ming*; but we the *Indians* ſay, that we never did give them this Land;— we who are " here of ſeveral different Nations, namely the *Six Nations*, *Shawaneſe*, *Delawares*, " *Mohickons*, *Nanticokes* and *Conoys*, we all declare that the *Indians* never did give this " Land to the *New-England* People, but we gave it to the Proprietor *Onas*, and to " no other Perſon, and we not only gave *Wyoming* to him, but a great Space of Land " round about it, except the Places where the *Indians* live."

*A String of three black and white Rows.*

" *Brethren*,

" We have now fully told you all the Buſineſs of our coming here to this Council- " Fire at *Philadelphia*; we came down all the Way from the *Mingo* Country on Pur- " poſe to acquaint you with what you have now heard from us."

" And now, Brothers, hearken to what my Brother *Shawana Ben*, here preſent, who " lives upon the *Great Iſland*, deſires to tell you."

SHAWANA BEN then ſpoke as follows:

" *Brothers*,

" WE were informed by Sir *William Johnſon*, that whenever we were tired of living " on the Land we were ſettled on, and had an Inclination to leave it, we might " be permitted to do ſo, and diſpoſe of it. Now, Brothers, we tell you that we have an " Inclination to remove from the Place where we live, the *Great Iſland*, and deſire to " diſpoſe of it."

*A String of four black and white Rows.*

The *Cayuga* Chief then ſpoke as follows:

" *Brethren*,

" I AM now grown old, and have been employed as a Meſſenger, and am become " ſtiff with travelling, and I deſire you will help me, and give me a Horſe, that I " may not be obliged to walk when I go home. I muſt alſo inform you, Brethren, " that our Hatchets and Guns are out of Order, and we requeſt you will get them put " in Repair."

One of the *Indians* preſent, called *Cawandaghſaw*, then acquainted the Preſident and Council, that he was a *Cocknawawga*, and was juſt arrived from *Charles-Town*, in *South-Carolina*, and delivered a Letter from Governor *Bull* to the Preſident, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

" SIR, *Charles-Town, September* 6, 1771.

AN *Indian* of the *Oneida* Nation, named *Da-ya-gough-de-re-ſeſh*, called by the *Engliſh Thomas King*, who had employed by Sir *William Johnſon* to negotiate and confirm Peace between the *Six Nations* and various Tribes on the *Ohio* and our Southern Nations after finiſhing his important Buſineſs, arrived here about twelve Days ago, and deſired to return by Sea to Sir *William Johnſon*, and expreſſed a ſtrong Inclination to ſee the great City of *Philadelphia*. — I accordingly provided a Paſſage for him and his Retinue in Captain *Blewer*, and Cloathing and ſome Preſents for himſelf and his Companions; but he was taken ill of a Fever, and unfortunately died laſt Night. He was to have been accompanied by two *Catawbas* to confirm the Peace in Preſence of Sir *William Johnſon*, but his Death put an End to their Voyage with him. I have ſent the Cloaths I had provided for him by his Companion, to be given by Sir *William Johnſon*, (to whom I write by them) to dry up the Tears of his Relations.

I recommend them, the Bearers hereof, to your Protection and Aſſiſtance on their Way to Sir *William Johnſon*. Your Knowledge of the Genius of *Indians* and of the Fidelity of this Tribe to the *Engliſh*, and your own Humanity, leave me no Room to add any Arguments in their Favour. I have the Honour to be with great Regard, SIR,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

W. BULL."

*To the Honourable Lieutenant Governor* Hamilton, *Commander in Chief of the Province of* Pennſylvania.

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The same *Indian* then informed the Council that he had a great Quantity of *Wampum*, which was given by the Southern *Indian* Nations at their several Treaties with *Thomas King*, and that he would shew the *Wampum* to the Council, if they chose to see it, and accordingly he shewed twenty Belts, and a large Number of Strings of Wampum.

While the Council was sitting, a *Shawanese Indian*, named *Shawana John*, came into the Chamber, and presented a Petition to the President, setting forth, that he had been at Sir *William Johnson's*, and was sent by him on Business to the Governor of *Boston*; and that as he was a-coming here, in passing through *Hartford* and *New-Haven*, some Gentlemen there gave him Letters for the Governor of this Province; that these Letters and his Passport and Nine Dollars were taken from him while he was asleep at an Inn in *Brunswick*, in *New-Jersey*, and he desired that this Loss might be made good to him.

The House taking into Consideration the Account of *Josiah Franklin Davenport* for the Redemption of *Indian* Captives, are of Opinion, that the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* ought to be allowed and paid him out of the Monies granted by Law for defraying the Expences of *Indian* Treaties, in full of the Balance of his Account and Services done on that Occasion.

Upon Consideration of the Report of *John Sellers* and *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Esqrs. and the Request of the latter to be excused further Service,

*Resolved*, That *William Henry*, of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed in the Place of the said *Lightfoot*, to join with and assist the remaining Commissioners in performing the Duties required of them in the former Appointment.

The House taking into Consideration the Governor's verbal Message of Yesterday, respecting the *Indians* now in Town, recommended to the Commissioners for defraying the Expences of *Indian* Treaties, to discharge the Cost of their Stay in the City, and to allow them such small Presents as shall appear to them discreet and proper.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds per Annum* for four Years, terminating the Twenty-first of *October* next, be allowed to Doctor *Samuel Preston Moore*, for his Services under the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, in receiving the Monies due on Mortgages, and paying the same over to the Committee of Accounts, and for his Care of the Interest-Money arising thereon.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts do pay to the Provincial Treasurer, to be disposed of according to Law, the several Sums of *Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Three-pence*, *One Thousand and Fifty-six Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six-pence*, and *Two Thousand Eighty-three Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Eight-pence*, by them reported to be received of *Mary Norris*, Administratrix of *Charles Norris*, deceased, late acting Trustee of the General Loan-Office, in full of the Balance due from the said Administratrix to the Public, and take the said Treasurer's Receipt for the same.

The Committee for incidental Expences presented a written Report thereon to the Chair, which being examined, and the Accounts therein referred to allowed by the House, Mr. Speaker in the Chair signed the several Orders for Payment of the Wages of the Members and their Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers, and other contingent Charges of the past Year; a List whereof is hereunto annexed.

The House then adjourned to the *Thirtieth* Instant.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1771.

Incidental Expences.

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| TO the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Lieutenant Governor, as voted by the House, the Ninth Day of *March* last, | £ 600 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province in *London*, his Salary for the present Year, £ 500 Sterling. | | | |
| To *William Allen*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant Judges, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; Ditto, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for Extra Services to the House, | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; Attorney General, | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts 25 Days, at 10*s. per Diem*, | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for ditto——26 Days, at ditto, | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for ditto—26 Days, at ditto, | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Abel James*, Esq; for ditto——10 Days, at ditto, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for ditto——25 Days, at ditto, | 12 | 10 | 0 |
| Carried forward, | £ 1,191 | 0 | 0 |

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| 1771. | Brought forward | £ 1,191 | 0 | 0 |
| September 25. | To *Benjamin Chapman*, Eſq; for ditto——6 Days, at ditto, —— | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of Aſſembly, and for tranſcribing and engroſſing Laws, Votes, Meſſages, *&c. &c.* —— | 224 | 5 | 6 |
| | To *Joſeph Shippen*, Eſq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, —— | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | To ditto, for his Account of Poſtage of public Letters, *&c.* —— | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| | To ditto, for his Account of Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations and Stationary for the Governor and Council, —— —— | 20 | 3 | 6 |
| | To *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-Houſe Clock, *&c.* — | 20 | 7 | 6 |
| | To *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; his Salary as Barrack-Maſter, —— —— | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Mr. *David Rittenhouſe*, a Gratuity upon his lately invented Orrery, | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Meſſrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* as per Account, —— —— —— —— | 101 | 15 | 0 |
| | To *David Hall*, in full of his Account of Stationary for the Houſe, — | 5 | 12 | 1½ |
| | To *Edmund Phyſick*, Eſq; for affixing the Great Seal to the Laws, *&c. &c.* | 18 | 6 | 0 |
| | To *William Parr*, Eſq; Maſter of the Rolls, as per Account, —— | 20 | 19 | 0 |
| | To *William Sheed*, Serjeant at Arms, for his Services to the Houſe, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | To *Andrew M'Nair*, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the Houſe, *&c.* | 19 | 18 | 0 |
| | To ditto, for his Account of *Indian* Expences, —— — | 11 | 17 | 0 |
| | To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; on Account of Wood for the State-Houſe, for the enſuing Year, —— —— —— —— | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| | To *Henry Miller*, for printing Votes, Advertiſements, *&c.* as *per* Account, | 53 | 5 | 0 |
| | To *Joſiah Davenport*, for the Balance of his Account of Services to the Province, —— — — —— —— | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | To *William Sheed*, as Doorkeeper to the Council, —— —— | 7 | 12 | 6 |
| | For apprehending *William Speedy*, an Accomplice of *Lazarus Stewart*, | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | To Amount of Members Attendance, as per Liſt, —— —— | 653 | 4 | 6 |
| | | £ 2919 | 16 | 8½ |

WE the Committee for incidental Expences have examined the ſeveral Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

THOMAS LIVEZEY,
JOSEPH WATSON,
JOHN FOULKE,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
GEORGE ROSS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY."

*Philadelphia, September* 25, 1771.

*At*

## At an ASSEMBLY held in Philadelphia, the Fourteenth Day of October, Anno Domini 1771, P.M.

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BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
*Michael Hillegas,*
*Henry Pawling,*
*Joseph Parker,*
*Israel Jacobs,*
*Joseph Fox,*
*Samuel Rhoads,*
*Thomas Livezey,*
*Rowland Evans.*

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
*Samuel Shoemaker,*
*Abel James.*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*Joseph Galloway,*
*John Brown,*
*William Rodman,*
*John Foulke,*
*Henry Krewsen,*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*Joseph Watson,*
*Benjamin Chapman,*
*Peter Shepherd.*

For the County of *Chester.*
*John Morton,*
*Charles Humphreys,*
*Isaac Pearson,*
*John Jacobs,*
*John Sellers,*
*John Minshall,*
*George Ashbridge,*
*John Crosby.*

For the County of *Lancaster.*
*Emanuel Carpenter,*
*George Ross,*
*Joseph Ferree,*
*William Downing.*

For the County of *York.*
*Michael Swoope,*
*James Ewing.*

For the County of *Cumberland.*
*William Allen,*
*John Montgomery.*

For the County of *Berks.*
*Edward Biddle,*
*Henry Chreist.*

For the County of *Northampton.*
*William Edmunds.*

For the County of *Bedford.*
*William Thompson.*

A Quorum of the Representatives being met, they proceeded, according to the Charter and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joseph Galloway*, Esquire, was unanimously chosen Speaker for the ensuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *October* 15.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and subscribed first by the Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeded, as usual, to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk to this House for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Doorkeeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Browne*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the President and Council, and acquaint them that the House of Representatives of this Province met Yesterday, according to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, and proceeded to chuse *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; Speaker, and this Day have taken the Qualification enjoined by Law; and as the Powers of Government, by the Absence of our late Governor, are devolved on the President and Council, this Message is sent to acquaint them that if they have any Thing to lay before the House, which may contribute to the Peace and Prosperity of the Province, and wherein their Concurrence may be necessary, the House are ready to receive the same.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province, dated *London*, *July* the 29th, 1771, relative to public Affairs, which was read by Order.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

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1771. *October* 15. The Committee appointed to wait on the Preſident and Council, reported they had delivered their Meſſage to the Preſident, who was pleaſed to ſay he would lay it before the Council, and in Caſe any Buſineſs occured, it ſhould be communicated to the Houſe by a Meſſage.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Owen Jones*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treaſurer of this Province for the enſuing Year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearſon*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correſpondence for the enſuing Year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the enſuing Year.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to audit and ſettle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office and other public Accounts for the enſuing Year, and that they have full Power and Authority to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe, in order that the ſaid Accounts be fully adjuſted and made ready to be laid before the Houſe on the firſt Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, and Mr. *Allen* with the Speaker, be a Committee to reviſe and correct the Minutes of the Houſe before they are printed.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Minutes of the Proceedings of this Houſe be printed with all convenient Diſpatch, being firſt reviſed by the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Perſon, but ſuch as he ſhall appoint, do preſume to print the ſame.

*Reſolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province for the enſuing Year, to ſolicit and tranſact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*.

*Reſolved*, That *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *William Bowſman*, of the Borough of *Lancaſter*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter of the Barracks in the ſaid Borough for the enſuing Year.

Petitions from *Peter Robeſon* and *James Stevenſon*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, each praying to be appointed to the Office of Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Philadelphia*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*Reſolved*, Upon the Queſtion,

That *William Criſpin*, the preſent Officer, be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Philadelphia* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *John Woolſton* be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Bucks* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Charles Humphreys*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cheſter* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Sebaſtian Graaff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Lancaſter* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jacob Billmeyer* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *York* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Baird* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cumberland* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jaſper Scull* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Berks* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jeſſe Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northampton* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Urie* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Bedford* for the enſuing Year.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correſpondence do prepare and bring in a Draught of a Letter of Inſtructions to the Agent of this Province in *London*, for the Conſideraton of the Houſe.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration that a new Edition of all the Laws, and Part of the Votes and Proceedings of the Aſſemblies of this Province from the Year 1744, to the preſent Time, is much wanted, and muſt prove very uſeful to the Public,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *John Roſs*, Mr. *Rhoads*, and Mr. *Pearſon*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to reviſe the ſaid Laws and Votes, to ſuperintend and direct the Re-printing thereof, and to form a compleat Index to the ſaid Laws.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*October* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *James* and Mr. *Shepherd*, this Day appearing in the Houſe, were qualified, as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

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The Committee of Correspondence, pursuant to the Order of last Night, presented to the Chair a Draught of a Letter to the Agent for this Province in *London*, which being read, and, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

Upon Motion,

The Rules for better regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members, were read by Order, and agreed to be observed by the House.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed to collect and receive the Fines arising upon a Breach of the said Rules, for the Use of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

Mr. *Fox*, one of the Committee of Accounts, produced a Receipt for the Sum of *Four Thousand One Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds Ten Shillings* and *Six-pence*, by which it appears that he has paid that Sum into the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, agreeable to the Order of the last Assembly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *James* be added to the Committee of Accounts and Correspondence, and Mr. *Shoemaker* to the Committee of Accounts, for the ensuing Year.

The Letter to the Agent being transcribed according to Order, was again read, and is as follows, *viz.*

SIR, *Philadelphia*, *October* 16, 1771.

Letter from the Committee of Correspondence to the Agent in *London*.

BY Order of the House, we inclose their Resolves appointing us their Committee of Correspondence, and you their Agent to transact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain* for the ensuing Year.

The House have nothing to add to the Instructions sent by former Assemblies, except that, as they observe from your Letter to the Speaker of the Twenty-ninth of *July*, that there is a Disposition in Government, to promote at the next Session of Parliament such Measures as may tend to conciliate the unhappy Differences subsisting between the Mother Country and her Colonies, they desire that you will be attentive and exert your utmost Endeavours in Opposition to whatever may affect the Liberties of *America* and the Rights of this Province, particularly to any Plan that may be proposed for an *American* Representation in Parliament. We are, with great Esteem,

*Your assured Friends*,

To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent in *London*.

ABEL JAMES,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON,
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
JOSEPH FOX,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
THOMAS LIVEZEY."

Adjournment *October* 17.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and having Information of the Arrival in Town of the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; with the Commission of Lieutenant Governor of this Province, and that the said Commission was Yesterday published in the usual Form,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to the Governor upon his Arrival and Appointment to this Government.

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Address to his Honour, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read and agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that, agreeable to the Charter and Laws of the Province, the House of Representatives met on the Fourteenth Instant, made Choice of *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; for their Speaker, and had taken the usual Qualifications, and now request to know when it may be agreeable to his Honour that the House should wait on him, to claim their accustomed Privileges, and present an Address upon his Accession to the Government.

Adjournment *October* 18.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-day, to receive the House with their Speaker.

The Address of the House to the Governor being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

1771. October 18. *To the* HONOURABLE *RICHARD PENN, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *and Counties of* New-Castle, Kent *and* Sussex *upon* Delaware.

## The *ADDRESS* of the ASSEMBLY.

*May it please your* HONOUR,

An Address of the House to the Governor.

THE Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in General Assembly met, sincerely congratulate your Honour on your safe Arrival and Accession to this Government.

The Appointment of a Gentleman who has resided several Years among us, and acquired a Knowledge of the Circumstances of the Province, is extremely agreeable to us, and induces to hope, that while he pays a due Regard to the Prerogatives of our most gracious Sovereign, the just Rights of his Subjects, and a faithful Execution of the Laws, those essential Supports to the Honour and Dignity of Government, cannot fail to become Objects of his Care and Attention, and the People we represent to be made happy under his Administration.

Permit us to assure your Honour, that, on our Part, Nothing shall be wanting to support you in the Exercise of the just Rights of Government, and to render your Residence among us easy and happy.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*October* 18, 1771. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Resolved*, Upon the Question,

That the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province, *&c.* towards his Support for the current Year: And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn by Order at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker, in order to be presented to his Honour when the House shall wait on him with their Address.

*A Message by Mr.* SECRETARY.

SIR,

The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, to receive the House with their Speaker.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported they had waited on his Honour and presented their Address of Congratulation on his Arrival and Appointment to the Government, to which he had been pleased to return the following Answer, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

The Governor's Answer to the Address of the House.

'I Heartily thank you for your kind Congratulations on my Arrival and Appointment to the Government.

'My former Residence among you, at the same Time that it afforded me some Insight into the Circumstances of the Province, could not fail to add considerably to my 'Regard for it. And as I shall on all Occasions study to protect the People committed 'to my Charge in the full Enjoyment of all their just Rights and Privileges, as well as 'to support the Prerogatives of the Crown, I flatter myself that your kind Expectations 'in my Favour will be in some Measure answered, and that my Administration may be 'easy to myself and happy to the Public."

The Speaker also reported, that he had, in the Name and on Behalf of the House, claimed their accustomed Privileges, as follow:

*First*, That the Members of the House, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may at all seasonable Times have Access to the Governor, the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

*Thirdly*, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into a Resolve, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused, and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania* in Assembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might always rely on his Protection.

And

And that he the (Speaker) had also presented to his Honour the Certificate for *Six Hundred Pounds*, who was pleased to say he was much obliged to the House for the same. 1771. *October* 18.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Ashbridge* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Support of the Province Light-House at *Cape Henlopen*.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, with some Affidavits therein referred to, which were read by Order, and the said Message follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I Am sorry to be under a Necessity at my first Arrival among you, to apply for your 'Assistance in a very disagreeable Affair, which I understand has given great Trouble 'to the Government. Message from the Governor to the House.

'It is a Matter of public Notoriety that those daring Offenders *Lazarus Stewart* and 'his Accomplices, with a Number of Adherents, have in the most hostile and warlike 'Manner expelled our People from their Settlements at *Wyoming*, where these Intruders 'remain in Defiance of the Powers of Government, which have hitherto proved ineffectual to restrain their daring and insolent Behaviour.

'Your own Reflections, Gentlemen, will point out to you the fatal Consequences of 'suffering these lawless People to remain quiet in a Possession which they have obtained 'as it were by open War.

'It is more than probable that, encouraged by their late Success, they may extend 'their Possessions to other Parts of the Province, and put our Frontier into a Sate of 'Disorder and Confusion.

'When you come seriously to attend to the many Mischiefs with which this important Affair is pregnant, I cannot doubt but you will readily give me your Assistance 'in speedily suppressing these Disorders, and bringing to condign Punishment a Set of 'People who have, in the most audacious Manner, put the Government and its Laws 'at Defiance; and as one Mean proper for the Accomplishment of so desirable an End, 'and of preventing Disorders of the same Kind, I would remind you of reviving the 'late Riot-Act.

'I am informed, Gentlemen, that some Provision will be wanted for subsisting his 'Majesty's Troops now in the Barracks of this Province, which I likewise recommend 'to your Consideration.

*October* 18, 1771. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Support of the Light-House at the Mouth of the Bay of *Delaware*, &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading in the Afternoon.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Light-House at the Mouth of the Bay of* Delaware, *&c.*" which being, by special Order, read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. *Post Meridiem*

The Governor's Message of this Morning being again read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, *&c.*

The Committee brought in a Draught of the said Bill immediately, and the same being read the first time, was, by special Order, again read, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *October* 19.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Light-House erected at the Mouth of the Bay of* Delaware, *&c.*" and, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies*, &c." being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Rhoads* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and acquaint him that the House are inclined to adjourn this Afternoon to the first *Monday* in *January* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

The Governor, by the Secretary, sent down a Letter from the Honourable *Jonathan Trumbull*, Esq; Governor of the Colony of *Connecticut*, dated at *New-Haven*, the Fourteenth of *October* instant, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR,

1771. *October* 19. Letter from the Honourable *Jonathan Trumbull*, Governor *of Connecticut*.

SIR,

I HAVE the Honour of your Favour of the Fourth Inſtant, and am extremely ſorry to find that the Peace of his Majeſty's Subjects has been diſturbed in the Manner you repreſent.

The Perſons concerned in theſe Tranſactions have no Order and Direction from me, or from the General Aſſembly of this Colony for their Proceedings upon this Occaſion, and I am very confident that the Aſſembly, Friends as they have ever been to Peace and good Order, will never countenance any violent, much leſs hoſtile Meaſures in vindicating the Right which the *Suſquehanna* Company may ſuppoſe they have to the Lands in that Part of the Country within the Limits of the Charter to this Colony.

You will ſee by the Repreſentation from the Committee of the *Suſquehanna* Company which I had the Honour to tranſmit to Governor *Penn*, that the Claimants under that Company (who no doubt are the People concerned in the late Tranſactions) complain that they were firſt attacked and ill treated by the People of your Province, when they meant only a peaceable Poſſeſſion of the Lands they claim a Title to, and wiſhed to vindicate that Title in due Courſe of Law. Your People, on the other Hand, inſiſt, it ſeems, that the *Suſquehanna* Claimants have been the Aggreſſors. Which have been moſt in Fault it is not my Part to determine. I can only aſſure you, that it is with the deepeſt Concern I ſee this Controverſy conducted in ſo violent a Manner, and that I wiſh to contribute all in my Power to preſerve Peace and good Order. I am, with the greateſt Eſteem,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

*To the Honourable* James Hamilton, *Eſq;* *Preſident of the Council.*

JONATHAN TRUMBULL."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills and the Meſſage from the Houſe this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into Conſideration, and had no Objection to the propoſed Adjournment of the Houſe.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe adjourned to Two o'Clock, *P. M.*

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

SIR,

" The Governor returns the Bills for the Support of the Light-houſe, and preventing " Riots, *&c.* to which he gives his Aſſent, and is now in the Council-Chamber ready " to enact the ſame into Laws."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole Houſe, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had Laws enacted. waited on the Governor and preſented two Bills, entituled, " *An Act for the Support* " *of the Light-houſe erected at the Mouth of the Bay of* Delaware, *and the Buoys placed* " *in the ſaid Bay and the River* Delaware, *and for the Payment of the Monies borrowed* " *for erecting the ſaid Light-houſe and placing the ſaid Buoys,*" and, " *An Act for pre-* " *venting Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing* " *the Rioters,*" to which the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into Laws.

Mr. Speaker alſo reported, that, agreeable to the Order of the Houſe, he had acquainted the Governor, that the Houſe, being deſirous to make Proviſion for his Majeſty's Troops in the Barracks of this City, do, with his Honour's Concurrence, agree, that ſuch Orders as the Barrack-Maſter ſhall find neceſſary to draw for that Purpoſe, be paid out of the *Indian* Fund in the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer, to be repaid when Money ſhall be raiſed for defraying the Public Debts, and that his Honour had agreed to the Mode propoſed by the Houſe.

An Account from *Judah Foulke*, Eſq; Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, for Expences in apprehending out of this Province, *Spotts* and *Wittman*, charged with an Highway Robbery, was preſented to the Houſe, and being conſidered, the Sum of £ 23 15 9, Part of the ſaid Account, was allowed, and a Certificate for the ſame drawn at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker, to be delivered to the Sheriff by the Hands of Mr. *Fox*.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the Sixth of *January* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

1772. *January* 6. Adjournment

MR. Speaker and Twenty-three Members met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrowMorning.

*January* 7. A Quorum met.

Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Roſs*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Ewing* wait upon the Governor and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, are ready to receive any Buſineſs he may be pleaſed to lay before them.

Petitions

Petitions from *Charles Hicks* and *David Treadwell*, Prisoners in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and *William Bennet* and *Felix M'Cowan*, in the Gaol of the County of *York*, for Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons, were presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1772. January 7.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to lay before them, but was ready to co-operate with the House in any Matters which may tend to the Good of the Government: and if any Business should occur, during their Sitting, he would communicate it by Message.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, by the Charter of said Borough, it is granted and ordained, that the Streets thereof shall forever continue as they were laid out and regulated at the Time of granting the said Charter, and the Burgesses of the said Borough for the Time being are thereby authorised to remove all Nuisances and Incroachments on the said Streets and Highways within the Borough aforesaid as they should see Occasion;—that the Owners of the Land, whereon the said Borough is erected, have laid out many Streets, Lanes and Alleys for the Accommodation of its Inhabitants, which are not mentioned or laid down in the Plan of the said Borough annexed to the said Charter; and as the said Streets, Lanes and Alleys are not laid out and confirmed by any legal Authority, ill-disposed Persons have frequently encroached upon them and committed Nuisances therein, to the great Annoyance of the Inhabitants; and by a constant Accumulation of Dirt from Cellars, and Rubbish and Filth from the Houses, the Streets and Alleys are in many Places rendered in moist Weather almost impassable;—that many Controversies have been and frequently happen in Relation to Party-Walls and laying the Foundations of Buildings within the said Borough, and are likely to be more frequent with the Increase of its Inhabitants and Buildings;—that there is a Variety of other Nuisances or Annoyances in and near the said Borough, and although, by the Charter, the Burgesses, High-Constable and Assistants are impowered to assemble Town-Meetings, and make Ordinances and Rules for the better Government of the said Borough, and many Inconveniencies which particularly interfere with the good Order and Well-being of the said Borough, might be remedied and prevented by such Ordinances, yet as the Consent of the greatest part of the Inhabitants is required to the making such Ordinances, and it is found inconvenient and even impracticable to collect the Voices of a Majority of the Inhabitants without attending at their Houses for that Purpose, they are submitted to, and will doubtless increase to the great Injury of the People:—The Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration, and permit them to bring in a Bill for the better establishing Regularity, Order and good Government in the said Borough.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Allman*, Glass Manufacturer, was presented to the House and read, praying Assistance in erecting Works for the making of various Kinds of Glass Ware. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Judges of the Supreme Court to issue Commissions to examine Witnesses in foreign Parts, and for perpetuating Testimony*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to examine the Laws of this Province, and report such as are near expiring, together with the several Matters referred by the late Assembly to the Consideration of this House.

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they conceive, as they are by Law restrained from electing and sending more than one Representative to the General Assembly of this Province, they enjoy a very partial and inadequate Share of Representation;—that although in the Infancy of the County one Representative might have been deemed sufficient, yet since that Period it has vastly increased in Wealth and Number of People, and that in a far greater Proportion than the interior Counties, owing to their having a wide extended Frontier, which has been and is yet daily receiving a great Increase of Inhabitants;—that the Petitioners conceive the Basis, on which the Principles of Representation are founded, is the Wealth and Number of Inhabitants, and by drawing a Comparison in these Respects between the County of *Northampton* and the other Counties of the Province, there appears in Point of Representation a striking Deficiency on the Part of the former;—and moreover by the Distance from the Seat of Government, by Sickness, or other unavoidable Accident, the Person deputed by them to this great Trust, is frequently prevented from giving his Attendance, whereby the Petitioners remain unrepresented, and are subjected to the Inconvenience of having none

1772. *January* 7. to take particular Care of their Rights, or give juſt Accounts of the State of their County;—that the Petitioners beg Leave further to declare, that the Privilege of being properly and equally repreſented in the Legiſlative Body of this Province, is in their Eſtimation the moſt ſacred and valuable Right they can enjoy as Members of a free Conſtitution;—that from theſe Conſiderations the Petitioners, relying on the Juſtice of the Honourable Houſe, pray, that a Bill may be paſſed to grant another Repreſentative, and thereby in ſome Meaſure put the Petitioners, on an equal Footing with the Inhabitants of the other Counties. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented at the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and Perjuries*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *James Davis*, Taylor of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for diſſolving his Marriage with a certain *Franey Wiſon*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the late Aſſembly, and report from thence the ſeveral Matters referred to the Conſideration of this Houſe, reported the ſame in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that the late Houſe of Aſſembly recommended over to the preſent Aſſembly the following Matters for their Conſideration, *to wit*,

The Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, Eſq; relative to the Loſs of a Title-Deed.

The Application of divers Inhabitants of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Relief on Account of their Loſſes under Colonel *Wilkins*.

The Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* againſt *Charles Jolly*, Eſq; a Juſtice of the Peace.

The Petitions of *John* and *Joſeph Pawling*, *Samuel Phipps*, *Peter Rimer*, and others, concerning Title-Deeds.

The Petition of the Shoemakers and Leather Cutters.

The Petition of *Henry Moſſer*.

The Bill for regulating the Aſſize of Bread in this Province.

The Petition for Sale of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract of Land.

The Petitions from *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* County for an Act of Aſſembly impoſing a Tax on Dogs.

The Petition from *William Parr*, Eſq; Maſter of the Rolls, and the Order of the Houſe for examining the State of that Office and the Regiſter Generals.

The Conſideration of the inſecure Condition of the *State-Houſe* with the Offices adjoining, and the public Property therein.

The Conſideration of the Landlords and Tenants Law, lately repealed by his Majeſty.

The Bill for Aſſignment of Dower, *&c.*

And in a particular Manner the late Houſe recommended the Conſideration of a Bill to compel the delinquent Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks of the County of *Lancaſter* to pay the Balances due from them to the Public.

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants for keeping *Shearman's* Creek navigable.

The Petition of *Chriſtian Wertz*, late Treaſurer for the *Lancaſter* County Tax.

The Petitions of *John Reynolds* and *Charles Hicks*, Debtors in the Gaol of *Philadelpia*, for Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

The Petition of *William Mitchell*, relative to *Iſaac Sanders*, Eſq; of the County of *Lancaſter*.

The Report of *John Sellers* and *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Eſqrs. reſpecting the Waters of *Suſquehanna* and *Schuylkill*.

The Petitions of *Henry William Stiegel* and *John Allman*, concerning the Flint-Glaſs Manufactory in the County of *Lancaſter*.

The Repreſentation from the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province, is particularly recommended to the Conſideration of this Aſſembly, as an Object of public Concern.

The Petition of divers Owners of Marſh, in *Bucks* County, (called the *Pidgeon Swamp*) for draining and improving the Same.

And in reſpect to ſuch of the Laws of this Province as have lately expired by their own Limitation, or are near expiring, your Committee further report,

That the "*Act for the more eaſy Recovery of Legacies*," was paſſed the Twentieth of *September*, 1765, limited to Seven Years, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Aſſembly.

That the "*Act to continue the Act, entituled, An Act for the Opening and better Amend-*

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*" ing and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,"* will expire at the End of the preſent Sitting of Aſſembly. 1772. *January* 8.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

ISAAC PEARSON, ROWLAND EVANS,
GEORGE ROSS, ABEL JAMES,
EDWARD BIDDLE, WILLIAM RODMAN.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition of divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland*, for Relief on Account of their Loſſes under Colonel *Wilkins* in his March to Fort *Pitt*, and after ſome Debate thereon, a Meſſage being wrote at the Table and agreed to, the ſame was tranſcribed, ſigned by the Speaker, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your Honour,*

A Meſſage from the Houſe to the Governor.

IN *September*, 1770, the then Houſe of Aſſembly preſented to the Honourable *John Penn*, late Governor, a Remonſtrance relative to certain Grievances ſuffered and Demands made by the People of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Counties, for the Payment of Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins* in his March to Fort *Pitt*, with the neceſſary Affidavits and Papers to ſupport them, requeſting that he would repreſent them to his Excellency General *Gage*. The Remonſtrance and Papers being tranſmitted accordingly, his Honour in *February*, 1771, communicated to the Houſe a Letter from his Excellency, aſſuring him that " the Papers tranſmitted ſhould be laid before the " proper Officers for Examination with as little Delay as poſſible, and that he would " do all that depended on him to redreſs the Grievances complained of." Neither the late or preſent Houſe having heard any Thing further on this Subject, and the Sufferers remaining unredreſſed, we requeſt your Honour would obtain Information from his Excellency of what has been further done relative to this Affair.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*January* 8, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Ferree* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Meſſage, and deliver the ſame.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will receive no Petitions for private Bills after the Firſt Day of *February* next.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do ſit as often during the preſent Seſſion of Aſſembly as there may be Occaſion, to hear the Complaints of Perſons who conceive themſelves aggrieved by any public Officer of the Province, in taking exorbitant Fees for Services done in Diſcharge of his Office, or any other public Grievance.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Reſolve and Order be publiſhed in the next Week's News-Paper, with the Names of the Committee of Grievances.

*Ordered*, That the Complaint of *Ludowick Harple* be, and the ſame is hereby referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs* be added to the ſaid Committee.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the manufacturing of Leather.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring a Bill for regulating the Aſſize of Bread.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to examine the State of the Regiſter Generals and Rolls Office in the City of *Philadelphia*, and report thereon to the Houſe.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with a Paper containing the preſent State of the Barracks and Furniture thereof, now in Poſſeſſion of the Twenty-firſt Regiment of his Majeſty's *North Britiſh* Fuzileers, which were read by Order, and the ſaid Meſſage follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

A written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe.

' HAVING received from Captain *Sutherland* a Report of the preſent State of the ' Barracks, with an Account of many Articles ſaid to be wanting for the Accom- ' modation of the Officers and Soldiers quartered there; at his Requeſt I have ordered ' the Secretary to lay the ſame before you for your Conſideration, with an Aſſurance that ' I ſhall be ready to join you in any Thing you may judge proper, or that can reaſonably ' be expected to be done on this Occaſion.

*January* 8, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

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1772. *January* 8. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage from the Houſe in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Meſſage into immediate Conſideration.

A Petition from *George Kehmle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Barber, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that *Elizabeth* his Wife, late *Elizabeth Miller*, in *April* Term laſt, was in due Form of Law convicted of Adultery with a certain *John Clark*, and praying for a Law to diſſolve his Marriage with the ſaid *Elizabeth*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petitions from the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* for laying a Tax upon Dogs, and after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion being called for, and the Members dividing equally, the caſting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Chapman* be a Committee to bring in a Bill for raiſing a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of *Philadelphia* and the County of *Bucks*.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN*,

A written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe.

'UPON Enquiry I do not find that either the late Governor, or the Preſident and Council after his leaving the Province, have received from General *Gage* any further Information than what has already been communicated reſpecting his Proceeding upon the Application made to him in Behalf of the People of *Cumberland* and *Lancaſter* Counties, on Account of their Demands for Carriages employed by Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt*; I will therefore, agreeable to your Requeſt, immediately write to his Excellency upon the Subject, and when favoured with his Anſwer make the Houſe acquainted with it.

*January* 8, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

Adjournment *January* 9. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Watſon*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Aſſize of Bread, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Repreſentation from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that a Number of the Inhabitants of *Nova Scotia*, commonly called the *French Neutrals*, who were ſent into this Province in or about the Year 1756, are through Age, Sickneſs and Infirmity rendered incapable of providing for themſelves, eſpecially in this ſevere Seaſon; —— that the Overſeers, on Application, have viſited them, and from Time to Time afforded ſuch Relief as their ſeveral Neceſſities required, fully relying on being reimburſed by Order of the Honourable Houſe, as hath heretofore been done;——that the Overſeers eſteem it their indiſpenſable Duty to repreſent theſe Matters to the Houſe for their Conſideratiom, and humbly hope they will grant ſuch Relief as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall appear neceſſary. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the ſeveral Matters recommended by the late Aſſembly to the Notice of this Houſe, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch Goods to the Perſons diſtraining the ſame.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Aſſignment of Dower.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money due to the Public from certain Perſons, late Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks in the County of *Lancaſter*.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. 1772. *January* 10.

Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Thompson*, Members for the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Bedford*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

A Petition from *William Faries*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the *Presbyterian* Congregation of *New-Town*, in the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said Congregation in the Year 1761, was permitted to raise the Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Five Pounds* by Way of Lottery, for repairing their Church, and to build or repair a Parsonage House, pursuant whereto the Lottery was drawn the Winter following, and a great Part of the Money arising therefrom is yet unpaid;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House would be pleased to appoint three or more suitable Persons to settle with the Managers of the said Lottery and their Treasurer, their Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, and to receive the Money remaining in any or either of their Hands, that the same may be laid out in finishing the new Church at *New-Town* aforesaid, and other pious Uses. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for improving and securing the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Sellers*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to consider of and report their Opinion respecting a more equitable and less expensive Mode of levying and collecting the Provincial and County Taxes in this Government.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

A Petition from *John Gillard*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Post Meridiem* *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *James Patton*, of *Shearman's* Valley, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is informed divers Inhabitants of the said Valley have petitioned the Honourable House for a Law to make *Shearman's* Creek a public Highway, and that he, the Petitioner, be obliged by the same Law to make a Floodgate in a Saw-Mill Dam which he has erected on the said Creek;—that the Petitioner begs Leave to represent to the House, that from repeated Losses by the breaking away of the said Dam, he is not able to erect a Floodgate or Lock-Dam, but is willing in Lieu thereof to make a Plat-Form from the said Dam sloping down the Stream, so as to afford an easy Descent of Twenty Feet wide, and humbly prays, that if an Act of Assembly should be passed for the Purpose above-mentioned, it may be framed accordingly.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

To the foregoing Petition are subjoined the Words following, *viz.*

" As it is not the Intention of the Petitioners to injure *James Patton*, I am convinced " that if his Dam and Plat-Form were constructed and made sufficient on the above " Plan, it would satisfy them.

FRANCIS WEST."

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *William Mitchell*, and others, of the County of *Lancaster*, against *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; a Justice of the Peace for the said County, and after some Debate referred the Charge brought against the said *Isaac Sanders* to the Consideration and Enquiry of the Committee of Grievances, with Order that they report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Thompson* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Committee's Report on the Laws of this Province expired, or near expiring, after some Time spent therein, *January* 11.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the more easy Recovery of Legacies, and for other Purposes.

*Ordered*, That the same Committee do also prepare and bring in a Bill for the better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways.

A Member presented to the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, " *A Supplement to the " Act, entituled, " An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

1772. January 13. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from the Directors of the Library Company of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that about forty Years ſince divers public ſpirited Inhabitants, deſirous to promote the Growth of uſeful Knowledge, founded a public Library in this City, which, from the Encouragement it hath received, is now become large and valuable, a Source of Inſtruction to Individuals, and conducive to the Reputation of the Province;—that the Books and Philoſophical Apparatus belonging to the Company, by Favour of the Honourable Houſe, have hitherto been depoſited in the Weſt Wing of the State-Houſe, but, by the annual Increaſe of the Library, that Apartment is now quite too ſcanty for their Accommodation, the Books being crowded together, the Rooms unable to contain any further Additions, and the Philoſophical Apparatus rendered in a great Meaſure uſeleſs;—but could the valuable Collection even now poſſeſſed be ranged in an Order more exact and methodical, this Inſtitution would undoubtedly riſe into yet higher Reputation, and the Public be enriched with a greater Stock of ornamental Knowledge and ſolid Literature. Many Things likewiſe, both uſeful and curious, might be expected from the Benevolence of private Perſons, when they can have an Aſſurance of their being not only gratefully received, but carefully preſerved;—that the Company taking into ſerious Conſideration the abſolute Neceſſity of erecting a proper Edifice for the Accommodation of their Books and Philoſophical Apparatus, are humbly of Opinion, that if the Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed to grant them a certain Portion of Ground on the State-Houſe Square ſufficient for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and on ſuch Part thereof as to them ſhall ſeem meet, ſuch an Edifice might be erected as would not only be uſeful to the Company, but a conſiderable Ornament to the Square, and, as the Petitioners apprehend, without being any Obſtacle to the Purpoſes for which the ſaid Square may be hereafter appropriated; they do therefore, in Behalf and by Order of the ſaid Company, pray the Houſe to grant them ſuch Part of the ſaid State-Houſe Square as may anſwer the aforeſaid Deſign, and as to them in their Wiſdom may ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Two Petitions from divers of the Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Lancaſter* were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth that not only the Petitioners, but the Inhabitants of other Weſtern Counties, labour under the greateſt Difficulties in tranſporting the Produce of the Country to the City of *Philadelphia*, the grand Market of this Province, owing to the extreme Badneſs of the Roads, which are ſometimes almoſt impaſſable, and at all Times dangerous, and attended with great Delays and Loſſes;—that for Want of proper Attention to the Roads, and to the rendering the Carriage of the Produce of the Country as eaſy and cheap as the Nature of the Thing will admit, a great Part of the Produce is already loſt to the City of *Philadelphia*, and carried to the Town of *Baltimore*, to the great Increaſe of the Trade and Wealth of that Place, and the Injury and Loſs of the Merchants, Manufacturers, Tradeſmen and Labourers of this Province, and more particularly of the City aforeſaid;—that the Connections in Trade, which are daily forming between the Inhabitants of the Weſtern Country of *Pennſylvania* and the Merchants of *Baltimore*, will gradually carry the Trade to that Place; which, when once ſettled, cannot without the greateſt Difficulty (if at all poſſible) be brought Back to the City of *Philadelphia*;—that the Petitioners are of Opinion, that unleſs ſome ſpeedy Remedy be fallen upon for rendering the Carriage from the Back Country to the Metropolis eaſier, cheaper and ſafer, the Town of *Baltimore* will, in a ſhort Time, rival, and at laſt ruin the Trade of *Philadelphia*;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive that a Turnpike Road, or an Inland Navigation from the City of *Philadelphia* to *Wright's* Ferry on *Suſquehanna*, — the making the Ferry free, —and rendering the Navigation of *Suſquehanna* eaſy and ſafe down to that Ferry, would ſoon reſtore the valuable and increaſing Trade of *York* and *Cumberland* Counties,—ſecure the Trade of *Lancaſter* County,—and be an eaſy Mode of tranſporting the Products not only of theſe Counties, but of the newly ſettled Country to the Metropolis of our own Province:—The Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that the Honourable Houſe will take a Matter of ſo truly intereſting a Nature, and of ſo great Importance to the Proſperity of this Province, into their ſerious Conſideration, and afford proper Relief in the Premiſes.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that for many Years paſt, great Damages have been done by Dogs, particularly Hounds, in their worrying and killing of Sheep in the Summer Seaſon, and by treading down and deſtroying the growing Corn of Perſons living near where the Hounds are kept; and in the Winter Time by the Owners of ſuch Dogs, and others, pulling down Fences and laying open Incloſures, to the great Detriment of Farmers who have no Compenſation for ſuch Damages;—that the Petitioners therefore pray ſome Means may be provided for their Relief in ſuch Caſes for the Future, and with Submiſſion propoſe that ſuch a Tax be laid on Dogs as ſhall be ſufficient to make Satisfaction to all Sufferers hereafter in this Way, and that ſome Penalty be impoſed on every

every Owner of a Dog, who shall keep him after he is known to worry or kill Sheep in the Neighbourhood. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1772. January 13.

The House taking into Consideration the Resolve of the late Assembly appointing *John Sellers*, *Joseph Ellicot* and *William Henry*, of *Lancaster*, to view and examine the Waters of *Susquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and the *Lehеigh*,

*Resolved*, That *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; a Member of this House, and *John Lukens*, Esq; Surveyor General, be, and they are hereby appointed with the said Gentlemen to perform that Service, agreeable to the Directions given at their first Appointment, and to report the Result to this House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment January 14.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants on the East and West Branches of the River *Susquehanna* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, induced by the Prospect of more commodious Settlements, and the agreeable Hope of providing advantageously for their Families, quitted the interior and more orderly Parts of the Province for their present Habitations, and altho' they hope their Expectations may be answered in Time, yet at present they find themselves subject to many Inconveniencies, chiefly arising (as they apprehend) from their being so very far removed from the Seat of Justice;—that Frontier-Places are generally at first settled with People of loose Principles, whose Circumstances or Inclinations would not suffer them to live in civilized Settlements;—this at present is remarkably the Case with the Branches of the *Susquehanna*, to which may be added, that a Majority of them pretend Subjection to the Colony of *Connecticut*, or are rather for setting up a Government of their own, and many of them having been concerned in committing the greatest Crimes against the Lives of their Fellow-Subjects, cannot be expected to pay any Regard to the Laws for securing Property;—that the Petitioners therefore labour under very distressing Inconveniencies, being obliged to live in Settlements where the greater Part of the People act in direct Opposition to Government; nor can they see how the Evil is to be remedied while Courts of Law and Places for the Administration of Justice continue at the Distance of Eighty Miles and upwards from them;—indeed they expect an Increase rather than a Diminution of those Evils;—that Men of Property will be intimidated from making any Purchases among them,—those already settled there, who have any Regard to Peace, being tired out by the Insults of their disorderly Neighbours, and ready to withdraw themselves to Situations better suited to their Dispositions, whence the whole Country may be left to the Possession of lawless and abandoned Men;— that the Petitioners humbly conceive the erecting as much of the adjacent Country as may be thought convenient, into a separate County, will be the most probable Means of remedying the Mischiefs at present complained of, and preventing the like in future;—that the laying out a County-Town would be likely to draw together a Number of reputable and orderly Inhabitants, and the Appointment of Magistrates, the Building a Gaol for the Confinement, and a Court-House for the Trial of Offenders in such new County, would, as they apprehend, free them from many Distresses attending their present Situation;—that the Petitioners cannot help considering the Insecurity of their Lives and Estates as worthy in some Degree the Attention of the Legislature of this Province, and therefore pray Relief in the Premises. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill declaring the Offices of the Secretary and Surveyor General of this Province public Offices.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the several Matters referred over by the late Assembly, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Owners of the *Perkiomen* Copper-Mine Tract of Land have Leave to bring in a Bill for Sale of the said Tract of Land, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition to the late Assembly.

Mr. *Fox* then, by Request of the said Owners, presented at the Clerk's Table a Bill for that Purpose, which being read by Order the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, *Samuel Phipps*, *John* and *Joseph Pawling*, *Peter Rimer* and *Abraham Sahler* be referred for Examination to Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle*, and that they report thereon to the House.

*Ordered*,

1772. January 14. *Ordered*, That the Owners of the Marſh-Land, called the *Pidgeon Swamp*, in the County of *Bucks*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for draining the ſaid Swamp.

The Houſe then took into Conſideration the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaſter*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for eſtabliſhing certain Regulations in the ſaid Borough, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 15. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the Supreme Court and Court of Common "Pleas, to iſſue Commiſſions for taking the Examinations of Witneſſes in foreign Parts, and "for perpetuating Teſtimony*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Want of Funds for defraying the neceſſary Expences of Government, and for other public Uſes, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That on *Tueſday* next this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means of raiſing the ſaid Funds.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Opening and beter Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented at the Table, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention "of Frauds and Perjuries*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock

Adjournment. To-morrow Morning.

*January* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Repreſentation from *Robert M'Crea* and *Robert Moore*, of the County of *Cumberland*, Surveyors, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOURS,

WE, the Subſcribers, by a late Act of your Honourable Houſe, being appointed to run the Lines between the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Bedford*, have in Purſuance thereof met to execute the ſame; but the Place of Beginning, pointed out by the Act, being doubtful, we could not proceed on the Buſineſs, many aſſerting that there is no Hill or Mountain croſſing the *Maryland* Line, known by the Name of *Tuſcarora*, while others are of Opinion, that it does extend ſo far and may be traced thereto;—the Place of Beginning being thus uncertain, we have thought it moſt proper to decline any further Procedure, until the Sentiments of the Legiſlature could be known, by whom we hope to have this Matter clearly aſcertained, and a further Allowance of Time to perform the Service required of Your HONOURS'

*Moſt obedient humble Servants*,

*January* 10, 1772. ROBERT M'CREA,
ROBERT MOORE."

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the *Great* and *Little Coves*, in the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they are greatly alarmed from hearing that by a late Act of General Aſſembly they are to be included in the new County of *Bedford*, and that ſhould ſuch Diſpoſition of them take Place, without their Petition, Conſent or Knowledge, they cannot forbear lamenting the unhappy Circumſtances to which they muſt be thereby reduced;—that could they have known this was likely to be the Caſe, they would have remonſtrated againſt it, but underſtanding when the Petition for a new County was preferred, that *Sideling* Hill had been propoſed for the Eaſtern Boundary thereof, they concluded it unneceſſary to trouble the Honourable Houſe;—that now, however, they beg Leave moſt humbly to repreſent, that many of them were formerly Reſidents of *Lancaſter* County, where they contributed to defray the Expence of public Buildings before *Cumberland* was erected, and upon their Removal to the latter, were obliged to aſſiſt there alſo to build a Gaol and Court-Houſe; whence the Houſe will obſerve, they have for a Series of Years laboured under heavy County Taxes as well as Provincial, beſides the many Troubles and Loſſes to which they were ſubject in the late *Indian* War and which they have but lately recovered from;—that under, theſe Circumſtances, they cannot but regret the Hardſhip of being forced into a new County, and again made Contributors to the Expence of public

Building;

Buildings;—but ſuppoſing no ſuch Burden was to accrue, and granting that by their Situation *Bedford* may be nearer than *Carliſle*, yet they would much rather attend the Courts at the latter, as the Roads are better, and many of them have ſometimes Occaſion to be at *Philadelphia* on Buſineſs, which would make it eaſy to attend in their Journey thither, or on their Return home; not to mention, that at *Carliſle* they can be ſupplied with the Articles they want on better Terms than are to be expected to the Weſtward; —that theſe Matters being duly conſidered, the Petitioners flatter themſelves it will appear clearly to the Houſe, that to include the Inhabitants of the *Coves* in the County of *Bedford* muſt prove vaſtly injurious to them;—that the Bounds of this new County are ſufficiently large without ſuch Addition, the Inhabitants numerous, and daily increaſing by a vaſt Concourſe of Settlers from the adjacent Governments:—Wherefore the Petitioners pray the Honourable Houſe would take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant the Prayer of their Petition. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1772. January 16.

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Pre-*"*vention of Frauds and Perjuries*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from divers of the diſtreſſed Inhabitants lately reſiding at *Wyoming*, on the Eaſt Branch of *Suſquehanna*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have very innocently purchaſed Lands, upon which they were ſettled at *Wyoming* with their Families, and had made conſiderable Improvements thereon, where they have been frequently diſturbed, and ſometimes removed from their Poſſeſſions by a lawleſs Set of People, (chiefly from the Frontiers of this Province) who, in direct Violation of all Orders of Government, as well as the Laws of Humanity, have from Time to Time harraſſed and plundered the Petitioners of their Property in ſo cruel a Manner that they are now not only ſtripped of all the Neceſſaries of Life, but are at this inhoſpitable Seaſon of the Year drove from their Habitations to ſeek Subſiſtance for their diſtreſſed Wives and Children amongſt the Charitable;— that the Petitioners have not only expended conſiderable Sums of Money in the Purchaſe of thoſe Lands, the Removal of their Families thereto, and the Improvement of the ſame, but have contracted heavy Debts, with Expectations of paying the ſame out of the Produce of the Lands, which Debts, unleſs they can return to their juſt Poſſeſſions, they are, to the great Prejudice of their Creditors, rendered entirely unable to pay:—Wherefore, in Conſideration of the diſtreſſed Condition of the Petitioners and their Families, as well as the apparent Loſſes of their juſt Creditors, they humbly pray that the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to conſider of ſome Means to relieve them under their preſent Sufferings, and reſtore them to their rightful Poſſeſſions by removing the aforeſaid lawleſs Rioters from the Lands they have ſo unjuſtly ſeized. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the* "*Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

A Petition from *Iſaac Still*, (an *Indian*) now reſiding near *Brinker's* Mill, in *Northamp-* *Poſt Meridiem*
*ton* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that by Favour of a former Houſe of Aſſembly the Petitioner did obtain a Warrant from the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province for a Tract of Two Hundred Acres of Land, to be laid out for his own proper Uſe, at ſuch Place as the Petitioner ſhould direct, and at the ſame Time lodged in the Surveyor General's Office a Location for Two Hundred Acres of Land within the laſt *Indian* Purchaſe, oppoſite to an *Indian* Town, called *Sheſhequanunk*, on the North-Eaſterly Branch of the River *Suſquehanna*;—that the Petitioner did in the Spring of the Year 1769 apply to the Deputy Surveyor to get the Land laid out, and proceeded on his Way to ſettle the ſame as far as *Lahawanack*, about eleven Miles beyond *Wyoming*, where meeting Major *Durkee* with a large Party of Men (chiefly from the Colony of *Connecticut*,) who forbad his proceeding any further, unleſs he would hold under that Colony and receive his Authority from them, which, together with ſome Uneaſineſs appearing in the *Indians* at *Sheſhequanunk* about his Grant, has quite diſcouraged the Petitioner from ſettling the ſaid Lands, as he intended;—that the Petitioner then ſeated himſelf on the Honourable Proprietaries Land at *Wyoming*, and has been a very great Sufferer in his Property at the ſeveral Times the *Connecticut* People have violently diſpoſſeſſed the Settlers under this Government, and is thereby greatly reduced:—He therefore prays, the Honourable Houſe will take his Caſe into their Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Relief as they in their Wiſdom ſhall ſee meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to* "*the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province*," and after ſome Debate thereon, ordered that the ſame do lie on the Table.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Cock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

1772. *January* 17. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the Manufacturing of Leather*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers Tanners of the County of *Berks* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners apprehend great Advantages would accrue to the Province if a Law was paſſed fixing a certain Price for Hides and Leather, and to prevent any Perſon from purchaſing Hides who does not follow the Buſineſs of Tanning.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Richard Stevens*, late of *Philadelphia*, Merchant, but now of *Perth Amboy*, in the Province of *Eaſt-New-Jerſey*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that from repeated Misfortunes and Loſſes in Trade the Petitioner ſome Time in the Month of *February*, 1767, finding himſelf incapable to ſatisfy the Demands of his Creditors, called upon them to take a View of his Affairs, who, at a Meeting for that Purpoſe, examined the ſame, and adviſed him to aſſign over his whole Eſtate, real and perſonal, to ſome proper Perſons in Truſt for the general Benefit of all thoſe to whom he was indebted;—that agreeable to their Advice, and the Cuſtom in ſuch Caſes, he made out a Liſt of his Debits, Eſtates and Effects, to the Truth of which he was duly qualified, and by an Indenture, bearing Date the *Sixteenth* Day of *February*, 1767, made betweeen your Petitioner of the firſt Part, and *Adam Hoops*, *John Meaſe*, *John Haſtin*, *Nathan Hide*, and *Robert Morris*, five of his principal Creditors, all of the City of *Philadelphia*, of the ſecond Part, for and in Conſideration of the ſeveral Debts and Sums of Money by him then due and owing unto the ſaid Parties of the ſecond Part, and unto ſeveral other Perſons, Creditors of the Petitioner, and for and towards Payment of the ſame Debts, and for and in Conſideration of the Sum of Ten Shillings current Money of *Pennſylvania*, the Petitioner did grant, bargain, ſell, alien, enfeoff, releaſe, confirm, aſſign, transfer, and ſet over to the ſaid *Adam Hoops*, and others, Parties of the ſecond Part, all his Eſtate, real and perſonal, whatſoever and whereſoever, as by a Copy of the ſaid Indenture will appear;—that, at the Requeſt of the Petitioner's Aſſignees, and that they might have all his ſaid Eſtate free and clear of every Incumbrance in his Power to remove, he obtained a Releaſe of Dower, and all other Claims, to the ſaid *Adam Hoops*, and others, above-mentioned, from *Suſanna*, the Wife of the Petitioner, in full Confidence that his Creditors would, agreeable to the Engagement of the Aſſignees in their Behalf, and expreſs Promiſe to him, and agreeable to the Cuſtom of Merchants in ſuch Caſes, give him a general and full Diſcharge of all Demands againſt him to that Day;—that, in Conſequence of the ſaid Aſſignment from the Petitioner, and Releaſe of Dower aforeſaid, the Aſſignees above-mentioned impowered *Joſeph Reed*, Eſq; then of *Trenton*, to collect all Debts that were due and owing to the Petitioner, and alſo to make Sale of his real Eſtate aſſigned over to them, in Virtue of which he received ſome Money, which has either been diſpoſed of agreeable to the Purpoſes of the Aſſignment, or remains to be accounted for to the Petitioner's Creditors by the Aſſignees, or their Attorney;—that many of the Petitioner's Creditors have ſigned a general Diſcharge, agreeable to the Engagement of the Aſſignees, and the true Intent and Meaning of the Aſſignment, but ſome of them, notwithſtanding the Aſſurances given to the Petitioner of a full Diſcharge, and the Recovery of ſome of his Debts, as above ſet forth, and contrary to the daily Practice and Cuſtom of Merchants in *Philadelphia*, and other trading Places, have refuſed to ſign the ſame; by which the Petitioner, from Fear of Arreſts, has for near five Years paſt been obliged to ſhelter and confine himſelf in the Province of *New-Jerſey*, without being able to uſe the Means neceſſary to ſupport and maintain himſelf and Family, which he has always endeavoured to do by an honeſt Induſtry;—that the Petitioner having made a conſcientious, fair and honeſt Surrender and Aſſignment of all his Effects and Eſtate whatſoever, can aſſign no Cauſe for the Treatment he has met with, unleſs it be expected thereby to induce his Friends and Relations to releaſe him from his diſtreſſed Situation, thereby by paying his Debts, which as the Petitioner has no Right to aſk, or Reaſon to hope for, and having in vain tried every reaſonable Means in his Power to induce them to comply with their Agreement, as is herein before ſet forth, he finds himſelf under the Neceſſity of laying his unhappy Caſe before the Legiſlature of this Province, and humbly prays the Honourable Houſe to take the ſame into Conſideration, and grant him Relief in the Premiſes, by paſſing a Law of this Province to diſcharge him from all Demands of his ſaid Creditors, agreeable to the Tenor of his Aſſignment, and the Intent of all Parties when the ſame was made and executed, in ſuch Manner as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Sundry Petitions from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia*, *Bucks*, *Cheſter*, *Lancaſter*, *York*, *Cumberland*, and *Berks*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Mode of Swearing practiſed in the common Law by laying the Hand upon and kiſſing the Goſpels, raiſes in the Minds of the Petitioners a conſcientious Scruple; on which account they are put to great Difficulties in giving

Evidence

Evidence and recovering Debts according to Law; yea, some for their Non-compliance with this Mode of taking an Oath, have been imprisoned and fined.—And in regard they do not scruple the Lawfulness of Swearing, but only this Mode, they have resolved to seek Redress of this Grievance from their Provincial Assembly: Wherefore they do, by these Presents, lay the Affair before them, and humbly crave, that they will grant them the Liberty of worshipping the LORD their GOD in swearing by his sacred Name with an *uplifted right Hand*;—they might urge the Example of their Sovereign King *George*, who at his Coronation swore the Oath of Fidelity to *Scotland* with an uplifted Hand;—they might produce the Practice of *North Britain* in their Courts of Judicatory, where this Mode of Swearing is used, yea, they might plead a Precedent for it in some of our Sister Colonies on this Continent, but these are passed by to avoid the Charge of Prolixity, or acting out of the Sphere of Petitioners. However, this Way of Swearing being already practised in sundry Places of the *British* Empire, shews its Congruity with our civil Constitution, and demonstrates that it wears not any unfavourable Aspect towards Government;—that they are encouraged to hope the Honourable House will regard and answer the Prayer of their Petition, from the Consideration that Liberty, sacred and civil, is entwisted with the fundamental Laws of this Province, and that the Administrations of the Assemblies of *Pennsylvania* have been long marked with Tenderness towards the Rights of Conscience;—that many of the Petitioners came from sundry Parts of *Europe*, where the Rights of Conscience are invaded and religious Freedom is fettered, that they might here enjoy the Sweets of Liberty, and the unhampered Profession of their holy Religion;—that the House may be assured the Petitioners' Scruples about the Mode of Swearing above specified, and petitioning for another, as most agreeable to the Light of their Consciences, flow not from the Want of Loyalty to their King or Regard to the Laws of their Country, for they profess an unshaken Attachment to lawful Authority, not merely for Wrath but for Conscience Sake;—that this Honourable House may be always directed to the prudent and wise Management of the Powers wherewith Providence hath invested them over this extensive and flourishing Colony, and that they may now give a fresh Instance of their Clemency towards the aggrieved, is the sincere Prayer of their humble Petitioners. 1772. *January* 17.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 18.

Petitions from *Jacob Naglee* and *Elijah Weed*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing of Leather. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Isaac Still* (the *Indian* Interpreter) was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be given to the Petitioner, out of the Fund appropriated by Law for defraying the Expences of *Indian* Treaties, and that Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *James* receive the said Sum from the Treasurer, and lay it out in Cloaths and other Necessaries for the Use of the Petitioner, and also assist him in his Land Affair.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the *Great* and *Little Coves*, in the County of *Cumberland*, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being put, Whether the said Inhabitants shall be included in the County of *Bedford?* *Carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County.*"

An Account from *Lewis Brahl* for two Stoves and Pipes for the Assembly Room, amounting to *Twenty-seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Eleven Pence*, was laid by Mr. *Hillegas* before the House, and an Order for the said Sum drawn on the Treasurer, to be paid out of the Fund appropriated by Law for Repairing the State-House, *&c.*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *January* 20. *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Trouble and Expence which the People of the Counties of *Cumberland*, *York*, *Lancaster*, and Part of *Chester*, experience in bringing their Produce to *Philadelphia*, have greatly injured the extensive Trade which for many Years happily subsisted between those Counties and the City;—that unless effectual Measures are speedily adopted for facilitating the Carriage of Produce from the aforesaid Counties of *Cumberland*, *York*, *Lancaster* and *Chester* to this Place, the Petitioners apprehend the Inhabitants of those Counties may be induced to carry their Produce to some more convenient Market, which must prove of ruinous Consequence to the

Trade

1772. January 20. Trade of the Province;—that the Petitioners therefore earneſtly requeſt the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and to grant ſuch Relief therein as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Geiſt*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Shoemaker, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Inſpector and Sealer of Leather. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes* "*therein mentioned*;" "*An Act for enabling the Juſtices of the Supreme Court and Common* "*Pleas to iſſue Commiſſions for taking the Examination of Witneſſes in foreign Parts, and* "*for perpetuating Teſtimony*;" and, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Thompſon* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting the Repair and Improvement of Roads to the Weſtward for the more ready Carriage of Produce from the Back Counties to the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

Purſuant to the Reſolve of *Wedneſday*, (which was read by Order) the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means of providing for the Exigences of Government by an Increaſe of the Public Funds, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Buſineſs before them, but not having yet come to any Reſult thereon, they requeſted Leave to ſit again To-morrow Morning, which being granted accordingly, the Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills paſſed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

A Petition from *John Johnſon*, *Thomas Nedrow*, *Catherine Wiſtar*, *Richard Wiſtar*, *Reuben Haines* and *Samuel Morris*, junior, the Friends and neareſt Relations of *Rebecca Martin*, (late *Vanaken*) of *German-Town*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the ſaid *Rebecca* for many Years has been of inſane Mind and Underſtanding, but as no Perſon was legally authorized to ſuperintend her Eſtate, the ſame was left under her own Controul, with the Advice and Aſſiſtance of ſome of the Petitioners;—that ſhe is of the Age of fifty-eight Years, and upwards, and being ſeized and poſſeſſed of a conſiderable Eſtate certain deſigning and evil-diſpoſed Perſons, with a View to their own Intereſt, prevailed upon one *John Martin*, who is almoſt an Idiot, to offer Marriage to the ſaid *Rebecca*;—that in *March* laſt the ſaid *John Martin* was joined in Marriage to the ſaid *Rebecca* by *Charles Jolly*, a Juſtice of the Peace, notwithſtanding he was apprized of the Inſanity and Idiocy of the Parties;—that a certain *Edward Milner*, who is Father-in-Law to the ſaid *John Martin* and *Jacob Hall*, who is Brother-in-Law to *Milner*, and who, the Petitioners, are fully perſuaded were the principal Promoters of the ſaid Marriage, have unduly obtained Poſſeſſion of Bonds and Securities for Money belonging to the ſaid *Rebecca*, to the Value of near *Four Thouſand Pounds*, and, in order the more effectually to carry their Villainies into Execution, have ſent the ſaid *John Martin* to Parts beyond the Seas, firſt having obtained from him a Power of Attorney (and a Will, as the Petitioners are informed) in their Favour;—that the ſaid *Martin* has in about nine Months waſted of the ſaid Eſtate near *Two Thouſand Pounds*;—that the whole Eſtate is in great Danger of being ſquandered, and thereby this unhappy Couple of being reduced to Poverty and Want;—that the Petitioners therefore pray this Honourable Houſe would, by a Law for that Purpoſe, appoint proper Perſons to take Care of the Eſtate of the ſaid *John* and *Rebecca*, and in his, her or their Names or Name to ſue for, recover and take into Poſſeſſion all ſuch Monies, Goods and Eſtate, real and perſonal, whatſoever, in whoſe Hands or Poſſeſſion ſoever the ſame may be found, in the ſame Manner as a Committee of Lunaticks might or could do in *England*, and to grant ſuch further Relief in the Premiſes as to them may ſeem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

Mr. *James*, by Requeſt of the Managers of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital laid before the Houſe a State of the Accounts of the ſaid Hoſpital for the preceding Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

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STATE *of the* Accounts *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjusted by the Managers, being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Third of the* Fifth Month (May), 1771, *laid before the Contributors, at their Annual Meeting, held at the said Hospital at that Time.*

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An Account of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

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| BALANCE at the Settlement of Accounts last Year, *viz.* | | | |
| In the Hands of Thomas Wharton, the Treasurer, | £ 462 | 0 | 8½ |
| Of David and John Barclay, Charles Harrison's Legacy, | 750 | 0 | 0 |
| | | £ 1212 | 0 8½ |
| **Receipts this Year, *viz.*** | | | |
| Interest-Money from sundry Contributors, due on their Notes, | £ 78 | 15 | 1 |
| From the Borrowers of Money lent, | 445 | 14 | 1½ |
| Annuities this Year, | 110 | 8 | 0 |
| | | 634 | 14 2½ |
| Contributions and Benefactions from private Persons, | £ 124 | 8 | 5 |
| Legacies by Will, | 390 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 514 | 8 5 |
| Sundry Contributors their Notes paid off, | | 155 | 0 0 |
| For Board of pay Patients, | | 542 | 14 0 |
| Ground-rents and Rents, | | 51 | 13 0 |
| From three Students, for the Liberty of attending the Practice of the Hospital, | | 15 | 0 0 |
| From sundry Persons, for viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Casts, | | 14 | 11 11½ |
| For a Cow and a few small Articles sold, | | 13 | 0 0 |
| Charity Boxes, *viz.* The Hospital's in the Hall, | £ 26 | 11 | 10½ |
| The Provincial Assembly's, | 3 | 0 | 5 |
| Joseph Potts's, | 1 | 11 | 0 |
| | | 31 | 3 3½ |
| | | £ 3184 | 5 7 |
| Balance due to the Matron at the Settlement last Year, | | £ 11 | 15 9 |
| **Payments this Year, *viz.*** | | | |
| Notes taken for two new Contributions, | | 40 | 0 0 |
| Sundry Disbursments on the Building, | £ 115 | 1 | 11½ |
| Furniture, being mostly Beds and Bedding, | 42 | 15 | 6 |
| | | 157 | 17 5½ |
| Drugs and Medicines, including some had some Years since, | | 542 | 8 4 |
| Money lent on Interest, | | 600 | 0 0 |
| Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurses and Servants, | | 285 | 2 5 |
| Firewood and Coal, | | 218 | 18 0½ |
| Common Expences of Housekeeping, such as Flour, Middlings, Meat, Milk, Sugar, Melasses, Candles, Soap, Butter, Chocolate, Tea, &c. &c. | | 1212 | 11 8½ |
| Extra Expences, a Horse and sundry small Articles, | £ 16 | 2 | 6 |
| Discount allowed on two Bonds, | 8 | 1 | 0 |
| David Hall for sundry Medical Books, | 6 | 19 | 3 |
| | | 31 | 2 9 |
| | | £ 3099 | 16 5½ |
| Balance remaining due to the Hospital, | | | |
| In the Hands of Thomas Wharton, Treasurer, | £ 73 | 13 | 4 |
| In the Hands of Sarah Harlan, the Matron, | 10 | 15 | 9½ |
| | | 84 | 9 1½ |
| | | £ 3184 | 5 7 |

## LIST *of new Contributions in the Year, ending the Third of* Fifth Month (May), 1771.

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| George Mifflin, | £ 15 | 0 | 0 |
| John Pringle, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Anna Warner, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| A Person unknown | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| John Potts | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Bryan Wilkinson, (additional) | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Jacob Duché, Esq; (on certain Conditions) | 10 | 2 | 6 |
| Ludwick Falkenstine, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Alexander Edwards, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Pemberton, Merchant, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| | £ 124 | 8 | 5 |
| Carried forwards | £ 124 | 8 | 5 |

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| Continued | £ 124 | 8 | 5 |
| *LEGACIES, viz.* | | | |
| Mary Dougherty, | £ 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Christopher Brown, a further Payment | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| James Bright, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Charles Harrison's more than accounted last Year, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Philip Hulbert, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Allison, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Mary Jacobs, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| John Davis, of Chester County | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Joseph Richardson, Esq; | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Daniel Stanton, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 390 | 0 0 |
| | £ 514 | 8 | 5 |

## CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *the Fourth of* Fifth Month (May), 1771.

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| Bonds and promissory Notes due from sundry Contributors for their respective Subscriptions, | £ 1839 | 13 | 4 |
| Subscriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained, | 86 | 10 | 0 |
| Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Interest, | 6865 | 19 | 0 |
| Carried forward | £ 8792 | 2 | 4 |

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## CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL.

Brought forward £ 8792 2 4

### Real Eſtate, per Deeds in Cuſtody of the Treaſurer, *viz.*

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| A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, | £ 24 | 0 | 0 |
| An Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Derby, | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Three Annuities, amounting to £ 10 : 1 : 4, per Annum, iſſuing out of three Houſes and Lots in Philadelphia, | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| An Annuity of 14 Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Cheſtnut-ſtreet, | 378 | 0 | 0 |
| Three Annuities amounting to 17 and an Half Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of three Houſes and Lots in Southwark, | 400 | 2 | 0 |
| The Moiety of the Square next Weſtward of the Hoſpital, with the Houſes thereon, | 443 | 17 | 6 |
| The Moiety of the Square next Eaſtward of the Hoſpital, | 607 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 2152 | 19 6 |
| Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Caſts, | | 350 | 0 0 |
| | £ | 11295 | 1 10 |

Beſides the Lot on which the Hoſpital is erected, with the Improvements.

By a Liſt of the Names and Caſes of the Patients, it appears there have been admitted into this Hoſpital within the Year, ending the Third of the Fifth Month (May), 1771, 496 poor diſeaſed Perſons, amongſt whom were 70 Lunatics, or ſuch who were diſordered in their Underſtanding. And diſcharged,

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| Cured | 242 |
| Relieved | 31 |
| Died | 53 |
| Eloped | 21 |
| For Irregularity | 18 |
| At their own Requeſt | 8 |
| At Requeſt of their Friends | 5 |
| Incurable | 2 |
| | 380 |
| Remain in the Houſe, | 116 |
| Total | 496 |

*Copy from the Minutes of the Managers, examined by* JAMES PEMBERTON."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to viſit the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the Houſe.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Sale of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch Goods to the Perſons diſtraining the ſame, *&c.* reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants on the Eaſt and Weſt Branches of the River *Suſquehanna* for a new County, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to enquire into, and make Report of the Expediency of granting the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That all the inſolvent Petitions before the Houſe be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Grievances.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 22. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for Improvement of the Roads to the Weſtern Counties of this Province, for the more eaſy Carriage of their Produce to the City, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the ſpeedy Recovery of divers Sums of Money, due to the Public from certain Perſons late Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Clerks in the County of *Lancaſter*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Purſuant to Leave granted the Committee to ſit again this Morning, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means of increaſing the public Funds, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that, as they had not yet finiſhed their Deliberations on the Matters referred to them, he was directed to requeſt Leave for the Committee to ſit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to,

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Two Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants on the Weſt-Side of *Schuylkill* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they apprehend themſelves ſubject to greater Expences in conveying their Produce to Market by Means of the high Rates of Ferriage over the ſaid River, than the Circumſtances of the ſaid Ferries, and the Number of Paſſengers neceſſarily require; the ſame Rates ſtill continuing that were eſtabliſhed

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and found to be sufficient for supporting the said Ferries in the Year 1723, when the Passengers, as the Petitioners conceive, were not more than One Tenth of the present Number;—that, upon considering the great Difference of Improvements on the East and West Sides of the said River, the Petitioners are of Opinion, that it is chiefly owing to the Difference of Expence with which the Produce of those Places is brought to Market, and that the Cultivation or real Improvement of Lands will always be in Proportion as the Portage of their Product to Market is rendered easy and expeditious:—That the Petitioners therefore hope, the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into serious Consideration, and grant such Relief therein, as to them shall appear needful. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1772. *January* 22.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, praying that some Method be taken for more effectually repairing and keeping in Order the public Highway from the City of *Philadelphia*, to the said Borough. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

Agreeable to the Order of the Forenoon, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Consideration of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that as they had not yet come to a full Result on the Subject before them, he was directed to request Leave for their Sitting again in the Morning, which was granted accordingly, and the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and, agreeable to the Resolution of last Night, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Consideration of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported from the Committee, that having made a further Progress in the Business referred to them, they requested Leave to sit again To-morrow Morning, which was agreed to by the House. *January* 23.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Pre-*"*vention of Frauds and Perjuries*," with some Amendments thereon, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from divers of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners and other Freemen of the said County are and have at all Times been willing and desirous to contribute as much as in them lay towards a just Proportion of the Duties and Expences necessarily attendant on the proper Support of Government and Execution of the Laws;—that from many Years Experience they have observed the Trouble and Expence of serving upon Juries have fallen upon a very small Part of the Inhabitants of this County, and that the Fees allowed by Law are not adequate to the Service;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive a just Rate laid on the County to defray the Expences and Trouble of the Jurors, who shall from Time to Time serve in the same, will greatly contribute to render the Service more just and equal:—That the Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House, to take the Premises into Consideration, and afford such Relief as in their Wisdom they shall judge proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from *Conrad Clime*, of the Township of *Gwyned*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, by the Authority of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, on the first *Monday* in *March*, 1770, was appointed Constable of the Township of *Gwyned* aforesaid; and that the Petitioner, not being acquainted with the Duty of his Office, thought he must execute all Precepts directed to him from the Magistrates, as they are the Ministers of Justice, and ought to understand the Law;—that the Petitioner in pursuing the Duty of his Office, as he thought, served seven several Summons granted by *Charles Jolly*, Esq; against *Jane Jones*, Widow and Relict of *John Jones*, late of *Gwyned* aforesaid, deceased, for Debts contracted by the said *John*, who died intestate, which Summons the Petitioner returned to the same Justice, who thereupon gave Judgment, and granted Executions for the several Debts, as they were all of them under *Forty Shillings*, to be levied on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Jane Jones*, the Widow; which Goods and Chattels the Petitioner did seize and sell at public Vendue to the highest Bidder, according to the Tenor of such Executions, and out of the Monies arising from such Sales, the Petitioner paid the Plaintiffs their several Demands, not knowing he had committed any Offence against the Laws of the Province in so doing;—that afterwards Letters of Administration were legally granted to *Philip Kinsey*, and he finding that Waste had been committed on the Goods and Chattels of the said *John Jones*, deceased, he commenced an Action against the Petitioner, and, by due Course of Law, obtained Judgment of the Court of Common Pleas, at *Philadelphia* in *June* Term, 1771, for *Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling and Eight-pence*, Debt, besides *Three Pounds Ten Shillings and Nine-pence*, Cost, which the Petitioner is liable to pay;—that *Charles Jolly*, Esq;

1772. *January* 23. Esq; promised to indemnify the Petitioner, and employed a Lawyer to defend the above Action, and repeatedly assured the Petitioner that what had been done by him was consonant to Law; but finding at length that Judgment of Court was obtained against me, and no Method could be had to make the Plaintiffs return the Monies the Petitioner paid them in Virtue of the Executions granted contrary to Law, he now expects to extricate himself from the Injustice committed, and fix the Petitioner in the Dilemma, though he pocketed the Costs in those iniquitous Proceedings:—The Petitioner therefore humbly prays the Honourable House, to take the several Matters above-mentioned into Consideration, and relieve the Petitioner, who is a poor Man, from the Burthen, which he is likely to suffer (through the Ignorance of a Magistrate, and his own Imprudence in doing what he thought his Duty) by such Ways and Means as they shall think most proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Borough and County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, praying that proper Measures may be taken for repairing and keeping in good Order the public Highway from the said Borough to the City of *Philadelphia*. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from *John*, *Jonathan* and *Thomas Palmer* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by an Act of General Assembly of this Province, passed in the First Year of the Reign of *George* the Third, for clearing and making navigable the River *Schuylkill*, and for preserving the Fish in the same, *William Palmer*, deceased, (Father of the Petitioners) was appointed one of the Managers;—that he attended the Duties enjoined by the said Law, One Hundred and Eleven Days, at the Wages of *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence per Diem*, amounting to the Sum of *Forty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings* and *Six-pence*;—that he never received from the *Schuylkill* Commissioners, or other Person or Persons, any Part of the said Wages:—The Petitioners therefore pray, the Honourable House would be pleased to grant them such Relief in the Premises as they in their Wisdom shall think just and reasonable.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of a Number of distressed Persons driven from their Settlements near *Wyoming* by the *Connecticut* Claimants, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Petition lie on the Table.

Adjournment. The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 24. The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Joseph Davis* was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting Leather. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee to whom the Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, of *Lancaster*, Esq; was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have, pursuant to the Order of the House, examined into the Petition of *Adam Simon Kuhn*, Esq; relative to the Loss of a Deed set forth in the said Petition, and are fully satisfied that such Deed was duly executed, and is by some Accident lost; also that the Petitioner has given Notice of his Application to the Legislature for Relief in the public Papers, as directed by the late Assembly.

SAMUEL SHOEMAKER, JOHN JACOBS, Jun.
*January* 24, 1772. MICHAEL HILLEGAS, GEORGE ROSS."

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the same being drawn at the Table and agreed to,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments.

Pursuant to the Resolution of Yesterday, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported, that the Committee not having yet finished their Deliberations on the Subject before them, requested Leave to sit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to by the House, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*. The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," and deliver the Answer of the House to his Amendments on the said Bill, reported they had done the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Answer into immediate Consideration, and acquaint the House with his Result thereon.

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The Order of the Forenoon being read, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Consideration of Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, and after some Time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Fox* reported, that the Committee having concluded their Deliberations on the Business referred to them, and come to some Resolutions thereon, they had directed him to report the same whenever the House shall be pleased to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the said Resolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Fox* then (according to Order) reported the said Resolutions, which he first read in his Place, and then delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the same being again read, were approved by the House, and are as follow, *viz.*

"*Resolved*, 1. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be brought in to extend the Excise to all Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, sold or consumed within this Province, (Wine and Spirits made or distilled from the Products of this Province for the private Use of the Owner or Distiller only excepted) and for preventing Frauds in the Payment and Collection of the Excise."

"*Resolved*, 2. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that no Person or Persons importing into this Province any Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, or purchasing from such Importer, shall, when sold, deliver the same to the Purchaser, his Agents, or Servants, before an Entry be made in the Office of Excise, under a Penalty to be imposed on the Seller and Purchaser."

"*Resolved*, 3. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that no Distiller shall deliver any Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, sold by the Hogshead, Quarter-Cask, or Keg, containing Twenty Gallons, and upwards, to the Purchaser before Entry in the Office of Excise, under a Penalty to be imposed on him and the Purchaser."

"*Resolved*, 4. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the following Provisions be inserted in the Bill, *viz.* that all Persons selling Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, within the City of *Philadelphia*, or within Miles thereof, by any greater Quantity than Twenty Gallons, be deemed Sellers by Wholesale, and shall not be allowed to deliver such Liquors to the Purchaser before an Entry thereof be duly made in the Office of Excise, under a Penalty to be imposed on such Seller and the Person purchasing the same; and that all Persons vending the said Liquors in any Quantity not exceeding Twenty Gallons within the Limits aforesaid, be deemed Retailers, and shall on Oath or Affirmation, to be administered by the Collector of Excise, make a just Return of such Liquors, by them sold, to the Collectors aforesaid, under a Penalty."

"*Resolved*, 5. That where any Person shall purchase any Quantity of Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, above Twenty, and not exceeding Eighty Gallons, they shall pay the Duty to the Collector of Excise at the Time of Entry, and before the same shall be delivered to them by the Vender, under a Penalty; and that the Excise for all other Quantities of Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, shall be paid to the Collector of Excise for the County into which the same shall be sold, within Three Months after Entry, under a Penalty."

"*Resolved*, 6. That the Burden of the Proof shall lie on the Owner or Claimant of any such Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Spirits, seized by any of the Collectors of Excise within this Province."

"*Resolved*, 7. That every Retailer shall be qualified on Oath or Affirmation, to return a true and just Account to the Collector of all the Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, by him purchased, and that he has sold none but what he has returned; and that every Distiller shall in like Mannner make Entry of all Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, by him sold, once in every Three Months, and that he has sold no more than he has entered, under a Penalty."

"*Resolved*, 8. That every Retailer (Distillers of the Products of this Province excepted) who shall sell any of the Liquors aforesaid, the Excise whereof shall not amount to Three Pounds, shall pay Three Pounds per Annum."

"*Resolved*, 9. That any of the said Retailers (except as before excepted) selling the Liquors aforesaid for any Time less than one Year, shall also pay the Sum of Three Pounds."

"*Resolved*, 10. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be prepared and brought in for striking the Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Paper Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 25.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the foregoing Resolves of the Committee on Ways and Means of increasing the public Funds, after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Crosby*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for amending

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*January* 25. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Minshall*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Two Hundred Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *John Johnson*, and others, relating to the Marriage and Estate of *John* and *Rebecca Martin*, of *Germantown*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Allen* be added to the Committee of Grievances, and that the said Committee do make Enquiry into the Facts alledged in the said Petition, and report thereon to the House.

Adjournment The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 27. The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

*Post Meridiem* The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries*," with a Reply to the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the said Bill, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The Secretary also brought down a written Message from the Governor to the House, and a Letter from his Excellency General *Gage* to his Honour, with sundry Papers therein referred to, which were severally read by Order, and the said Message and Letter are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

A written Message from the Governor to the House. 'IN Compliance with the Request you were pleased to make at the Beginning of this 'Session, I immediately wrote to General *Gage*, desiring that I might be acquainted 'with the Result of the Application made to him, respecting the Demands of the People 'of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Carriages employed by Colonel *Wilkins* in 'his March to Fort *Pitt*. I am just now favoured with his Excellency's Answer, which 'I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you, together with several other Papers re'lating to that Matter, transmitted to me at the same Time.

*January* 25, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

*His Excellency General* GAGE'S *Letter.*

SIR, *New-York, January* 19, 1772.

A Letter from General *Gage* to the Governor. I HAVE received your Letter of the Ninth Instant, respecting the Papers transmitted to me, which contain Demands of the People of *Lancaster* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Carriages employed by Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins* on his March to Fort *Pitt*, with seven Companies of his Majesty's Eighteenth Regiment, in the Year 1768.

The Distance of Time betwixt the March of said Troops and the Demands of the People concerned, together with the very great Distance of the Regiment, has rendered it difficult to ascertain the Propriety of these Demands, though I have taken every Step in my Power to do it.

The Papers have been laid before the Deputy Quarter Master General, to whose Department the Contents properly belong, and I transmit you his Report to me thereupon.

It became necessary likewise to send Copies of them, with a Copy of the Remonstrance of the Assembly to their late Governor, to Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins*, and I inclose you a Copy of his Letter to me in Answer thereto, with Copies of Orders given by him relative to the Carriages, and of the Certificates of the Officers who commanded the several Companies, two excepted, who are since dead, of the Sums they respectively paid to the Waggoners.

If the Waggoners have received the Sum directed to be paid them by Act of Parliament, *viz. Fourteen-pence* Sterling per Mile for a Waggon that carries Twenty-four Hundred Weight, for as many Miles as they marched with the Troops, it is as much as they were entitled to receive. It appears from the Deputy Quarter Master's General Report and other Papers, that the Paymaster of the Regiment has received the Amount thereof, and from the Officers Certificates that the same was paid to the Waggoners, and no greater Charge can be made to Government on the Head of Carriages for the Marching of Troops in Time of Peace:—When they are in the Field different Methods are pursued.

Some of the Drivers having alledged, that they received Provisions from the King's Magazines, and were made to pay double what is stopped from the Soldier, I ordered the Commissary General to inspect into the Issues of 1768, in the *Pennsylvania* Department from *Philadelphia* to Fort *Pitt*, who has sent me a Return thereof, and acquainted

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me by Letter that the Contractors have made no Charge for Rations to Waggoners, and that the Whole of the Receipts for Provisions issued are included in Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins's* general Receipt for Stoppages from the Soldiers.

It is, however, possible that the Drivers may have been victualled with the Soldiers, and Receipts given for them as Soldiers, in which Case we may suppose Stoppages were made from them, as the Soldiers have paid for all that was issued :—This is only Conjecture, but if it proves true, and that the Waggoners can ascertain the Rations they received, and the Stoppages made from their Hire on that Account, properly certified, it will be in my Power to redress them on that Point, it having been usual to allow Waggoners carrying Baggage on a March with Troops, a Ration of Provisions gratis when they passed the Frontiers.

One of the Claimants, *viz. Kilheffer*, charges for the Loss of a Horse, but there is no regular Appraisement of his Value, or Certificate that the Horse was lost in the Service; there is, however, a Voucher of his Value, and if *Kilheffer* produces a proper Certificate from the Officers, that the Horse was actually lost in the Service, he shall be paid accordingly ;—this is all in my Power to do.

Captain *Chapman*, of the Eighteenth Regiment, at present in *Philadelphia*, was on the March with Lieutenant Colonel *Wilkins*, and may be able to give some Account of these Matters, and shall be wrote to.

Many unforeseen Accidents will happen on Marches, which occasion Damage and Loss to the Owners and Drivers of Waggons, and the Acts of Parliament made in these Respects, as well for *Great-Britain* as *America*, direct in what Manner they are to be indemnified.

I inclose the People's Demands, and have the Honour to be, SIR,

*Your most obedient and most humble Servant,*

*THOMAS GAGE.*"

Adjournment
*January* 28.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *William Hemble*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Taylor, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner is a Native of *Germany*, born at the City of *Gelnhausen*, in the County of *Hanau*, in the Dominions of his Serene Highness the Landgrave of *Hesse-Cassel*, and has been educated in the Protestant Religion, commonly called *Lutherans*;—the fundamental Doctrines of which religious Society he heartily believes and professes, though from the Dictates of his own Conscience he scruples to take any Oath, and has these several Years forborne to partake of the Sacrament of the LORD's Supper, for which two Particulars he cannot by the Mode prescribed by Act of Parliament of the 13th of *George* the Second, which requires the taking of an Oath, nor under the Act of the 20th of *George* the Second, which requires the taking the Sacrament, be naturalized in his Majesty's Plantations in *America*;—that the Petitioner has lived in this City upwards of Eleven Years, and is of good Name and Fame among his Neighbours;—that by his Trade and Industry he has acquired some real and personal Property, which he is desirous to transmit to his Posterity;—that he is well and truly affected to his *Britannick* Majesty's Person and the Government of this Province, and is willing to make and subscribe the Declarations of Allegiance and Fidelity, and the Profession of his Christian Belief, and to take and affirm the Effect of the Abjuration Oath, according to the Form of an Act of Parliament, made in the First Year of the Reign of his late Majesty *George* the First, entituled, "*An Act for the further* "*Security of his Majesty's Person and Government, and the Succession of the Crown in the* "*Heirs of the late Princess* Sophia, *being Protestants, and for extinguishing the Hopes of* "*the pretended Prince of* Wales, *his open and secret Abettors*:"—Wherefore the Petitioner humbly prays Leave to bring in a Bill to enable him to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject in this Province.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Fishery in the River *Delaware*.

*Ordered*, That the same Committeee do also prepare and bring in a Bill for Amending the Act, entituled, "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware, Leheigh, *&c. common* "*Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers.*"

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers of the *Presbyterian* Congregation of *New-Town*, in the County of *Bucks*, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

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1772. *January* 28. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *George Kehmle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Pearſon*, and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for diſſolving the Bond of Matrimony between the ſaid *George Kehmle* and his Wife *Elizabeth*.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes "in the Manufacturing of Leather*," which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *January* 29. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Remonſtrance from *William Alliſon*, *William Miller* and *John Meaſe*, Executors of the Will of *John Meaſe*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that *Richard Stevens*, a late Petitioner to the Houſe for Relief, became indebted to the late *John Meaſe* in the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds* for Goods ſold him, and from his having ſent thoſe Goods to *New-York*, and ſundry other Circumſtances reſpecting this Tranſaction, there is Reaſon to believe that the ſaid *Stevens* contracted this Debt knowing his Affairs to be deſperate, for the Purpoſe of ſerving particular Friends before his Failure, without any rational Proſpect of ever diſcharging it;—that the late Mr. *Meaſe* conſidered the ſaid *Stevens's* Conduct in this unfavourable Light, and did accordingly decline any Share in the Management of his Affairs as an Aſſignee, which fully appears by his Letter to the Petitioner, a Copy whereof is herewith laid before the Houſe; whereby it alſo appears, that the Allegations, ſo far as they relate to the deceaſed, are not founded in Fact, for it was not "the Intent of all Parties that he ſhould have a Diſcharge from all Demands in Conſequence of making the Aſſignment;"—that the ſaid *Stevens* at ſundry Times ſince his Failure has offered perſonally and by Letters to pay his Creditors *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence* in the Pound, from which it can hardly be doubted that he had it in his Power to raiſe ſuch a Sum; and as no Diſtribution has yet been made of his Eſtate, there is Reaſon to believe that he would by this Time have acceded to the Requiſition of his Creditors by paying *Five Shillings* in the Pound, had he not expected a general Releaſe from the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly;—that from theſe and ſome other Circumſtances, which it would be painful to enumerate, the Remonſtrants humbly conceive ſhould the Houſe indulge the ſaid *Stevens* in the Exemption of his Perſon from Arreſts for a certain Time, they will never think it for the Encouragement of Trade, or conſiſtent with Juſtice, to grant him an abſolute Diſcharge from his Debts.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

A Petition from divers Perſons, Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the ſaid *Gardiner* has been for ſome Time paſt of inſane Mind, and of Courſe incapable of managing or tranſacting his Affairs;—that before his Inſanity he became indebted to the Petitioners in Sums of Money which he neglected or was unable to pay;—that lately his Mother, *Mary Gardiner*, died, having by her Will bequeathed to the ſaid *Richard* a conſiderable reſiduary Legacy, and conſtituted him Executor of her Will;—that as the ſaid *Richard* was inſane, Adminiſtration has been granted, with the Will annext, during his Inſanity;—that the Petitioners have applied to the Adminiſtrators (who have Poſſeſſion of the Effects of the ſaid *Richard*, conſiſting of Bonds and Money, which the Honourable Houſe know cannot be reached by common Law Proceſs) for Payment of their Debts, and have offered to aſſign their Debts and enter into Bonds of Indemnity, but the ſaid Adminiſtrators have refuſed to pay the Petitioners:—Wherefore they pray the Houſe would be pleaſed to offer a Bill to the Governor appointing a Committee for the ſaid *Richard*, who may be compellable to pay his Debts heretofore contracted, and to make reaſonable Proviſion for him in future. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants on the Weſt-Side of *Schuylkill* for lowering the Rates of Ferriage on that River, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for enabling "the Juſtices of the Supreme Court to iſſue Commiſſions for taking the Examination of Wit-"neſſes in foreign Parts and for perpetuating Teſtimony*," and acquainted the Houſe that he could not agree to paſs the ſaid Bill into a Law.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds "and Abuſes in the Manufacturing of Leather*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Two Accounts from *James Webb* and *Joſeph Ferree*, Eſquires, for their Time and Expences in attending a Jury appointed to lay out a new Road from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Village of *Straſburgh*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes "in*

"*in the Manufacturing of Leather*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. 1772. *January* 29.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. Adjournment *January* 30.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the *Northern Liberties*.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of "Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Person distraining the same*, &c." which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained "for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Person distraining the same*, &c." which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *January* 31.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Enoch Story*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he has been informed the House intend this present Sitting to appoint an Officer for collecting the Duty of Excise on spirituous Liquors within the County of *Philadelphia*, and praying Leave to offer himself as a Candidate for the said Office. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from a Number of distressed Persons, Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they and their Families were settled at *Wyoming*, on the East Branch of *Susquehanna*, under the Protection of the Government of *Pennsylvania*, where they have for three Years past been treated in the most cruel Manner by a Gang of lawless People from *New-England*, and the Township of *Hanover*, in this Province, who have robbed them of their Horses, Cattle, and other Effects, burnt their Houses, destroyed their Grain, and abused their Persons, as if at open War with them;—that some of the Petitioners Friends have been killed, others wounded and rendered incapable of supporting themselves and their Families, whereby they are now reduced to a State of the greatest Distress, being deprived of their whole Dependance and every Means of Subsistance;—that the Petitioners themselves are threatened with the same Fate, and are apprehensive it must soon take Place, unless the Government should interpose for their Preservation:—Wherefore they humbly pray the Honourable House, to take their unhappy Case into Consideration, and remove the said lawless Murderers and Robbers, or make such other Provision for relieving the Petitioners as they in their Wisdom shall think most expedient.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from *Elijah Davis*, of *Providence* Township, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that there hath of late been a public Road laid out through a small Tract of Land belonging to the Petitioner, and confirmed by the Court of Quarter Sessions, of Fifty Feet wide, which separates a small Strip of Ground, together with the Dwelling-house, from the rest of the said Plantation, and subjects the Petitioner to the Expence of a long Lane, where he otherwise had no Occasion of any Fencing, and in other Respects renders the whole exceeding inconvenient and troublesome;—and what increases his Hardship is, that it apperrs, upon opening the said Road, that his Barn and Stables and a Number of valuable Apple-Trees stand within the Limits thereof, the Removal of which would occasion great Loss and Damage to the Petitioner, unless prevented by the Interposition of the House, some Persons having insisted and still insisting that the Supervisors of the Highways shall open the said Road to its full Extent;—that it would give the Petitioner the greatest Concern, to put his private Interest in Competition with public Conveniency, but in this Case he humbly conceives he may be relieved without Injury to the Public, as there is an old Road (commonly called *Pawling's*) which separates from the aforesaid Road the lower Side of his Plantation, and running along a Line between his and his Neighbours Lands, but a few Perches distant from the said new Road, and uniting again with it at the upper Side of the said Plantation in the *Reading* Road, which, though it may be a few Perches further, he apprehends the Ground in the old Road to be so much firmer and better for the Purpose than that in the new, as to compensate the Public for the small Difference in the Distances;—that the Petitioner being ignorant of any legal Mode of Redress, and placing entire Confidence in the Justice of the House, so distinguished for their Attention to the Rights and Property of every Subject, is emboldened to pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into their Consideration, and pass an Act to vacate so much of the said new Road as extends from where the said old Road separates from it to where it unites again, and establishing that Part of the old Road, of a proper

1772. January 31. Width for public Conveniency; or otherwiſe grant the Petitioner ſuch Relief therein as the Nature and Circumſtances of the Caſe may require.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

A Petition from a great Number of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that a Number of Places within the Province are eſtabliſhed for the Vending of Merchandize, and other Kinds of Goods, by Auction or public Sale;—that the ſaid Auctions or public Sales not being under proper Regulations, are very frequently injurious to Purchaſers;—that the ſaid Auctions are Inducements for idle People to attend and ſpend their Time, and an Encouragement (from the public Declaration made, "that Secrecy ſhall be obſerved") for Perſons to ſend Goods there for Sale fraudulently obtained;—that by the Frequency and Manner of holding the ſaid Auctions Strangers and others are induced to bring or ſend Goods from the neighbouring Colonies, and elſewhere, to ſell here, who, from their ſhort or Non-reſidence, do not bear any Part of the Expences of Government, nevertheleſs carry out of the Province large Sums of Money, which heretofore circulated among ourſelves;—that in Conſequence of public Auctions many private Perſons are much injured, and Trade in general eſſentially affected;—that this Province, conſpicuous to the World for its internal Police and well adapted commercial Laws, would, by impoſing certain Reſtrictions on Auctions or public Sales, appear ſtill more honourable;—that the Petitioners pray the Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and eſtabliſh ſuch Regulations of the ſaid Auctions as they ſhall judge moſt effectual for preventing the Increaſe of ſo alarming and deſtructive an Evil.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *Mary Norris*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Widow, and *Henry Hale Graham*, *James Mather* and *James Claxton*, of the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners are Owners of about Thirty-five Acres, Part of a Tract of Marſh Meadow-Ground, ſituate in the Borough of *Cheſter*, adjoining the River *Delaware*, on the Weſterly Side of *Ridley* Creek, containing about Fifty-one Acres;—that the whole of the ſaid Fifty-one Acres of Marſh is incloſed by a continued Bank ſurrounding the ſame;—that it has been the conſtant Cuſtom ever ſince the firſt Embanking thereof, for the ſeveral Owners and Poſſeſſors to ſupport and maintain their out-ſide Banks fronting their reſpective Parts;—that the Petitioners have been at conſiderable Expence in the Improvement of their Parts thereof, which hitherto has rendered them little Profit, occaſioned by the Neglect of ſome of the other Owners or Poſſeſſors not keeping their out-ſide or front Banks in conſtant Repair;—that the Petitioners conceive, that if a Law was made enjoining the ſeveral Owners and Poſſeſſors thereof, under certain Penalties, to keep their out-ſide Banks in conſtant Repair, it would be of great Utility and Advantage to them:—The Petitioners therefore pray, the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to give them Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes aforeſaid.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

A Petition from Major *John Durkee* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he is an Inhabitant of the Colony of *Connecticut*, and has been arreſted in this Province, and confined for Nine Months paſt in the Gaol of this City for a Debt of *Five Hundred Pounds*, owing by him to Meſſieurs *Walter* and *Samuel Francklin*, Merchants in *New-York*;—that the Petitioner being a Stranger, deſtitute of Friends, is unable to give Bail, or diſpute the Juſtice of the Demand, and has no Proſpect of being diſcharged, unleſs through the Interpoſition of the Honourable Houſe;—that he is adviſed to make this Application to the Aſſembly, and has been endeavouring, but unable, to procure a Perſon to go to *New-York*, to give Notice to the ſaid *Francklins* of ſuch Application; he has, however, ordered the ſame to be advertiſed in the public News-Papers at *New-York*, and is deſirous to aſſign over all he has in the World for the Benefit of his Creditors, though he has been informed they have ſeized the whole:—He therefore prays the Houſe, to paſs a Bill for the Relief of his Perſon from Impriſonment.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, reſpecting the Road lately laid out from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Straſburg*, in *Lancaſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock

Adjournment To-morrow Morning.

The

1772.
*February* 1.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that as there was no safe public Repository in the said County for the keeping the Records thereof, or suitable Place to hold the Prothonotary's Office in, the Inhabitants have lately, at a considerable Expence, erected a very commodious Building for that Purpose on the public Ground at *New-Town*, where the County Courts are held, and other public Business of the County transacted;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House would be pleased to provide by Law, that the Prothonotary's Office for the said County, together with all the public Records thereof, shall for the future be kept at the said Place.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from *William Dewees*, of the *Northern Liberties*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Excise upon spirituous Liquors in the County of *Philadelphia*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

Adjournment

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 3. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public "Roads and Highways within this Province,*" which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 4.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure "such Goods to the Persons distraining the same, for the better Security of Rents, and for "other Purposes therein mentioned,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of "Leather,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 5.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Two Petitions from *Benjamin Kendal* and *John Zeller*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and sealing of Leather.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure "such Goods to the Persons distraining the same, for the better Security of Rents, and for "other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the "Manufacturing of Leather,*" being read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, for keeping the Prothonotary's Office and the Records of the said County at *New-Town*, where a proper Building has been lately erected for that Purpose, being again read, and considered,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ashbridge* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the said Petition.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed by the House this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a great Number of Persons conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath in the common Form, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Carpenter*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of such scrupulous Persons.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the Township of the *Northern Liberties*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition from a Number of distressed Persons driven from their Settlements at *Wyoming*, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*,

1772. *February* 5. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Aſhbridge*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to enquire into the Sufferings of the Petitioners, and report thereon to the Houſe.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 6. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committtee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to the Exciſe upon ſpirituous Liquors within this Province, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for veſting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, ſituate in* Frederick *Townſhip, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 7. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the ſafe keeping and preſerving the Records and other public Papers of the County of *Bucks*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Remonſtrance from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of the aged, ſickly and helpleſs *French* Neutrals in and about the ſaid City, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds* be allowed to the ſaid Overſeers, to be applied to the Support of the ſaid *French* Neutrals during the Inclemency of Winter. And a Certificate for the ſame being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, and committed to Mr. *Shoemaker* to be delivered to the ſaid Overſeers.

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Situation of a Number of diſtreſſed Families driven from their Settlements at *Wyoming*, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report from the Committee. WE, the Committee appointed by Order of the Houſe to enquire into the Circumſtances of the Petitioners from Fort *Auguſta*, beg Leave to report, that we find, from the Information of *John Lukens*, Eſq; the Surveyor General, and *Robert Martin*, one of the Petitioners, that the following Perſons are real Objects of Charity, whom we may properly recommend to the Benevolence of the Houſe, *viz.*

*Robert Martin*, a Wife and ſeven Children.
*Jeſſe Clark*, ſix Children.
*George Fields*, a Wife and four Children.
*Darius Mead*, a Wife and five ditto.
*Robert Duchee*, a Wife and three ditto.
*Joſeph Wheeler*, a Wife and four ditto.
*George Tanner*, a Wife and five ditto.
*Thomas Murphy*, ſix Children.
*Joſeph Ogden*, a Wife and ſix Children.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, GEORGE ASHBRIDGE.
JOSEPH FOX,

Upon Conſideration of the above Report,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be paid into the Hands of *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; to be immediately applied to the Relief and Support of the ſaid diſtreſſed Families. And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Fox* accordingly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" with ſome Amendments thereto, which being read by Order, and agreed to, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The

1772.
*February* 10.
*Post Meridiem* Adjournment
*February* 11.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the Township of the *Northern Liberties*, which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Swoope*, this Day appearing in the House for the first time since his Election, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee of Aggrievances, to whom the Complaints of *Elijah Davis* and *Conrad Clime* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; were referred for Examination, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, the Committee of Grievances beg Leave to report, that they have enquired into the Complaints of *Elijah Davis* and *Conrad Clime* against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, and, upon hearing both Parties, find that *Elijah Davis*, on returning home from the City of *Philadelphia* on the Second of *October*, 1769, in the public Road, near the Falls of *Schuylkill*, found a Man's Cloth Surtout Coat, and a Day or two after gave public Notice of his having so found it, by putting up Advertisements at different Places; that about two Months after a certain *William Lawrence* called at said *Davis's* House and claimed the said Coat, but *Davis* being from home, the Coat was not delivered to the said *Lawrence*;—that on the Sixth Day of *December* following a Summons was issued against *Elijah Davis* by *Charles Jolly* aforesaid, to appear before him to answer to *William Lawrence*, to render Reason why he detained the said *Lawrence's* Coat unlawfully, agreeable to which *Davis* appeared before Justice *Jolly*, who did not determine, or give any Judgement in the Matter;—that two Days after, on the Eighth of *December*, another Summons was issued by the said *Jolly* against *Davis*, to answer *William Lawrence* a Debt under *Forty Shillings*, to which Summons said *Davis* appeared, when Justice *Jolly*, after hearing the Parties, was of Opinion the Plaintiff had no Cause of Action; yet, nevertheless, on the Twenty-sixth Day of *July*, 1770, an Execution was issued by the said *Jolly*, setting forth, that *William Lawrence* had obtained Judgment before him against *Elijah Davis*, for the Sum of £ — Debt, and *Seventeen Shillings* Cost, besides Costs of Execution, and commanding the Constable, to whom the said Execution was directed, to levy the same on the Goods and Chattels of the said *Elijah Davis*, who hath thereby been compelled to pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings* and *Nine-pence* for Costs on the aforesaid two Actions, though no Judgment was obtained against him in either.

That it also appears to your Committee, that the said *Charles Jolly*, Esq; issued seven Summonses against a certain *Jane Jones*, Widow of *John Jones*, late of *Gwyned*, deceased, for Debts under *Forty Shillings*, and proceeded to Judgment, and issued seven Executions against the said *Jane*, he the said *Charles Jolly*, at the Time of giving Judgement and issuing the said Executions, well knowing that the several Debts, for which the said Judgments were given and Executions granted, were Debts contracted by the aforesaid *John Jones*, deceased, late Husband of the said *Jane*, and that she the said *Jane* had not administered to his Estate or otherways intermeddled with the same.

That it further appears to the Committee, that *Conrad Clime*, Constable, by the verbal Orders of the said *Charles Jolly*, and (as he *Clime* thought) in Compliance with the aforesaid Executions, levied the same on the Goods late of the said *John Jones*, deceased, and thereby subjected himself to a Damage of *Twenty-two Pounds One Shilling* and *Eight-pence* Debt, and *Three Pounds Ten Shillings* and *Nine-pence* Costs, for which Judgment was obtained against him by *Philip Kinsey*, Administrator to the Estate of the aforesaid *John Jones*, deceased.

That the Committee beg Leave also to report, that the aforesaid *Charles Jolly* hath neglected to satisfy or settle with *Ludowick Harple*, against whom he gave Judgment for a Debt not exceeding *Five Pounds*, without giving the said *Harple* an Opportunity of being heard, as reported by the Committee of Grievances to a former House of Assembly on the Twenty-seventh of *September*, 1770, notwithstanding the said *Charles Jolly* promised the Committee of the late House that he would satisfy said *Harple*, so that no further Complaint should be made to the House against him on that Head.

That upon the Whole, the Committee are of Opinion, that the Conduct of the said *Charles Jolly* in the several Matters before mentioned hath been illegal, unwarrantable and very oppressive.

*Submitted to the House by*

JOSEPH FERREE,
JAMES EWING,
WILLIAM EDMONDS,
WILLIAM THOMPSON,
JOSEPH PARKER,
ROWLAND EVANS,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
JOHN BROWN,
JOHN JACOBS, jun."

*February* 11, 1772.

1772. *February* 11. The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers "within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the* Northern Liberties," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the ſafe "keeping and preſerving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the "Support of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum, Brandy "and others Spirits more equal, and for preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the ſaid "Exciſe*," and having made ſome Progreſs therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

*February* 12. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An "Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe upon Wine, "Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying "the ſaid Exciſe*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from divers Inhabitants on the Weſt-Side of the River *Schuylkill*, for lowering the Rates of Ferriage over the ſaid River, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale "of Goods diſtrained for Rent, and to ſecure ſuch Goods to the Perſons diſtraining the ſame, "for the better Security of Rents, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and, "*An "Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the Manufacturing of Leather*," with a Paper of Amendments to each of the ſaid Bills, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the "Support of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum, Brandy "and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the ſaid "Exciſe*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Cock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 13. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from divers Perſons, Owners of Meadow-Ground in the County of *Cheſter*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for repairing and keeping up the Banks of the ſaid Meadows, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, ordered that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands, called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Townſhip "of* Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the "Middle of ſaid Swamp, and to raiſe Money to defray the Expence thereof*," which was read the fiſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair "the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the ſafe Keeping and Preſerving the Records and other "public Papers of the County of* Bucks," and, "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers "within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the Townſhip of the* "Northern Liberties," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor therewith, and the Road Bill paſſed in the Forenoon, and deliver the ſame for his Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 14. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills paſſed Yeſterday, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for veſting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty "Acres of Land, ſituate in* Frederick *Townſhip, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly "called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes "therein mentioned*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*,

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Reply to the Answer of the House to his Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Frauds and* "*Perjuries*," wherein he is pleased to say, "that if the Reason for his Amendment in "Page 6, Line 4, should not have the same Weight with the House which it had with "him, he will wave the said Amendment, and subscribe to the Alteration proposed "by the House,"—and after some Time spent therein, the House adhering to the said Alteration, ordered the Bill to be engrossed accordingly.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

The House proceeded to consider the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the said Amendments being prepared at the Table, and agreed to by the House,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor with the said Bill, and the Answer of the House to his Amendments, and deliver the same for his Consideration.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate* "*in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices,* "*and Floodgates in good Repair*," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act* "*to prevent Frauds aud Abuses in the Manufacturing of Leather*," and the Answer of the House to his Amendments thereon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent*, &c." which being agreed to, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment
*Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the* "*Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,* "*and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*February* 15.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to* "*be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment
*February* 17.
*Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from the Commissioners, Assessors and Trustees of the County of *Bedford* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that there is an absolute Necessity that the public Buildings of the said County (especially the Prison) be compleated immediately, as great Numbers of disorderly Persons resort to the Frontiers.

That the Petitioners find it impossible by such a Tax as can be levied under the Act of Assembly, to raise a sufficient Sum of Money for that Purpose.

That they apprehend the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* would enable the Trustees to execute the Trust reposed in them, and that a sufficient Gaol would render the County more respectable:—Wherefore they pray the Honourable House, that the said Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* may be struck in Bills of Credit, and lent to the said County without Interest, for such a Time as to the Legislature may seem proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary returned the following Bills, *viz*, "*An Act for* "*Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways* "*within this Province*;"—"*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the Manufacturing* "*of Leather*;" and, "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Phi-"ladelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the Township of the* Northern Liberties," with Amendments to each of the said Bills, which were read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The Secretary also brought down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain* "*Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick *Township, in the* "*County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Perkiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Trustees,* "*to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and, "*An Act for the safe keeping* "*and preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," and acquainted

1772. quainted the Houſe that his Honour would be ready to paſs the firſt of the ſaid Bills, but could not give his Aſſent to the other.

*February* 17. Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for rendering Juſtices of the Peace more ſafe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Conſtables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 18. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in the following Bills, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*;" "*An Act for rendering Juſtices of the Peace more ſafe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Conſtables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants*;" "*An Act to enable the Commiſſioners therein named to ſettle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery ſet up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-Houſe, and building or repairing the Houſe for the Reſidence of the Miniſter of the Preſbyterian Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to ſue for and recover ſuch Sums of Money, as remain due and unpaid on account of the ſaid Lottery*;" "*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies*; and, "*An Act for raiſing a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia *and the County of* Bucks," reported they had eſſayed Draughts for the above Purpoſes, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being ſeverally read the firſt time, were ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," and, "*An Act for regulating Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the Townſhip of the* Northern Liberties," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the ſame being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bills were ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from *James Bartron*, *Bernard Creite* and *James Graham* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners having been great Loſers by the late Diſturbances and Riots at *Wyoming*, are under the Neceſſity of laying their Caſes before the Honourable Houſe.

That *James Bartron* has loſt the Labour of almoſt a whole Year in improving a Piece of Land near *Wyoming*, except about two Months, wherein he was employed at different Times in the Fort;—that he has alſo furniſhed the People in the ſaid Fort with a Cow for their Suſtenance when in the greateſt Diſtreſs from the Want of Proviſions.

That *Bernard Creite* had been ſettled near *Wyoming* for two Years, and has loſt his Horſes and almoſt every Thing he had;—that he has worked in and upon the Fort about an Hundred and Twenty Days.

That *James Graham* about three Years ago removed from the *Mohawk River*, in *New-York* Government, to *Wyoming* in *Northampton* County;—that a certain *Lazarus Stewart* and his Aſſociates in *June* laſt came to *Wyoming*, and ſurrounded the Houſe in which the Petitioner with many others then dwelt;—that the Petitioner having a Quantity of Wheat at the Time of *Stewart's* coming there, it was taken from him by Mr. *Daniel Shoemaker* for the Uſe of the People in general;—that he has received no Recompence for it, and is at Preſent in great Diſtreſs for Want of Proviſion and Cloathing for himſelf and Family, who have been deprived of all they poſſeſſed by the ſaid *Stewart* and his Gang;— that the People, for whoſe Support his Wheat was taken, are unable to afford him any Relief, having loſt their All as well as the Petitioner:—Wherefore the Petitioners humbly pray the Honourable Houſe to take their Sufferings into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as by them in their Wiſdom ſhall be judged proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit to be emitted on Loan, and for providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *James Davis*, Taylor, for diſſolving his Marriage with *Franey Wiſon*, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Grievances.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 19. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

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The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. 1772. *February* 20.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Robert Bell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Bookſeller and Auctionier, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner apprehendeth the Propagation of uſeful Knowledge and polite Literature is greatly retarded in this City, owing to the Conſtruction of a certain Act of the Legiſlature of this Province, paſſed in the Third of *George* the Second, conſtituting a Vendue-Maſter for the Sale of all Goods, *&c.* which Act is ſuppoſed to extend to the Hinderance of ſelling Books by Auction;—that in all Kingdoms and Cities under his Majeſty's Sovereignty (the City of *Philadelphia* only excepted) the Petitioner hath neither ſeen or felt any Let or Hinderance to the Sale of Books by Auction.—Books, being the acknowledged Vehicles for the progreſſive Advancement of univerſal Learning, have been ever held in the higheſt Eſtimation in all Countries where Rationality prepondereth againſt Ignorance and Barbariſm.—Any and every Sort of Reſtraint upon Books, preventing their Circulation, muſt be exceedingly detrimental and injurious to the Society where ſuch Reſtraint is prevalent;—the Petitioner therefore humbly apprehendeth, that Book-Auctioniering is not properly within the true Spirit, Intent or Meaning of that Ordinance, which hath eſtabliſhed a Vendue-Maſter for the City;—that the Petitioner is informed the Honourable Houſe of Repreſentatives have it now in Contemplation to make ſome Regulations concerning Vendues or Auctions, and prays they will be pleaſed to grant him ſuch Relief in the Premiſes as to them ſhall ſeem meet and expedient.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for explaining and better aſcertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of *Bedford*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking "the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, "and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and after ſome Time ſpent therein, ſome Objections ariſing to Parts of the ſaid Bill, the ſame was recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, for Alteration and Amendment.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *William Hembell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Taylor, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from *James Bartron*, *Bernard Creite* and *James Graham*, of *Wyoming*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, ordered that the ſaid Petition do lie on the Table.

The Committee of Grievances preſented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, junior, of the County of *Bucks*, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee of Grievances.

*MAHLON Kirkbride*, junior, complains to the ſaid Committee, that on the Fourth of *December*, 1771, he was ſerved with a Citation from the Orphans Court of the County of *Bucks*, to appear the Ninth of the ſaid Month to account as Executor of *John Kerlin*, deceaſed; agreeable to which he appeared before the ſaid Court, conſiſting of *Gilbert Hicks*, *Jonathan Ingham*, *Joſeph Hart*, and *John Denormandie*, Eſquires, and was immediately charged by the ſaid *Gilbert Hicks* with Contempt to the Court in not laying his Accounts before them.—In Anſwer to which the ſaid *Kirkbride* objected, that the Notice had been too ſhort, and requeſted the Court would allow him further Time to take Counſel in the Matter, as no Orphans were concerned in the Caſe; whereupon he was illegally committed to the Cuſtody of the Sheriff, at whoſe Houſe he remained until the Evening of the next Day, and being then ordered to the County Gaol, was there confined till the Day after, when he was taken before the Court, conſiſting of Meſſrs. *Hart*, *Kidd*, *Wynkoop* and *Walker*, to whom he produced his Accounts, and ſaid if he had offended the Court he was ſorry for it, and was thereupon diſcharged.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

JOHN JACOBS, jun. ROWLAND EVANS,
GEORGE ROSS, SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, JOHN BROWN."

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, junior, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

1772. *Ordered*, That the Magiſtrates of the County of *Bucks*, whoſe Conduct is complained againſt by the ſaid *Kirkbride*, have Notice to attend the ſaid Committee on *Thurſday*, the Fifth of *March* next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*February* 20. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making "the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds "in the collecting and paying the ſaid Exciſe,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, and in Part read the third time,

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of *Four Thouſand Pounds* for the Purpoſes therein mentioned.

The Houſe proceeded in the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the "Support of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum, Brandy "and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the ſaid Ex-"ciſe,*" and after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of *Four Thouſand Pounds* for the Purpoſes therein mentioned, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for granting "to his Majeſty the Sum of* Four Thouſand Pounds *for the Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" which being by ſpecial Order read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Govern-"ment of this Province, making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum, and Brandy more equal, and "preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the ſaid Exciſe,*" which being read through the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 22. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of* Four Thouſand "Pounds, *for the Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third Time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Thompſon* wait on the Governor and deliver the ſame, together with the Exciſe Bill, for his Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the great Increaſe of the Buſineſs of the Houſe, and the Neceſſity of employing an Aſſiſtant-Clerk, after ſome Debate,

*Reſolved*, That *Abel Evans* be and he is hereby appointed Aſſiſtant-Clerk to the Houſe for the remaining Part of the preſent Year.

The Committtee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to diſſolve the Marriage of *George Kehmle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Barber, with *Elizabeth* his Wife, late *Elizabeth Miller*, and to enable him to marry again reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 24. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed on *Saturday* laſt, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, "and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed to conſider and report on the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants on the Eaſt and Weſt Branches of *Suſquehanna* for a new County, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. IN Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, We, the Committee appointed to enquire into the Circumſtances and Situation of the Inhabitants on the Eaſt and Weſt Branches of *Suſquehanna*, and Parts adjacent, concerning an Application made for erecting a new County in that Part of the Province, have procured what Intelligence we are able at this Time,

Time, and with all due Submiſſion beg Leave to report, That the Boundary-Lines propoſed to be run for dividing this new County from the Counties of *Northampton*, *Berks*, *Cumberland*, and *Bedford*, are as follow, *viz.* Beginning at the Mouth of *Mahontongo* Creek, on the Weſt-Side of the River *Suſquehanna*, thence up the South-Side of ſaid Creek by the ſeveral Courſes thereof to the Head at *Robert Mateer's* Spring, thence Weſt by North to the Top of *Tuſſey's* Mountain, thence South-weſterly along the Summit of the Mountain to *Little Juniata* to the Head thereof, thence by a Line North to the Extremity of the Province, thence from the ſaid Place of Beginning by a ſtraight Line up and acroſs the ſaid River *Suſquehanna* to the Mouth of *Mahontongo* Creek, on the Eaſt-Side of the ſaid River, thence up the ſaid Creek by the ſeveral Courſes thereof to the Fork at the Mouth of *Long Pine* Creek, thence Eaſt-north-eaſt to the *Great Swamp*, thence up the Weſterly Side of the ſame to the moſt Northern Extremity thereof, and thence by a Line North to the Extremity of the Province. 1772. February 24.

The Committee are alſo informed, that on the North-weſterly Side of the ſaid Lines there are at leaſt Five Hundred Settlers, ſeveral of whom are Men of Character and Abilities, capable of executing the Offices neceſſary in civil Government, and are ſo ſettled, that Townſhips may be regularly and conveniently laid out; and that there is a conſiderable Number of Perſons from the interior Parts of this and other Provinces, who will make Improvements and ſettle thereon, as ſoon as they can be aſſured that a County will be erected; the Committtee therefore conceive, that if the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, it will encourage Men of ſober Principles to purchaſe Lands, make Improvements, and ſettle in that Part of the Province, to the Eſtabliſhment of good Order and a due Subjection to Government amongſt the People, without which, it is to be feared, that fine Tract of Country, now very far from any Court of Juſtice, will too long continue a Place of Refuge to lawleſs and bad Men, and of Conſequence prevent reputable Perſons from making Settlements, to the great Prejudice and Diſcredit of the Province in general.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

JOSEPH FERREE, HENRY PAWLING,
HENRY CHREIST, ABEL JAMES,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, ISAAC PEARSON."

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A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill for confirming the Eſtate of *Adam Simon Kuhn* in and to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon erected, in the Borough of *Lancaſter*, one of the Title Deeds whereof is loſt, which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for explaining* "*and better aſcertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for explaining and better aſcertaining the Boundary-Lines of* "*the County of* Bedford," which being read through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading. *February* 25.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing a* "*Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and* "*County of* Bucks," which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment. *February* 26.

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* Two "Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan*, &c." was recommitted for Amendment, reported the ſame with ſome Alterations and Additions, and the ſaid Bill being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the* "*Commiſſioners therein named to ſettle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery ſet up* "*and drawn for repairing the Meeting-Houſe, and building or repairing the Houſe for the* "*Reſidence of the Miniſter of the* Preſbyterian *Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County* "*of* Bucks, *and to ſue for and recover ſuch Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on* "*Account of the ſaid Lottery*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition from a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have the greateſt Reaſon to believe that the many ſingular Advantages the ſaid City and this Province now enjoy, have been derived principally from Trade and Commerce; to the happy Influence of which they are much indebted for the very conſiderable and rapid Increaſe of their Wealth and Inhabitants, their many uſeful and expenſive Regulations, and for their

1772. *February* 26. their Ability to defray the frequent and weighty Charges of Government;—that in Order to ſecure to this City and Province their preſent Advantages, ſuch a Repreſentation in General Aſſembly is neceſſary to the City of *Philadelphia* as may be juſtly proportioned to its Number of Inhabitants, and the Quota they pay towards the Support of Government, which amounts to more than One Fourth Part of the Provincial Diſburſements;—that the Repreſentation of the City by two Members is inadequate to its Number of Inhabitants and the great Proportion they pay of the public Debts, eſpecially as Sickneſs, or ſome other unavoidable Accidents, may prevent the Attendance of ſuch two Members, when new and ſudden Impoſitions may inadvertently be put on Trade, which may deſtroy, before a Remedy could be applied, the moſt valuable Branch of our Commerce, few Men being Judges of the real Intereſt of a commercial People, and therefore not capable to determine properly in Matters relative to Trade, though in other Points ever ſo able and deſirous to promote the general Welfare;—that in order to prevent ſuch evil Conſequences to the Trade of this Province, on which the Intereſt and Happineſs of every Member of the Community depend, and to remedy the great Inconvenience the Inhabitants of *Philadelphia* labour under through the Want of a juſt and equal Repreſentation in the General Aſſembly of this Province, the Petitioners earneſtly requeſt the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into their ſerious Conſideration, and afford them ſuch effectual Relief therein as may be conſiſtent with Right and Juſtice.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies*," and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, were ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for rendering Juſtices of the Peace more ſafe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Conſtables, and others acting in Obedience to their Warrants*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, ſituate in the Borough of* Cheſter, *in the County of* Cheſter, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in Repair*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 27. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee to whom the Petition of *John Johnſon*, of *Germantown*, and others, was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. THE Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts alledged in the Petition of *John Johnſon, Thomas Nedro, Catharine Wiſter, Richard Wiſter, Reuben Haines* and *Samuel Morris*, jun. beg Leave to Report, that in Purſuance of the Order of the Houſe, they have convened the Parties concerned before them, and made the ſaid Enquiry on the Oaths or Affirmations of ſeveral Witneſſes produced by the ſaid Parties, and, for the more perfect Information of the Houſe, herewith lay before them the Depoſitions of the ſaid Witneſſes taken in the Courſe of the Proceedings of the Committee.

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JOSEPH WATSON, JOSEPH FOX,
ISAAC PEARSON, ROWLAND EVANS,
JOHN JACOBS, jun. JOSEPH PARKER,
JOSEPH FERREE, ABEL JAMES,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN."

The Committee appointed to enquire into and report upon the ſeveral Petitions of *Abraham Sahler, John Pawling, Joſeph Pawling, Andrew Heizer, Bernard Kepler* and *Peter Reimer*, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. WE, the Committee appointed by the Houſe to examine into the Title Deeds of *Abraham Sahler, John* and *Joſeph Pawling, Andrew Heizer, Bernard Kepler* and *Peter*

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*Peter Reimer*, beg Leave to report, that we have had the same laid before us, and do find them as they severally follow, *viz.*

1. PATENT, dated the 13th of *October*, 1701, granting to *William Harmer* in Fee, Seventeen Hundred Acres of Land in *Philadelphia* County, as therein particularly described.—Recorded at *Philadelphia*, in Book *A.* Vol. 2, Page 102.

2. PATENT, dated the 22d of *July*, 1713, indorsed on the foregoing Patent, granting to the aforesaid *William Harmer* the additional Quantity of 85 Acres, adjoining the other Tract.

3. DEED *of* BARGAIN *and* SALE, dated the 9th of *September*, 1713, *William Harmer* and *Ruth* his Wife, to *Solomon Dubois* and *Philip Dubois*, granting Twelve Hundred and Eighty-five Acres, (Part of the aforesaid Seventeeen Hundred and Eighty-five Acres) to them in Fee, as Joint-Tenants.—Recorded at *Philadelphia*,—Book *E.* 7. Vol. 8, Page 416.

4. RELEASE, dated the 13th of *February*, $17\frac{18}{19}$, *Solomon Dubois* to *Philip Dubois* for the North-Westermost Part of the said Twelve Hundred and Eighty-five Acres, so as the same had been divided in the Month of *May*, 1716, by a Survey and Draught thereof referred to in the said Release.—Recorded at *Ulster*, in the Province of *New-York*, in Book *C.* Page 29.

5. DEED POLL, dated the same Day, *Philip Dubois* to *Daniel Dubois*, granting the Moiety of his Moiety aforesaid in Fee, acknowledged before *Jos. Haasbrook*, Justice of the Peace in the County of *Ulster*.

6. PART of a DEED *of* BARGAIN *and* SALE, dated the 3d of *August*, 1724, the said *Philip Dubois* and *Daniel Dubois* to *Abraham Dubois*, granting their North-westerly Moiety of the said Twelve Hundred and Eighty-five Acres in Fee.—This Deed, although torn, and having only *Philip Dubois's* Name and Seal, one of the Grantors therein named remaining, (the other Grantor's Name and Seal being torn off) yet as the Names of the Evidences are still thereon, and it has been acknowledged before a certain *Abraham Gaasbeck Chambers*, one of the Judges of the inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of *Ulster*, it appears to the Committee to have been a real and genuine Deed, and ought to have all the Force and Effect of a good and sufficient Title Deed.

7. PART of a DEED POLL, dated *November* 2d, 1724, *Abraham Dubois* granting the said North-westerly Moiety to *John Pawling* and *Isaac Dubois*, as Joint-Tenants.—And although Part of this Deed, which contained the Grantor's Name, is missing, yet from its Contents and Appearance, and from other Proof made to us of the former compleat Existence of this Deed, we no way doubt of its having been a real and genuine Title Deed.

8. *John Pawling*, by a Codicil to his last Will and Testament, dated the 5th of *May*, 1733, devises his Part and Share of the Lands, bought by him and *Isaac Dubois* in Company of *Abraham Dubois*, unto his two Sons *John* and *Joseph*, their Heirs and Assigns, respectively dividing the same between them by *Perkiomen* Creek.

9. RELEASE, dated the 18th of *May*, 1744, *William Miller* and *Catherine* his Wife, *John Ziewer* and *Margaret* his Wife, *Henry Van Meeter* and *Rebecca* his Wife, and *Abraham Sahler* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, (they, the said *Catherine*, *Margaret*, *Rebecca* and *Elizabeth* being the only Children left by *Isaac Dubois*, deceased, who died intestate) do grant, release, quit Claim, and confirm unto *John* and *Joseph Pawling* in Fee, Three Hundred and Forty-one Acres, by Metes and Bounds in the same Release expressed, according to their respective Claims, by Virtue of the last Will and Testament of their Father *John Pawling*, deceased, or otherwise, howsoever.

10. RELEASE, dated the 9th of *September*, 1746. *Henry Pawling*, Son of *John Pawling*, *John Pawling* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Joseph Pawling* and *Elizabeth* his Wife, *Henry Pawling*, of or near *Schuylkill*, and *Eleanor* his Wife, *Abraham Vanhover*, alias *Dehaven*, and *Rebecca* his Wife, *Christopher Syckler* and *Deborah* his Wife, do grant, release, quit Claim, and confirm unto *Catherine* the Wife of *William Miller*, *Margaret* the Wife of *John Seber*, *Rebecca* the Wife of *Henry Van Meeter*, and *Elizabeth* the Wife of *Abraham Sahler*, in Fee, Three Hundred and Sixty Acres, by Metes and Bounds in the same Release expressed.

*N. B.* That the aforesaid *Margaret Seber* died leaving three Daughters, who are married to *Andrew Heizer*, *Bernard Kepler* and *Peter Reimer*, who, in Right of their Wives, hold, as Tenants in common, One Hundred Acres, Part of the Lands which by the last mentioned Indenture were released to the Children of *Isaac Dubois*.

Having thus recited the Contents of the Title Deeds and other Papers laid before them, the Committee beg Leave to add, that they are informed *Abraham Sahler* has purchased the Shares and Rights of *Catherine* the Wife of *William Miller*, and of *Margaret* the Wife of *Henry Van Meeter*; and therefore, on the Whole, it appears to the Committee that the several Petitioners are all interested in, and now hold the Lands in Question under those defaced Deeds; that the said Owners have, agreeable to the Order of the House, advertised in the public Papers their Application to the Legislature for Relief,

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*Submitted to the Houſe by*

JOHN JACOBS, jun. SAMUEL RHOADS,
GEORGE ROSS, SAMUEL SHOEMAKER."
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,

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The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and having made ſome Progreſs therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 28. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," and after ſome Debate thereon, recommitted the ſame to the Committee that brought it in, for Amendment.

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Allegations contained in the Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, preſented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. PURSUANT to an Order of the Houſe, the Committee appointed to conſider the Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, beg Leave to report, that they find by an Article of Agreement, dated the 30th of *May*, 1719, made between a certain *Cadwalader Ellis*, of *Goſhen*, and *Joſeph Phipps*, of *Uuchland*, Townſhips, in the County of *Cheſter*, that the ſaid *Cadwalader Ellis*, for the Conſideration of *Two Hundred Pounds*, did ſell unto the ſaid *Joſeph Phipps* the Plantation or Tract of Land whereon the ſaid *Cadwalader Ellis* then lived, containing Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres; and by the Teſtimony of *George Aſhbridge*, Eſq; it appears, that *Cadwalader Ellis* was in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Tract of Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres of Land about Fifty-ſeven Years ago, and that *Samuel Phipps*, the Petitioner, is now and hath been in Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Tract about Forty-five Years, by Virtue of a Deed of Gift or Purchaſe from his Father, the aforeſaid *Joſeph Phipps*.—And it further appears by the Teſtimony of the ſaid *George Aſhbridge*, that the ſaid *Samuel Phipps* was likewiſe poſſeſſed of Eighty-two Acres of Land, (adjoining the Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres aforeſaid) which he purchaſed of a certain *Stephen Beeks*.—It alſo appears by the Depoſition of *Richard Willis*, that *Joſeph Phipps*, the Father, did execute a Deed to his Son *Samuel* for a Quantity of Land, which he, the ſaid *Willis*, verily believes was the aforeſaid Tract of Two Hundred and Ninety-five Acres. And by a Copy of the Record of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of *Cheſter* it appears, that in *February* Term, 1758, *Samuel Phipps* obtained a Verdict againſt *Aaron Phipps* for Detention of Deeds and other Writings, of which the Deeds for the two Tracts of Two Hundred and Ninety-five, and Eighty-two Acres, are ſaid to be Part.—It alſo appears, that *Samuel Phipps* hath given public Notice of his Application to the Houſe of Aſſembly, agreeable to the Direction of the Houſe.

Upon the Whole we are of Opinion, the ſaid *Samuel Phipps*, from his long uninterrupted Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Land, and other Circumſtances as above-mentioned, had regular Deeds or Title to the ſame, though they are now loſt, or in the Poſſeſſion of the Perſon againſt whom he obtained the Verdict as aforeſaid.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

JOHN JACOBS, jun. SAMUEL RHOADS,
GEORGE ROSS, SAMUEL SHOEMAKER."
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,

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The Houſe, upon Motion, took up the Report of the Committee on the ſeveral Petitions of *John* and *Joſeph Pawling*, *Abraham Sahler*, *Andrew Heizer*, *Bernard Kepler* and *Peter Reimer*, which being again read and conſidered,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayers of their reſpective Petitions.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Perſons therein named,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

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The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands called the* Pidgeon "Swamp, *in the Township of* Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep* "*open a Ditch through the ſaid Swamp, and to raiſe Money to defray the Expence thereof,*" being, upon Motion, read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, *An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to inveſt him* "*with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Complaints of *Conrad Clime* and *Elijah Davis* againſt *Charles Jolly*, Eſq; a Juſtice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Remonſtrance to the Governor for the Removal of the ſaid *Jolly* from his Office.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as conſcientiouſly ſcruple the taking of an Oath in the common Form, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* for another Member to repreſent them in Aſſembly, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners ſhall be granted at this Time?—the ſame was carried in the Negative by a great Majority.

The Petition from the Directors of the Library Company of *Philadelphia*, upon Motion, was again read, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon the ſecond Reading of the Petition from divers of the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*, of the Townſhip of *Blockley*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to make Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioners, reſpecting the Inſanity of the ſaid *Gardiner*.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, concerning the Road lately laid out, by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Corporation Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Straſburg*, in *Lancaſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 29.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee on the Petition of *Samuel Phipps*, of the Townſhip of *Goſhen*, in *Cheſter* County, was again read, and Leave given the Petitioner to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants on the Weſt-Side of *Suſquehanna* for a new County, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put, Whether the Prayer of the Petitioners ſhall be granted at this Time? it was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for aſcertaining the Boundaries, and ſetting off the ſaid new County.

Upon Motion,

By Requeſt of *Edward Milner* and *Jacob Hall*, Parties in the Caſe of the late Widow *Vanaking*, to be heard by Counſel before the Houſe on the Evidence they have produced to the Committee of Grievances,

*Reſolved*, That *Friday* next, the Sixth of *March*, be and it is hereby appointed for the Hearing ſaid *Milner* and *Hall* by Counſel before the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *March* 2. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a conſiderable Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the providing ſuitable Houſes for the Poor, and procuring Nurſes for ſuch as are ſick or ſuperannuated, and the raiſing Taxes for their Support in the Manner hitherto practiſed in the ſaid County, are found to be attended with much Difficulty and Hardſhip to the Overſeers, and great Expence to the Public;—that the Petitioners apprehend if a Houſe was built to accommodate the Poor of the whole County, in which they could be kept, under proper Directors, to

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1772. *March 2.* ſuch Employments as they are capable of, their Maintenance might be rendered more comfortable and far leſs expenſive:—That the Petitioners therefore pray a Bill may be prepared and offered to the Governor for appointing ſuitable Perſons to purchaſe a Piece of Land, and build a Houſe thereon for the Reception of the Poor of the whole County, and that Proviſion be made for keeping up a Succeſſion of Managers for the ſaid Houſe by annual Elections, in the Manner the County Commiſſioners are choſen in this Province; and in order to the carrying this uſeful Deſign into immediate Execution, the Petitioners further pray, that a Sum of Money, adequate thereto, may be ſtruck in Bills of Credit, to be ſunk by a yearly Tax upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, firſt read in his Place, and then delivered at the Clerk's Table, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act againſt Adultery and Fornication*," which being again read by Order, was referred to further Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sup-*
"*port of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum, Brandy*
"*and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the collecting and paying the ſaid*
"*Exciſe*," with ſome Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Secretary alſo acquainted the Houſe, that his Honour requeſted they would furniſh him with a Liſt of the Draughts and Certificates propoſed to be paid by the ſaid Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *James* be a Committee to prepare and bring in To-morrow Morning a Liſt of the ſaid Draughts and Certificates to be laid before the Governor.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March 3.* The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Member preſented to the Chair the Accounts of *Andrew M'Nair*, Doorkeeper to the Houſe, for the victualling and attending different Companies of *Indians* lately in Town, amounting to *Twenty-eight Pounds Two Shillings* and *Nine-pence*; and a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn by Order at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker, was delivered by Mr. *Fox*, to the ſaid *M'Nair*.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Liſt of the Draughts and Certificates requeſted by the Governor laſt Night, preſented the ſame at the Table, which, being read by Order, was agreed to.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe*
"*upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the*
"*collecting and paying the ſaid Exciſe*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put, Whether the Houſe will adhere to the Bill?—It was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, acquaint him that the Houſe adhere to the ſame, and deliver the Liſt of Draughts and Certificates requeſted for his Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Exciſe Bill, and deliver the Liſt of Draughts and Certificates, reported they had done the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into further Conſideration.

The Committee to whom the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing a Fund to pay the*
"*Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of*
"Bucks," was recommitted for Amendment, reported the ſame with ſome Alterations, which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, again ſent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for*
"*the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum,*
"*Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the collecting and paying*
"*the ſaid Exciſe*," and acquainted the Houſe that he adhered to his propoſed Amendments to the ſaid Bill.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions from divers inſolvent Debtors were referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report from the Committee of Grievances.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have examined into the ſeveral Caſes of the Petitioners in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and find,

That *John Durkee* had given proper Notice of the Committee's Meeting, and that no Perſon appeared to object to his obtaining the Relief he applied for.

That ſome of the Creditors of *William Faries* appeared and were ſatisfied that he ſhould be relieved agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

That

That *John Cameron*, one of the Creditors of *John Gillard*, objected to his Discharge, saying, "that the Petitioner's Father, who lives in the *West-Indies*, would pay the "Debt, in Case the Petitioner would leave his Wife," which, the Petitioner says, in Honour and Conscience he cannot do. 1772. *March* 3.

That no Creditors appeared to oppose the Discharge of *Charles Hicks*.

That the Creditors of *John Reynolds* (except *Peter Turner*) are not against his Discharge and taking a Dividend of his Effects.

That *William Bennet* and *Felix M'Cowan*, now confined in the Gaol of *York* County, appear to be Persons who merit the Relief they pray for.

*Submitted to the House by*

*March* 3, 1772.

JOSEPH FERREE, ROWLAND EVANS,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, GEORGE ROSS."

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand "Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment* "*of the public Debts*," being transcribed according to Order, and in Part read the third time, the House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds "*in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the* "*public Debts*," which being gone through, and compared at the Table, *March* 4.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *William Mitchell* to the late Assembly against *Isaac Sanders*, Esq; of the County of *Lancaster*, was referred for Enquiry, reported, that, on due Examination into the Matters alledged in the said Petition, they find the same to be frivolous and malicious; whereupon the said Petition was dismissed by the House.

The said Committee also presented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Petition of *Richard Stevens*, an insolvent Debtor, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed to hear *Richard Stevens* and his Creditors, beg Leave to report, that the said *Stevens* by an Instrument of Writing, bearing Date the Sixteenth Day of *February*, 1767, for and in Consideration of the several Debts and Sums of Money by him then due and owing to *Adam Hoops*, and several others, Creditors of the said *Richard Stevens*, and for and towards Payment of the same, and for and in the further Consideration of *Ten Shillings*, did assign, transfer and set over to the said *Adam Hoops*, *John Mease*, *John Startin*, *Nathan Hide* and *Robert Morris*, five of his principal Creditors, all his Estate real and personal, whatsoever and wheresoever, in Trust to them, or any three of them, and to the Survivors and Survivor of them, to sell and dispose of, and the Monies arising from the Sale thereof, (after paying Charges, *&c.*) to pay and distribute towards the Payment and Discharge of all the Debts due from the said *Richard Stevens* to his Creditors ratably and in Proportion to their several and respective Demands; —that the said *Richard Stevens* did deliver into his said Assignees and Creditors a List of his Estate real and personal, and of all Debts due to him, as well as of all Debts due from him to his several Creditors, to the Truth of which he duly qualified by an Oath taken on the Twenty-sixth Day of *February*, 1767, before *James Humphreys*, Esq; one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, duly authorized for that Purpose;—that the said *Richard Stevens* did also procure from *Susanna* his Wife an Instrument of Writing, bearing Date the Fourth Day of *March*, 1767, whereby she, the said *Susanna*, did release to the said *Adam Hoops*, and other Trustees, all her Right of Dower in or to the said Estate by him assigned over. All which was done by the Advice of his Creditors called together to take a View of his Affairs, as appears by an original Letter now produced from *John Startin*, *Nathan Hide* and *Robert Morris* to Colonel *John Reid*, and others, Creditors of the said *Richard Stevens*, and dated the Twenty-seventh Day of *February*, 1767, wherein they propose, in Consideration thereof, "that his Creditors should sign "a total Discharge to him as is customary here on the like Occasions;" and further, that, upon his procuring sufficient Security for the faithful Discharge of the Trust, that they would give him a Power of Attorney to transact the whole Affairs of his Estate, subject to their Inspection and Orders from Time to Time, which Security the said *Richard Stevens* did procure, as appears by a Letter from *Philip Kearny*, *John Stevens* and *James Parker*, dated at *Perth Amboy*, the Thirtieth Day of *April*, 1767;—which Security not having been taken by the Trustees, the Estate of the said *Richard Stevens* remains in Report from the Committee of Grievances.

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*Submitted to the Houſe by*

GEORGE ROSS, ROWLAND EVANS,
JOSEPH FERREE, JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN JACOBS, jun."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the ſaid *Richard Stevens*, with reſpect to the Confinement of his Perſon.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The following Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Perſons therein named*;"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*;"—"*An Act for rendering Juſtices of the Peace more ſafe in the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Conſtables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants*;"—"*An Act for explaining and better aſcertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford;"—"*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Townſhip of* Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the ſaid Swamp, and to raiſe Money to defray the Expence thereof*;"—"*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*;"—"*An Act to enable the Commiſſioners therein named, to ſettle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery ſet up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-Houſe and building or repairing the Houſe for the Reſidence of the Miniſter of the Preſbyterian Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to ſue for and recover ſuch Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on account of the ſaid Lottery*," and, "*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies*," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Thompſon* wait on the Governor and deliver the ſame, together with the Loan-Office Bill, for his Conſideration and Aſſent.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 5.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the ſeveral Bills paſſed Yeſterday, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

A Petition from *Catherine Myer* and *Jacob Smith*, Adminiſtrators of *Iſaac Myer*, late of *Heidleberg* Townſhip, in the County of *Lancaſter*, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they underſtand *Henry Moſſer* has by Petition applied to a former Aſſembly, for a Bill to be paſſed into a Law for vacating and making void a certain Deed executed by him to the ſaid late *Iſaac Myer* for a Tract of Land in the Townſhip aforeſaid, which ſaid Deed is dated the Twenty-ninth Day of *January*, 1769, and recorded in the Office for recording of Deeds in the ſaid County in Book *P*, Page 58; that the Petitioners are ſatisfied, and have therefore no Objection to the paſſing of a Law for vacating and making void the ſaid Deed, and to enable the ſaid *Henry Moſſer* to hold the Lands therein and thereby granted, in as full a Manner as he held the ſame before making of the ſaid Deed, provided they be not thereby made chargeable with any Expence on Account of the ſame.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to take into Conſideration the Expediency of building another Market-Houſe in the City of *Philadelphia*, for the better Accommodation of People bringing from the Country their Produce to Market, with the moſt proper Place for that Purpoſe, and make Report thereon to the Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act againſt Fornication and Adultery*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new County to the Weſtward of *Suſquehanna*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him*

" *him to marry again*," and " *An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain* " *Tract of Land situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their* " *Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in good Repair*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table, 1772. March 5.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the* " *Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking of an Oath in the common Form*," which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. March 6.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for keeping the Records and other public Papers of the County of *Bucks* at *New-Town*, in the said County.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Memorial to his Honour the Governor from *John Arbo*, of *Bethlehem*, in the County of *Northampton*, Gentleman, the Treasurer of the Mites that are contributed by charitable People for the Support of the Mission among a Number of *Indian* Families at *Wyalusing*, Sixty Miles Northward of *Waomick*, and other *Indian* Families living at *Sheshequanunk*, near *Diahogo*, professing Faith in JESUS CHRIST, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the greater Part of the said *Indians*, in the Spring of the Year 1765, proceeded from the City of *Philadelphia*, and with the certain Knowledge and Approbation of this Government settled at *Wyalusing* aforesaid, where they have built, besides many *Indian* Huts or Cabins, upwards of Thirty good Log-Houses, some with shingled Roofs and glassed Windows, a Church and School-house, not inferiour to many that have been built by wealthy Farmers in this Province, and cleared considerable Quantities of Upland and Meadow, all in Fences, some of the Fences being two Miles in Length; that in *October*, 1768, the Chiefs and Sachems of the *Six United Nations* of *Indians* sold to the Honourable the Proprietaries a large Tract of Land, in which the said *Indian* Town and Improvements at *Wyalusing* were comprehended;—that on the Twenty-fourth of *February*, 1769, some Deputies of these *Indians* petitioned the Honourable *John Penn*, Esq; for a Grant or Assurance of the Lands they had settled on, which was so far answered in Favour of their Petition, that his Honour would not dispose of those Lands, nor of any Lands within Five Miles from their Settlement, to any Person whatsoever;—that since that Time Numbers of white People have settled below and above them, and the *Connecticut* Intruders, with some *Pennsylvanians* that have joined them, are come too near their Town;—that all the savage *Indians* of the North, who travel into this and the neighbouring Provinces go by the Way of *Wyalusing*, and any Outrages they may commit are laid to the Charge of the *Indians* at *Wyalusing*;—that these Considerations have induced them to leave their valuable Improvements, which they made before the new Purchase on Lands assigned them by the great Council of *Onandago*, and to move in the Month of *May* next, Westward to the other Side of the *Ohio*;—that as soon as this Resolution was taken, the *Indians* in *September*, 1771, by one of their Missionaries, Mr. *David Zeisberger*, informed the Honourable *James Hamilton*, Esq; then President of the Council of this Province, of their Intentions, andat the same Time mentioned, that these *Indians* designed to apply to Government for some Compensation for their Improvements, or that the Government might purchase the same, which they might have sold to private Persons, had they had any Grant or Licence from the Proprietaries, or even so much as Thousands have had from them at the Price of *Seven Shillings*;—that Mr. *Hamilton* was pleased to say, " that the new Governor was " soon expected, and it would be a proper Time when his Honour arrived, if the As- " sembly was sitting, for the *Wyalusing Indians* to present their Request;—that the *October* Session was too short to call the *Indians* down to *Philadelphia*, and since the Meeting of the House in *January* the Communication with *Wyalusing* has been entirely cut off by the deep Snow that is on the other Side of the Mountain, but as soon as the Roads are passable it is expected a Deputation of *Indians* will attend the Governor with a Petition;—that the Memorialist heartily wishes Success to their Application, and that a Number of *Christian Indians*, who, for the Sake of their Fidelity and Attachment to his Majesty and his Government in this Province, have at different Times sustained the Loss of all their Substance, may meet with the Relief and Assistance they hope for and stand in need of;—that the Memorialist has a further Reason for presenting this Memorial, derived from a Motive of Duty, and thinks it incumbent on him to make known

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1772. March 6. to the Governor that the ſaid *Indians* will certainly move in the Month of *May* next, in order that his Honour might conſider whether it will be for the Safety of the Public to leave the *Indian* Improvements open for any of the Rabble, collecting in the Neighbourhood of them, to take Poſſeſſion of ſo convenient a Settlement, which may well accommodate and maintain Two Hundred of thoſe People; or if Government ſhould not judge it beſt to take Poſſeſſion of the ſaid Improvements, that his Honour might direct what ſhall be done in reſpect to them, upon the Removal of the *Indians*, as the Memorialiſt is anxious to guard againſt the Conſequences of this Event, being charged on the *Indians* aforeſaid, or the charitable Societies contributing to the Miſſions among them.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing a* "*Fund to defray the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, "*and the County of* Bucks," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Memorial to the Houſe of Repreſentatives from the afore-mentioned *John Arbo*, of *Bethlehem*, was alſo preſented to the Chair, read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

*The* MEMORIAL *of* JOHN ARBO, *of* Bethlehem, *in* Northampton *County, Agent for the Miſſionaries of the* United Brethren *among the* Indians *in this Government, and Treaſurer of the Collections made among the ſaid* Brethren *for the Support of the Miſſions.*

Memorial to the Houſe from *John Arbo.*

YOUR MEMORIALIST humbly begs Leave to inform this Honourable Houſe, That the *Chriſtian Indians* ſettled at *Wyoluſing* and *Sheſhequa*, on *Suſquehanna*, about Two Hundred and Fifty in Number, intended to ſend down to *Philadelphia* in the Month of *January* laſt ſome Deputies, to preſent their humble Petitions to the Governor and Aſſembly of this Province for two different Purpoſes, but the Roads on the other Side of the Mountain, on account of the deep Snow and overflowing of the Waters, have hitherto been impaſſable, and it is ſuppoſed their Deputies will arrive when the Houſe ſhall have adjourned.—Your Memorialiſt has informed his Honour the Governor of the Subſtance of the Application they would make to him;—but to this Honourable Houſe the ſaid *Indians* intended to petition for a ſmall Preſent towards their Journey from *Wyoluſing* and *Sheſhecununk* to *Muſkingham* River and *Beaver* Creek, on the other Side of the *Ohio*, to which they will go in the Month of *May* next:—This is the third of their Emigrations within Fifteen Years; the Reaſon of the two firſt will ever be remembered in the Annals of *Pennſylvania*, the Reaſon of the third comes from the own Apprehenſions of the *Indians*; and ſince the Proprietaries have purchaſed the Lands of *Wyoluſing*, on which they have made their valuable Improvements, [the white People ſettling above and below them, the *Connecticut* Claimants, with the Outcaſts of this and other Provinces, who oppoſe the Government, ſwarming in the Neighbourhood, and all the Savages of the North travelling by the Way of their Settlement] they think it is high Time for them to retire into an *Indian* Country; for, notwithſtanding their ſincere and unſhaken Attachment to his Majeſty's Government of this Province, as they know they are not expert at ſalving Appearances, they cannot but be afraid that their Innocence and Complexion will ſtand little Chance againſt the Suſpicions, Inſinuations and Charges that are or may be conceived, made and laid againſt them from the indifferent Neighbourhood in which they live.—They are the ſame *Indians* and their Children that were protected and maintained at the *Province Iſland* and the Barracks, (of which they retain a grateful Remembrance) with a few more that from a Conviction of the Goſpel have acceded to them.—Your Memorialiſt has no Orders or Inſtructions to preſent ſuch like Petition on Behalf of the ſaid *Indians*,—but as he knows for certain that the Communication between *Wyoluſing* and *Philadelphia* has been entirely cut off theſe two Months, he begs Leave to intercede and pray, that your Honourable Houſe would be pleaſed to make an Order, that when the Deputies of the ſaid *Indians* ſhall arrive during the Adjournment of the Houſe, they might meet with ſome Comfort provided for them, *&c.*"

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the following Bills, reſpectively entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more* "*certain Adminiſtration thereof*;"—"*An Act to enable the Commiſſioners therein named to* "*ſettle the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery ſet up and drawn for repairing the Meet-* "*ing-Houſe and building or repairing the Houſe for the Reſidence of the Miniſter of the* "*Preſbyterian Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to ſue for and re-* "*cover ſuch Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on account of the ſaid Lottery*;"—"*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Townſhip* "*of* Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the* "*ſaid*

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"*said Swamp, and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof;*"—"*An Act to enable* "William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him* "*with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province;*"—"*An Act for explaining* "*and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bedford;"—"*An Act to* "*dissolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Eli-"zabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again;*" and, "*An* "*Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate in the* "*Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices and* "*Floodgates in good Repair,*" and acquainted the House his Honour would be ready to pass the said Bills into Laws when presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be engrossed.

Adjournment
*March* 7.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *Richard Stevens*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a* "*Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford "*into a separate County,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Adam Simon Kuhn, *in and* "*to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings thereon, in the Borough of* Lancaster, *one* "*of the Title Deeds whereof is lost,*" being also read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for keeping the Records and other public Papers of the County of *Bucks* at *New-Town*, in the said County, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill for confirming the Estate of *John Pawling*, *Joseph Pawling*, and others, of, in and to a Tract of Land in the County of *Philadelphia*, which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Adjournment
*March* 9.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem* Adjournment
*March* 10.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of *Bedford* County, on the West-Side of *Lawrel Hill*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they labour under innumerable Inconveniences and distressing Difficulties by having their Courts of Justice held at *Bedford*, at so great a Distance from them, (who have for the most Part exposed their Lives and Fortunes to the greatest Dangers in settling Lands in the midst of the *Indians*) which, at the lowest Computation, is upwards of Fifty Miles from any one Inhabitant on this Side the said *Lawrel Hill*, and upwards of an Hundred to the most inhabited Part of the said County, which Distance, together with the extreme Badness of the Roads, greatly increase the Fees to Sheriffs and other Officers, to the Ruin almost of many Persons who are sued by common Process of Law for small Sums of Money;—that, as the Petitioners are seated in the best inhabited Part of the said County on the said West-Side of *Lawrel Hill*, they hope to be able to build and support all public Buildings necessary for a County Town:—Wherefore they humbly pray, the Honourable House would take the Premises into Consideration, and enable them, by a Law for that Purpose, to hold a Court of Justice somewhere near the Center of the Inhabitants on the West-Side of *Lawrel Hill* aforesaid.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the* "*Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Persons therein named,*" and, "*An Act for* "*rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Office, and for indem-* "*nifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants,*" and acquainted the House that his Honour would be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be engrossed.

With the above Bills Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act* "*for the Recovery of Legacies,*" with some Amendments thereto, which being read by Order, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple* "*the taking an Oath in the common Form;*"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An* "*Act against Adultery and Fornication;*"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of*

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*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for ſtriking* " *the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan,* " *and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" with a written Meſſage thereon, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

A written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe.

'AFTER mature Deliberation on the Bill for emitting the Sum of *Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the public Debts, I am ſorry to acquaint you, that I find it liable to ſuch Objections as prevent my paſſing it in its preſent Form into a Law. Thoſe Objections I at firſt intended to communicate to you by way of Amendments; but in attempting this, I found the neceſſary Alterations would make ſo very great a Change in the Frame of the Bill, that I rather choſe to return it to you in this Manner, with an Aſſurance that I ſhall have no Objection to the paſſing a Bill for the ſame Purpoſe, provided the Sum to be emitted be conſiderably leſs than what you have propoſed, and the Plan of it more ſimilar to former Laws of this Kind, the Utility of which the People of the Province have had a long Experience of.

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The Accounts of *Gordon* and *Traxler* for *Indian* Expences, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds Twelve Shillings* and *Four-pence*, having been referred to the Committee of Accounts for Examination, and by them reported to be a Debt againſt the Province, were ordered to be paid by the Provincial Commiſſioners out of the Fund appropriated by Law for defraying *Indian* Expences.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the three Bills paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the ſafe* " *Keeping and Preſerving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage, ſent down with the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in* " *Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the public* " *Debts*," and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watſon* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of this Morning.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Remonſtrance to the Governor upon the Miſconduct of *Charles Jolly*, Eſq; a Juſtice of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Six o'Clock, and met again.

The Committee reported a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage, which being read, and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 11. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, and an Addreſs to his Honour concerning *Charles Jolly*, Eſq; being tranſcribed according to Order, were compared at the Table, ſigned by the Speaker, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your Honour,*

Anſwer from the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage.

WE have attentively conſidered your Meſſage relating to the Bill for emitting *Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the public Debts, and as the Objects of it are public Revenue, and the Improvement, Population and Commerce of the Province, we are ſorry it ſhould appear to the Governor liable to ſuch Objections that he cannot paſs it in its preſent Form into a Law.

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The House finding themselves under a Necessity, from the Change which the Province has undergone by its late extensive Settlements, to deviate from the Plan of former Loan-Office Bills, and desirous that the one under Consideration should meet with the Governor's Assent, spent much Time in digesting its Form, and adapting the several Parts to the present local Circumstances of the People and their Estates, adhering as much as reasonably might be to the Plans of former Laws. In doing this they thought, and still think, that they had framed the Bill on the most eligible Plan.

Under this Opinion they cannot but wish that the Governor had put in Practice his first Intention of communicating his Objections to the House by way of Amendment, or, at least, by generally pointing out in his Message those Principles of the Bill which he conceived to be improper for his Assent. Either of those Modes would have enabled the House to consider the Objections which subsist with the Governor, to have given them their due Weight, and, on a Concurrence of Sentiments with him, to have either adopted his Amendments, or framed a new Bill more suitable to answer the good Purposes intended.

But the Governor, we hope, will easily perceive the Difficulty he lays us under, when he assures us, "that he shall have no Objection to the passing a Bill for the same Purposes, provided the Plan of it be more similar to former Laws of this Kind," without particularly pointing out his Objections, or informing us in what Parts he would wish it to be "more similar," and thereby leaving it an Impossibility for us to discover the Reasons of his Dissent.

We thank the Governor for the Assurance he gives us, "that he shall have no Objection to the passing a Bill more similar to former Laws of this Kind," and we hope the same good Disposition will induce him to reconsider the Bill sent up, and either pass it into a Law, or be more explicit in communicating his Objections.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*March* 11, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

To the HONOURABLE *RICHARD PENN*, Esquire, Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of PENNSYLVANIA.

*The ADDRESS of the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN of the said Province.

An Address to the Governor from the House.

WE, the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in General Assembly met, having received repeated Complaints against *Charles Jolly*, Esq; one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of *Philadelphia*, charging him with divers Misdemeanors and corrupt Practices in his public Offices, and heard the Witnesses and Proofs in his Presence, as well for as against him, and being fully convinced, that, regardless of the important Trust reposed in him by Government for the Safety of the People, and influenced by an avaricious and corrupt Disposition, he hath greatly oppressed divers of his Majesty's Subjects in the said County, by issuing original Process, and thereupon an Execution without finding any Debt due, or passing Judgment in a Case where he had no Jurisdiction, in granting Warrants, and proceeding to Judgments and Executions against one Person for the Debt of another, in entering Judgment against the Party without hearing him, or giving him an Opportunity of being heard, and in marrying Persons without any Publication of the Bans of Matrimony, contrary to Law.

Firmly persuaded, your Honour is sensible that the Respect due to Government, and upon which its Authority and the Security of the Rights of the Subject greatly depend, cannot be well maintained by Men exercising its executive Powers without either Abilities or Integrity, we intreat the Governor to remove the said *Charles Jolly* from his Offices of Judge of the Common Pleas and Justice of the Peace.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor and deliver the foregoing Answer and Address, together with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of the public Debts*," for his further Consideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Address from the House, their Answer to his Message, and the Loan-Office Bill, reported they had delivered the same

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ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take them into immediate Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaſter, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a ſeparate County,*" reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into his immediate Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtates of* John Pawling, Joſeph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Reply to the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the Manufacturing of Leather,*" and after ſome Debate thereon, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Samuel Phips *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goſhen, *in the County of* Cheſter," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the ſafe Keeping and Preſerving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox* and Mr. *Foulke* wait on the Governor therewith, and deliver the Bill paſſed Yeſterday, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Upon Conſideration of the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Circumſtances of divers inſolvent Debtors in the Gaols of the City of *Philadelphia* and County of *York*, who have petitioned the Houſe for Relief,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the ſaid Debtors, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills above-mentioned, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take them into his immediate Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of certain inſolvent Debtors, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the Public Debts,*" with a written Meſſage thereon, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'AS I ſincerely wiſh to promote the real Intereſt and Welfare of the Province, ſo I would readily and chearfully concur with you in any Meaſure which I conceived 'might effect ſo deſirable a Purpoſe. When I communicated to you by my laſt Meſ'ſage the Terms on which I was willing to paſs a Loan-Office Bill, I imagined I had 'been ſufficiently explicit in pointing out my principal Objections to the Bill before me, 'ſo as to enable the Houſe to frame another within the Compaſs of any ſhort and rea'ſonable Amendments which might appear neceſſary. I am, however, very willing to 'give you the Satisfaction you deſire of explaining myſelf further on the Subject.

'When I propoſed for your Imitation the Plan of former Loan-Office Laws, by 'which one general Loan-Office was eſtabliſhed at *Philadelphia*, under the Direction of 'Truſtees named in the Acts, I meant to ſignify my Diſapprobation of ſuch a total De-

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'viation from them as the Eſtabliſhment of Offices in the ſeveral Counties, and the 'Manner of appointing Truſtees by the Commiſſioners of the Counties in Conjunction 'with any three Juſtices of the Peace; a Meaſure which appears to me liable to many 'great Inconveniences. And as a great Part of the Bill relates to the Duty of ſuch 'Truſtees, my Amendments to it, had I proceeded in that Way, would of Courſe have 'been very numerous.

'Beſides theſe Objections to the general Plan of the Bill, I think it proper to men-'tion another of no leſs Conſequence, I mean the Manner of providing for the Succeſ-'ſion of the Joint-Treaſurers and Truſtees, in Caſe of Death or Reſignation, which 'appears to me very exceptionable in excluding the Governor from a Share with the 'Aſſembly in the Appointment of the new Truſtees.

'If, Gentlemen, you ſhould, on further Conſideration, concur with me in theſe Sen-'timents, and think proper to frame a new Bill conformable thereto, I ſhall with Plea-'ſure agree to paſs it into a Law.

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With the foregoing the Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act* "*for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of* Four Thouſand Pounds *for the Purpoſes therein* "*mentioned,*" and delivered therewith a written Meſſage to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'AS you have made the Bill "for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of *Four Thouſand* '*Pounds* for the Purpoſes therein mentioned" dependant upon that for altering and 'extending the Exciſe Laws, when you thought proper to drop the one by rejecting 'my propoſed Amendments, you put it out of my Power to paſs the other. I muſt 'therefore requeſt that you will conſider of ſome Means to raiſe the neceſſary Supply 'for his Majeſty's Troops quartered in this Province.

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Another written Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

The Secretary likewiſe delivered the three following Bills, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act againſt Adultery and Fornication;*"—"*An Act for confirming* "*the Eſtate of* Adam Simon Kuhn *in and to a certain Lot of Ground, with the Buildings* "*thereon, in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *one of the Title Deeds whereof is loſt;*" —— and, "*An Act for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as conſcientiouſly ſcruple the taking an Oath in the* "*common Form;*" and acquainted the Houſe that his Honour would be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The following written Meſſage from the Governor was alſo laid before the Houſe by the Secretary:

*GENTLEMEN,*

'I SHALL take ſuch Notice of your Addreſs, requeſting the Removal of *Charles* '*Jolly* from his Offices of Judge of the Common Pleas and Juſtice of the Peace, as 'I hope will prove ſatisfactory to the Houſe.

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A third written Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage ſent down with the Bill, entituled, *An Act for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of* Four Thouſand Pounds *for* "*the Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Watſon*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

The Houſe then adjourned to Six o'Clock, and met again.

Adjournment

The Committee reported they had eſſayed a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of this Morning, which being read, and, after ſome Conſideration, agreed to by the Houſe, was tranſcribed, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

IN the Beginning of this Sitting, the Houſe finding it neceſſary to provide for paying the Arrears of the public Debts, and ſupplying his Majeſty's Troops in their Quarters, prepared two Bills for thoſe Purpoſes. One of them for raiſing the Money by extending and making the Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors more equal; the other granting to his Majeſty *Four Thouſand Pounds* out of the Bills to be emitted by the firſt for ſupplying the Troops in their Quarters. Theſe were ſent up for the Governor's Aſſent, but he was pleaſed to propoſe Amendments to the firſt, which, on mature Deliberation, the Houſe could by no Means admit, and adhering to their Bill, they again ſent it up to

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1772. *March* 12. the Governor for his further Conſideration, in hope that its Importance to his Majeſty's Service and the Province, with the Reaſon and Equity, on which, in all its Parts, it was founded, would prevail on him to paſs it into a Law.

As the Houſe was ſincerely diſpoſed to concur with the Governor in every Meaſure tending to the Public Welfare, and particularly in granting the neceſſary Supplies to his Majeſty, it gave them real Concern to find, on the Return of the Bill, that he had rejected it by adhering to his propoſed Amendments.

Thus Matters reſpecting this Bill have reſted, until your Honour's Meſſage of this Day, requeſting that we "will conſider of ſome Means to raiſe the neceſſary Supplies "for his Majeſty's Troops."——Upon which we beg Leave to obſerve, that, continuing in our former Sentiments reſpecting the Bills rejected by the Governor, we know of no Means of complying with his Deſire ſo proper as that of putting it once more in his Power to paſs thoſe Bills into Laws, which we do, by again ſubmitting them to his candid Conſideration.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*March* 12, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Minſhall* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Meſſage, and return to his Honour the Exciſe Bill, and the "*Bill for granting to* "*his Majeſty the Sum of* Four Thouſand Pounds *for the Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" for his further Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 13. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage ſent down with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for ſtriking the Sum of* "Two Hundred Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, and pro-* "*viding a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Rhoads,* Mr. *Evans,* Mr. *James,* Mr. *Rodman,* Mr. *Watſon,* Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief* "*of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languiſhing Pri-* "*ſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* Felix M'Cowan, *languiſh-* "*ing Priſoners in the Gaol of* York *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying out public Highways and other Roads within this Province, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks,* praying to be enabled by the Loan of a Sum of Money, to be ſtruck for that Purpoſe, to erect a Poor-Houſe in the ſaid County, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Fox,* Mr. *Rhoads,* Mr. *James,* Mr. *Watſon,* Mr. *Rodman,* Mr. *Chapman,* Mr. *Foulke,* Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill at the next Sitting of Aſſembly for erecting a Houſe for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the ſaid County of *Bucks.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 14. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Accounts of *James Webb* and *Joſeph Ferree,* Eſqrs. for Expences and Services in laying out a Road from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Straſburg,* in the County of *Lancaſter,* being laid before the Houſe for Payment, as a Provincial Expence, the Queſtion was put, Whether the ſame ſhall be paid as ſuch?——

*Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.*

The Committe appointed to conſider the Expediency of building a new Market-Houſe in the City of *Philadelphia,* and the propereſt Situation for the ſame, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. WE, the Committee appointed to take into Conſideration the Neceſſity of building a Market-Houſe in the City of *Philadelphia,* for the Accommodation of People bringing from the Country their Produce to Market, with the moſt convenient Place for that Purpoſe, beg Leave to report, that, having duly attended thereto, we find there is a great Occaſion for ſuitable and convenient Buildings for the ſaid Purpoſe, and think they may be erected in *Market-ſtreet,* beginning near *Third-ſtreet* and continuing Weſtward as far as may be found neceſſary; which, when done, we are of Opinion will much

much better accommodate those who bring the Produce of the Country for Sale, as well as the Buyers, than any other Place we can point out. 1772. *March* 14.

*All which is submitted to the House by*

MICHAEL SWOOPE, ROWLAND EVANS,
*March* 14, 1772. WILLIAM ALLEN, ABEL JAMES,
HENRY CHREIST, JOSEPH WATSON,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN JACOBS, jun."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to confer with some of the Members of the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia* on the Subject of the said Report.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estates of* John Pawling, Joseph "Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and* "*to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Wil- "liam Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languishing Prisoners in* "*the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* Felix M'Cowan, *languishing Prisoners* "*in the Gaol of the County of* York, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third Time, and compared at the Table,

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Im-* "*prisonment of his Person*," being also transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, the Question was called for and put, Whether the said Bill shall pass the House and be sent to the Governor for his Assent?—*Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the safe* "*Keeping and Preserving the Records and other public Papers of the County of* Bucks," and, "*An Act for raising a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and* "*County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same into Laws when presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be engrossed.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *March* 16. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

A Petition from *Amos Ogden*, late an Inhabitant of *Wyoming*, in Behalf of himself and other Sufferers on the Branches of the River *Susquehanna*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Year 1768, soon after the late Purchase was made from the *Indians*, sundry Families to the Number of Forty or Fifty, obtained Leave from the Honourable the Governor to settle on the Manors at *Wyoming*, which being then clear, were fit for immediate Cultivation; that the Petitioner with some of his Brothers, who had lived there several Years by Permission of the *Indians* and the Honourable Sir *William Johnson*, procured Leases at the same Time for Part of the Manor, and upon the Land-Office being opened in *April*, 1769, Applications were made by some Hundreds of Persons for Lands on the North-East Branch of *Susquehanna*, and many Families removed and settled in that Part of the Country, under the Protection and Title of this Government;——that pretty early in the Spring of 1769, a Number of People from *New-England*, armed and in an hostile and riotous Manner harrassed the Settlers at *Wyoming*, possessed themselves of a considerable Part of the Manor, where they erected a Stockade and during the Summer Season committed many Outrages, for which they were indicted by the Grand Inquest of the County of *Northampton*, and his Majesty's Writs were issued for apprehending them. In Consequence whereof some of them were taken, and the rest gave up the Possession, leaving about a Dozen of them to feed their Cattle and take Care of their Effects, till they could be removed the Spring following;—that in the Month of *February* 1770, a certain *Lazarus Stewart*, and sundry other Persons from *Hanover* Township, and Parts adjacent, in *Lancaster* County, having privately assembled themselves with the *New-England* Rioters, by Force and Arms entered the Settlement at *Wyoming*, destroying the Goods, burning the Houses, and seizing the Cattle and Effects of the peaceable Inhabitants.—In this general Calamity the Petitioner suffered a Loss in dry Goods, Peltry, Cattle and other Effects to the Amount of several Hundred Pounds, and was obliged to take Refuge with the other Sufferers in the interior Parts of the Province;—that in *September*, 1770, the Sheriff of *Northampton* County having received the necessary Process, apprehended such of the Rioters as were then at *Wyoming*, by which the Settlers were again restored to the ruined Remains of their former Possessions;—that about three Months after this the above-mentioned *Lazarus Stewart* with his Associates once more entered the Settlement, treated the Inhabitants in the

1772. *March* 16. the moſt cruel Manner, robbed them of the Remainder of their Goods, and obliged the wretched Sufferers a ſecond time to ſeek Refuge among their former Neighbours;—that in *January*, 1771, the Sheriff of the ſaid County, with the Poſſe, having received Proceſs, went to *Wyoming* in order to apprehend the Rioters; on this Occaſion the above-named *Lazarus Stewart* and his Aſſociates, after baſely murdering *Nathan Ogden*, the Brother of the Petitioner, fled the Province, and the Settlement was a third time poſſeſſed by the original Inhabitants.—That in the Month of *February*, 1771, Proof being made of the above Murder, Robberies and Violences, the Legiſlature of this Province was pleaſed to offer a Reward for apprehending *Lazarus Stewart*, and ſundry other Perſons, and bringing them to Juſtice, and his Honour's Proclamation iſſued for that Purpoſe; notwithſtanding of which, in the Month of *July*, 1771, the ſaid *Lazarus Stewart* and his Accomplices, being joined by ſundry other Perſons from *New-England* and elſewhere, to the Amount of One Hundred, in open Contempt of Government and every Kind of lawful Authority, entered the Settlement of *Wyoming* again by Force and Arms, where they ſurrounded the Houſes of the peaceable Settlers, murdered *William Richards*, and wounded ſeveral others, among whom the Petitioner had the unhappy Fate of ſeeing another Brother wounded and diſabled for Life.——The miſerable Inhabitants, to the Number of Forty Families, who were ſettled under the Faith and Protection of Government, were driven again from their Habitations, leaving their Crops of Grain, their Cattle and other Effects, and obliged to fly almoſt naked to ſhelter themſelves in different Parts of the Country, where they now ſubſiſt on the Charity of their Friends;—that the Rioters and Murderers having thus obtained Poſſeſſion of the Settlement, continue to fortify themſelves and live on the Spoils of the Petitioner and other unfortunate Inhabitants, and now conſiſt of ſome Hundreds of lawleſs Perſons, whoſe Circumſtances are too deſperate to admit of their Return to civil Society, and have made this Part of the Country a Place of Reſort for every bad Man who chuſes to fly from Juſtice, and every Servant that thinks fit to deſert his Maſter; hence they daily become more formidable and more cruel as their Wants increaſe, intimidating the peaceable Inhabitants in their Route from following their neceſſary Employments for the Support of their Families, whereby the Cultivation and Settlement of the Country is prevented, and many People obliged to leave the Province; that it is well known this Banditti have ſundry recruiting-Parties out, and that they publicly declare they expect to muſter at leaſt a Thouſand fighting Men early in the Spring, and will extend their Poſſeſſions to the Weſt Branches of *Suſquehanna*, and diſpoſſeſs ſuch of the Inhabitants as refuſe to join them in their lawleſs Meaſures: Wherefore, in Conſideration of the diſtreſſed Condition of many Families already brought to Ruin, as well as the fatal Conſequences to the Province from many of its Inhabitants being robbed, plundered and kept in continual Danger, the Laws of the Province ſet at Defiance, every Kind of Property within the Reach of this Banditti rendered unſafe, and the Officers of Government treated with Contempt, and even aſſaſſinated in attempting to execute his Majeſty's Writs, the Petitioner, humbly confident that the Honourable Repreſentatives of the Freemen of *Pennſylvania* muſt hold ſuch Men and Meaſures in the utmoſt Deteſtation, moſt earneſtly prays that they will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into their ſerious Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem expedient.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaſter, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a ſeparate County*," with ſome Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Mr. Secretary alſo brought down a written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe.

'WHEN in my laſt Meſſage to the Houſe I requeſted that you would "conſider of ſome Means to raiſe the Supplies neceſſary for the Support of his Majeſty's Troops quartered within this Province," I did not expect that you would again have returned to me the Bill for "*extending and making the Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors more equal.*" However, ſince you have thought proper, in ſo particular a Manner, to recommend it once more to my Conſideration, I ſhall not decline beſtowing upon it ſuch further Attention as it may require.

'I have no Doubt of your being perfectly convinced that this Bill is, in all its Parts, founded in Reaſon and Equity, and that it is of great Importance to the Service of the Crown and the Welfare of the Province:——At the ſame Time give me Leave to aſſure you, that, upon the moſt deliberate Conſideration, I can, at preſent, diſcover no Cauſe to apprehend that this Bill, under the Amendments propoſed, would anſwer all its Purpoſes leſs effectually, than if it ſhould continue in its original Form.

'This

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'This is at present my candid unbiassed Opinion, and I cannot willingly recede from 'my Amendments, unless the House, by communicating the Reasons upon which they 'have formed their Judgment, may happily correct mine.

'As I really wish to promote the Welfare of the Province, so far from declining to 'receive Information, upon any Occasion, relative to this important End, I hope the 'House will do me the Justice to believe that I shall ever be ready to pay a proper Re-'gard to it.

*March* 16, 1772. *RICHARD PENN.*"

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message sent down with the Loan-Office Bill, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, was, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Grievances do visit the Gaol of this City, and report to the House the State of the several Prisoners therein, with respect to the Food, Cloathing and Fire-Wood allowed to them.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented to the Chair a new Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Imprisonment of* "*his Person*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

*March* 17. The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of last Night, respecting the Excise-Bill, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Watson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the said Message.

The House then adjourned to Twelve o'Clock, and met again. Adjournment

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported a Draught for that Purpose, which being read, and, after some Alterations, agreed to by the House, was ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

*Post Meridiem* The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief* "*of* Richard Stevens *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message, respecting the Excise Bill, being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

Answer to the Governor's Message.

WHEN we last sent up to your Honour the Bill "*for extending and making the Excise on spirituous Liquors more equal*," we did not apprehend we acted a Part disagreeable to your Inclination, but were induced so to do, from the Intimation in your former Message attending the Bill for granting to his Majesty the Sum of *Four Thousand Pounds*, "that we had, by dropping the one, put it out of your Power to pass the "other."—After your Honour had rejected the first-mentioned Bill, by adhering to your Amendments, we conceived, that, according to the strict Rules and Usage of Parliament, it was dropped by your Honour's own Act, not ours. Yet, to set Matters in their proper Light, and to prevent any Inconveniences which might arise from a mistaken Apprehension in your Honour, that we had "dropped" the Bill, we thought it necessary to wave those Rules, under an Expectation founded on your Message, that his Majesty's Service and the Good of the Province would be sufficiently prevalent to induce you to enact it into a Law. And it is with Pleasure we find, that you have not, by your last Message, deprived us of that Hope.

Your Honour is pleased to inform us, "that you have no Doubt of our being per-"fectly convinced that this Bill is founded in Reason and Equity," and at the same Time to assure us, "that, upon the most deliberate Consideration, you can at present "discover no Cause to apprehend, under the Amendments proposed, it would answer "all its purposes *less effectually* than if it should continue in its original Form:—Upon which we beg Leave to observe, that as the Bill is intended to raise the Revenues of the Province, and to enable us to grant the necessary Aids to his Majesty, if under those Amendments it would not answer all its Purposes *more effectually*, we cannot conceive why your Honour should reject it, especially as it cannot with Propriety otherwise be said to be amended.

However, as your Honour is further pleased to intimate, that you cannot willingly

1772. *March* 17. recede from your Amendments, unleſs the Houſe, by communicating the Reaſons upon which they have formed their Judgment, reſpecting " the Reaſon and Equity of the " Bill," may happily correct your Honour's; and as we are ſincerely deſirous to obtain a Meaſure of ſuch public Conſequence, we ſhall chearfully endeavour to do it:—The Bill in the Part, to which your Honour's propoſed Amendments relate, renders ſpirituous Liquors imported by Perſons for their own Conſumption, and drawn without Entry, ſubject to Forfeiture, and their Houſes liable to be ſearched in the Day-Time, upon its appearing to a Magiſtrate on Oath made that the Importer has drawn ſuch Liquors without Entry. Now we apprehend it both reaſonable and juſt, that ſuch Perſons, who will be ſo diſhoneſt as to defraud the Government of thoſe Revenues, which are neceſſary to its Support, and conſequently to their own Safety and Protection, can merit but little Favour, and deſervedly ought to incur a Forfeiture of the Goods. And when we conſidered, that the Duty is not to ariſe on the Importation, but on the Draught for Conſumption, and hence that any Perſon importing may ſuffer his Liquors to remain by him for Years in his Vault or Cellar, and of Courſe not enter, but conceal them during the Time of Drawing, we knew of no Mode ſo proper to detect and prevent Frauds as to veſt the Officer with a Power, on good Cauſe of Suſpicion, to ſearch for the Liquors ſo drawn contrary to the Intent of the Act. In this we did not proceed without Precedents ſet before us, both by the *Britiſh* Parliament and preceding Aſſemblies.—In ſeveral Statutes for preventing Frauds in collecting the Revenue in *Great-Britain*, we find the like and more ſevere Proviſions and Penalties.—By the Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the 31ſt of his late Majeſty, the Officer held the like Power, without any Oath made, or Warrant iſſued; and the Exciſe-Law now in Force, and extended by the Bill before your Honour, there have been for many Years, and ſtill are, ſeverer Penalties and Reſtrictions laid on Retailers than are by this Clauſe on the Importers for their own Conſumption.—In the Act for raiſing County-Rates, and the ſeveral Acts for granting Aids to the Crown, to be ſunk by a Land-Tax, the Houſes of every Inhabitant of this Province, and the moſt ſecret Parts of them, are liable to be broke open and entered, in Caſe of Non-payment of the Aſſeſsment, on a Precept from the County Commiſſioners.—Beſides to ſubject the numerous Retailers within this Province to an Entry of their Houſes, without Oath or Warrant, as is declared in Part of the Bill to which your Honour makes no Objection, and, at the ſame Time to exempt from ſuch Entry, though upon Oath and Warrant, and impoſe a Penalty only on a few Importers for an equally injurious Breach of the Law, would, in our Opinion, be ſuch a Deviation from the Rules of Equity and Impartiality as we cannot think juſtifiable to adopt.

It is with much Pleaſure we receive the Governor's Aſſurance, that he " wiſhes to " promote the Welfare of the Province, and that he is ſo far from declining to receive " Information on any Occaſion relative to that important End, that he hopes we will " do him the Juſtice to believe that he ſhall ever be ready to pay a proper Regard to " it," as it induces us to hope, after theſe Reaſons and Precedents offered to his Conſideration in Favour of ſo important and neceſſary a Bill, he will paſs it without further Heſitation.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*March* 17, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Watſon* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Meſſage, and deliver the ſame for his Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Facts alledged in the Petition of *William Mitchell*, and others, againſt *Iſaac Sanders*, Eſq; of the County of *Lancaſter*, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report from the Committee of Enquiry. THAT the Committee had given Notice to the ſaid *Iſaac Sanders* of the Complaint made againſt him by *William Mitchell*, and others, and appointed him to attend on the Twentieth of laſt Month;—that they alſo gave Notice to *William Mitchell* to appear the ſame Day to ſupport his Complaint;—that neither of the Parties did at the ſaid Time, or have ſince appeared to prove or diſprove the Matter in Diſpute;—that the Committee have been informed the ſaid *Iſaac Sanders* was about that Time indiſpoſed, and that he has ſent ſeveral Depoſitions, which, if true, ſhew the Charge and Proſecution to be malicious.

*March* 17, 1772. GEORGE ROSS, ROWLAND EVANS, JOSEPH FERREE, JOHN BROWN, WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN JACOBS, jun."

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 18. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage reſpecting the Loan-Office Bill, being

being transcribed according to Order, was read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.* 1772. *March* 18.

*May it please your* HONOUR,

HAVING spent much Time in forming the Loan-Office Bill on such Principles as we apprehended would secure the Solidity of the Funds and Credit of the Bills, and at the same Time, give to all the Counties an equal Opportunity of participating in the Benefits to arise from the Loans, we thought we had performed that Part of our Duty on a Plan, the local Circumstances of the Province considered, the most unexceptionable. But as we find ourselves, notwithstanding, so unfortunate as to differ in Sentiments with the Governor on the Subject, and as he might otherwise be a Stranger to the Reasons and Motives of our Conduct in this Particular, we think it necessary to communicate them, so far as they relate to Objections mentioned in his last Message. Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

In our Estimation this Bill is one of the first Consequence to the public Interest and Welfare. We expected by it greatly to advance the Improvement, Population and Commerce of the Province, besides raising on the People, in the most easy and eligible Manner, a considerable Revenue. These important Objects in View, and earnestly desirous to accomplish them, we first debated and fully considered a Bill brought in on the Plan, recommended by your Honour, of former Loan-Office Laws. In these " the Establishment of Offices in the several Counties" was omitted, and the Legislature contented themselves with instituting only one in *Philadelphia*, nor were more necessary to the infant State of the Province, when it consisted of four Counties only.—The People and their Settlements were confined within a narrow Compass, the Trustees from the neighbouring Counties could attend their Duty, and the Borrowers procure the Money, and make their annual Payments with little Trouble and Expence on the Days appointed; but upon applying this Plan to the present Circumstances of the Province, so essentially varying from those which existed at the Time it was adopted, and taking into our Consideration the Addition of five new Counties, the great Extent of their Settlements, the Distance of their Inhabitants from the City, the Difficulties, Trouble and Expence, which their Trustees in attending their Duty, and the People in procuring the Money and making their annual Payments would incur, it appeared to us, that adhering to the Form of the old Bills, in establishing but one Office, and that in *Philadelphia*, would operate in a great Measure to exclude the People who were peculiar Objects of the Bill, and, as many of them are indebted to the Proprietaries for Lands, stand most in need of its Aid, from a Participation in the Benefits to arise from the Loans.

From these Inconveniences, however calculated these Laws might be to the Situation of the Province at the Time they were framed, it seemed to us necessary in our present Bill, so far to deviate from them, as to put the five new Counties in a Capacity to partake of the Loans in common with the rest of the People.—To effectuate a Purpose so desirable and just, we knew of no Mode so adequate as that of instituting an " Office " in the several Counties."

If then an Office in each County is necessary impartially and extensively to diffuse the Advantages to be derived from the Loans, and it be just (which your Honour does not seem to controvert) to oblige the several Counties to the Payment of their respective Deficiencies, which might arise from defective Titles and Want of Value in the Estates mortgaged, we thought it also but reasonable and just that the People, on whose Property those Deficiencies were to be levied, should have a Share in the Appointment of the Trustees, who were to judge of the Validity of those Titles and that Value. Nor were we apprehensive that " great Inconveniences," if any, would arise from vesting the Power of appointing them " in the Commissioners of the Counties, in Conjunction with " any three Justices of the Peace," as in this, as well as in constituting an Officer in each County, we did not materially deviate from that Policy which the Legislatures of neighbouring Colonies, whose Circumstances are in the Point before us similar to those of this Province, have for the like Reasons thought proper to adopt.

Thus your Honour will perceive, that if we have deviated from the old Forms, we have followed more applicable Precedents of a modern Date, which have met with his Majesty's Royal Approbation.

We assure the Governor, as he has been pleased to intimate that he has no Objection to a Loan-Office Bill, it is with real Concern we find that we have failed in obtaining his Concurrence in a Measure of so much public Importance, on a Difference of Sentiments respecting the Form; but after the unusual Length of our present Sitting, we must content ourselves with thus explaining the Reasons which moved us to fix on the present Plan of the Bill, in hope that on Consideration of them they will have their due Weight with the Governor.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*March* 18, 1772. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered,*

1772. *March* 18. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Morton* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Meſſage and deliver the ſame for his Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming* "*the Eſtate of* Samuel Phipps *in and to certain Lands in the Townſhip of* Goſhen, *in the* "*County of* Cheſter," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Meſſage on the Loan-Office Bill, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Anſwer into Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for con-* "*firming the Eſtate of* John Pawling, Joſeph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, "Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadel- "phia," with ſome Amendments thereto, which being read and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bills, entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for* "*the Support of the Government of this Province, for making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum,* "*Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the* "*ſaid Exciſe*;"—"*An Act for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of* Four Thouſand Pounds "*for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*;"—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, "John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* "Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* Felix M'Cowan, *languiſhing Priſoners in the* "*Gaol of* York *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*;" and acquainted the Houſe that his Honour would be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bills be engroſſed.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for laying out* "*Roads and Highways within this Province*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's Reply to their Anſwer to his Amendments on the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the Ma-* "*nufacturing of Leather*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion being put, Whether the Houſe will admit the ſaid Amendments into the Bill?—it was carried in the Affirmative, and the ſaid Bill ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition of *John Johnſon*, of *German-Town*, and others, reſpecting the Inſanity and Marriage of *Rebecca Vanakin*, Widow, with a certain *John Martin*, and the Remonſtrance of *Edward Milner* and *Jacob Hall*, Relations of the ſaid *Martin*, together with the Evidence taken in Preſence of the Parties by the Committee of Grievances in the Courſe of their Enquiry into the ſeveral Facts alledged by the Petitioners, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Evans*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to declare and make void the ſaid Marriage of *Rebecca Vanakin* with *John Martin*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 19. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the Memorial of *John Arbo*, of *Bethlehem*, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds* be allowed and given out of the *Indian* Fund for the Uſe of the *Wyaluſing Indians*, ſhortly expected in Town, and that Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *James* be hereby appointed to receive the ſaid Sum with the Conſent of the Governor, and apply it in ſuch Manner as may be moſt agreeable to the ſaid *Indians*.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *James* and Mr. *Humphreys*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to agree for and purchaſe ſo much of the Lots on the North-Side of *Cheſtnut-ſtreet*, fronting the *State-Houſe*, as will make a convenient Street through the ſaid Lots into *Market-ſtreet*, if the ſame may be had at a reaſonable Price, and make Report of their Proceedings therein to the Aſſembly.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to declare and make void the Marriage of *Rebecca Vanakin* with a certain *John Martin*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was, by ſpecial Order, again read, debated by Paragraphs, and ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for laying out Roads and Highways within this Province*," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his* "*Perſon*,"

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"*Person*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Sellers* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same, and acquaint his Honour, that as the House incline to adjourn this Week, they request he will be pleased to appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Copies of the Bills agreed on with their Originals.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *March* 20.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed last Night, and the verbal Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration, and should appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps, *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Goshen, *in the County of* Chester," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith, and also deliver the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin, *&c.*" and acquaint his Honour, that the House propose to adjourn to *Monday*, the Eighteenth Day of *May* next, if he has no Objection thereto.

A Petition from the Commissioners appointed by Law for improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Delaware* and *Lehеigh* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in pursuance of the said Law, they, in the last Year, proceeded to provide Materials and employ Workmen to remove Obstructions, and render the said River *Delaware* navigable, and have succeeded so far at the lower Great Falls, as to leave that Passage in a great Measure safe and easy for Boats and Rafts to pass. And at the dangerous Falls, commonly known by the Name of *Wells's* Falls, much Work has been done, and a good Prospect appears, that in the Course of another Year it may be improved to equal Advantage with the lower Falls;—that these being the grand Objects, the Success the Commissioners promise themselves therein, and the Experience already obtained, leave them in full Expectation of finishing the Improvements in these Rivers, so as to answer all the good Purposes intended.—That the Petitioners beg Leave to refer to their Minutes and Accounts now ready to lay before the House, by which it will appear, that in the Course of the two last Years, there has been expended in this Work, about *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*;—that Subscriptions have been obtained to the Amount of *Four Hundred* and *Seventy-eight Pounds Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence* in and near this City, besides some Subscriptions in the upper Parts of this Province and *New-Jersey*, of which the Commissioners have yet no certain Account;—that they have a good Prospect of procuring in a short Time Subscriptions, so as to make up in the Whole the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*; but as that Sum will be insufficient to discharge the Arrearages and to prosecute the Work much further, the Commissioners, relying on the good Disposition of the Honourable House towards this laudable Undertaking, which has already had the Countenance of the Legislature and with which the Commerce and Prosperity of the Province is so closely connected, pray that they will be pleased to take the Premises into their serious Consideration, and grant such provincial Aid therein as may enable the Petitioners to carry on and finish a Work of such public Utility.

On Consideration of the foregoing Petition,

*Resolved*, That a Certificate for the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds*, payable to the Commissioners appointed by Law for improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Delaware* and *Lehеigh*, as soon as they shall make it appear to the Governor and Speaker of Assembly for the Time being, that they have procured Subscriptions to the Amount of the said Sum for the Purpose aforesaid, be signed by the Speaker.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Morning, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *Morton* do join with the Members of Council in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens, *with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," and, "*An Act for*

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"*for confirming the Eſtate of* Samuel Phipps, *in and to certain Lands in the Townſhip of* "Goſhen, *in the County of* Cheſter," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for laying out Roads* "*and Highways within this Province,*" and informed the Houſe that his Honour could not give his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Committee of Grievances to whom the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, jun. was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report from the Committee of Grievances.

THE Committee of Grievances beg Leave to report, that on *Tueſday* laſt they proceeded to enquire into the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, jun. againſt *Gilbert Hicks*, *John Denormandie*, *Joſeph Hart* and *Jonathan Ingham*, Eſqrs. Juſtices, *&c.* of the County of *Bucks*;—that the ſaid *Gilbert Hicks*, in behalf of himſelf and his ſaid Brethren, delivered to the Committee a Remonſtrance, objecting to the Powers of the Committee, which the Committee beg Leave to preſent to the Houſe.

That the Committee, ſatisfied of the Propriety of their Proceeding in the ſaid Examination, went into the Hearing of the ſaid *Mahlon Kirkbride*, and his Witneſſes, and that the ſaid Juſtices attended, croſs-examined the Witneſſes produced by the ſaid *Mahlon Kirkbride* in Support of his Charge, and produced a Witneſs in their own Juſtification.

Your Committee pray Leave to refer the Houſe to the Affidavits of the ſeveral Witneſſes, and ſubmit the Whole to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

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JOSEPH FERREE,
EDWARD BIDDLE,
WILLIAM EDMONDS,
ROWLAND EVANS,
JOSEPH PARKER,
JOHN BROWN,
JOHN JACOBS, jun."

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the ſeveral Petitions preferred during their preſent Sitting, praying the Aid of the Legiſlature in making a new, or amending and keeping in Repair the old public Road from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Borough of *Lancaſter*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds* be hereby allowed and given towards making, amending or repairing a Road or Roads leading from *Lancaſter* to the City of *Philadelphia*, to be expended and laid out by ſuch Commiſſioners as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe, as ſoon as a like Sum ſhall be procured by private Subſcriptions for the ſame Uſe, and ſhall be made appear, to the Satisfaction of the Governor and Speaker of Aſſembly of this Province for the Time being.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *March* 21.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, acquainted the Houſe that not having ſufficiently peruſed the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* "Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" he choſe to keep the ſaid Bill under his Conſideration till the next Meeting of the Houſe.

Mr. *Fox* informed the Houſe, that he had waited on the Governor, and obtained Approbation to the Certificate granted Yeſterday by the Houſe for allowing the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds* towards improving the Navigation of the Rivers *Delaware* and *Leheigh*.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Eſquire, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province, for his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* being drawn at the Table accordingly, was ſigned by the Speaker by Order, to be preſented to his Honour when the Houſe ſhall attend him to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills to which he has given his Aſſent.

The Members appointed to join with the Gentlemen of the Council in collating the engroſſed Bills, reported they had done the ſame agreeable to Order, and found them to agree with their Originals.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Members do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills after they ſhall be paſſed into Laws, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

The Houſe then took into Conſideration the Addreſs of the Managers of the Contributions for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province, purſuant to the Recommendation of the late Aſſembly, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That a Certificate for the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, payable to the Managers of the ſaid Contributions, be ſigned by the Speaker, as ſoon as they ſhall make it appear to the Governor and the Speaker of Aſſembly of this Province for the Time being,

being, that they have procured Subscriptions to the Amount of *One Thousand Pounds* for the Purpose aforesaid. 1772. March 21.

Mr. *Shoemaker* acquainted the House that he had waited on the Governor, and obtained his Approbation of the foregoing Resolve, granting the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* for promoting the Culture of Silk in this Province.

*A Message by Mr.* SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "House to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he has given his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker with the whole House waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported that the House had waited on his Honour with sundry Bills, respectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Excise upon Wine,* "*Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and pay-* "*ing the said Excise*;"—"*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of* Four Hundred *and* Fifty "*Acres of Land, situate in* Frederick *Township, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly* "*called the* Perkiomen Copper-Mine Tract, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes* "*therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair* "*the public Roads and Highways within this Province*;"—"*An Act for the Sale of Goods* "*distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the Person distraining the same, for the* "*better Security of Rent, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to pre-* "*vent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*;"—"*An Act for regulating* "*Chimney-Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* Southwark, *and the* "*Township of the* Northern Liberties;"—"*An Act for preventing Frauds and Per-* "*juries*;"—"*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Four Thousand Pounds *for* "*the Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other* "*Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Phi-"ladelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born* "*Subject of this Province*;"—"*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the* "*Persons therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in* "*the Execution of their Office, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obe-* "*dience to their Warrants*;"—"*An Act to enable the Commissioners therein named to settle* "*the Accounts of the Managers of a Lottery set up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-* "*House and building or repairing the House for the Residence of the Minister of the* Pres-"byterian *Congregation of* New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to sue for and recover* "*such Sums of Money as remain due and unpaid on Account of the said Lottery*;"—"*An* "*Act to enable the Owners of Lands called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the Township of* Bristol, "*in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch through the said Swamp,* "*and to raise Money to defray the Expence thereof*;"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof*;"——"*An Act for explaining and better ascertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County of* Bed-"ford;"—"*An Act for the Recovery of Legacies*;"—"*An Act to enable the Owners of* "*a certain Tract of Meadow-Land, situate in the Borough of* Chester, *in the County of* "Chester, *to keep their Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates in good Repair*;"—"*An Act* "*to dissolve the Marriage of* George Kehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* "Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again*;"—"*An* "*Act for confirming the Estate of* Adam Simon Kuhn *in and to a certain Lot of Ground* "*in the Borough of* Lancaster, *one of the Title Deeds whereof is lost*;"—"*A Supplement to* "*the Act, entituled,* "*An Act against Adultery and Fornication*;"—"*An Act for the* "*Relief of such Persons as conscientiously scruple the taking of an Oath in the common* "*Form*;"—"*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, "Berks, Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County*;"—"*An Act for raising a* "*Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs in the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the* "*County of* Bucks;"—"*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles "Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* Wil-"liam Bennet *and* Felix M'Cowan, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* York *County,* "*with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;"—"*An Act for confirming the Estates* "*of* John Pawling, Joseph Pawling, Abraham Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler "*and* Andrew Heizer, *in and to certain Lands in the County of* Philadelphia;"—"*An Act* "*for confirming the Estate of* Samuel Phipps, *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* "Goshen *in the County of* Chester," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens, "*with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," to which several Bills his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had then, in the Name of the House, presented to the Governor their Certificate for the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, for which his Honour was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

Upon

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*March* 21. *Ordered*, That the Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Philadelphia* procure to be publiſhed in the next Week's Gazette and Journal and in *Henry Miller's German* Paper ſo much of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Pro-*" *vince, making the Exciſe upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and* " *preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the ſaid Exciſe*," as relates to the levying, collecting and paying the ſame. And that the Clerk of this Houſe do order to be publiſhed in the ſame Papers, as ſoon as may be, the Laws paſſed this Day, entituled, "*An* " *Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and, " *An Act for Opening and better Amending and Keeping in Repair the public Roads and* " *Highways within this Province.*"

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will take under their Conſideration the Complaint of *Mahlon Kirkbride*, jun. together with the Remonſtrance of the Juſtices of the County of *Bucks*, and the Proceedings of the Committee of Grievances thereon, at their next Meeting.

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the Eighteenth of *May* next, at Four o'Clock, *Poſt Meridiem* *P. M.*

*May* 18. MR. SPEAKER, with Twenty-three Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, Adjournment and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 19. A Quorum met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſeveral Laws paſſed at the laſt Sitting of the Houſe, reported the ſame had been done according to Order, and the ſaid Laws depoſited in the Rolls Office.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, purſuant to Adjournment, are ready to receive any Buſineſs he may be pleaſed to lay before them.

Mr. *Fox* preſented to the Chair an Addreſs of Thanks to the Houſe from the *Wyaluſing Indians* lately in Town, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania.

An Addreſs of Thanks to the Houſe from the *Wyaluſing Indians*.

THE *Chriſtian Indians* of *Wyaluſing* and *Sheſhecunnunk* preſent their moſt ſincere Thanks for the Notice and Care hitherto taken of them, their Wives and Children in the Time of their great Diſtreſs and Trouble, eſpecially when they were protected and maintained at the *Province Iſland* and the Barracks of *Philadelphia*;—they ſhall ever preſerve a grateful Remembrance thereof, impreſs it upon the Minds of their Children, and relate your Acts of Humanity and Benevolence to the diſtant Nations among whom they are going to live.—They wiſh that the Peace of GOD may be with the People of this Province, and that Eaſe and Plenty may always be the Lot of the induſtrious Inhabitants thereof.—They bid you the laſt Farewell;—they thank you for the Preſent provided for them, and beg this only additional Favour, that you will always kindly remember the faithful and unſhaken Attachment of theſe *Chriſtian Indians* to his Majeſty's Government of this Province.

Signed on Behalf of the ſaid *Indians* by their Deputies,

*Philadelphia*, *May* 16, 1772. JOSHUA, JOH. MARTIN, JOH. PAPUNK, JO. PEEPE."

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; to the Committee of Correſpondence, dated the 6th of *February* laſt, concerning public Affairs, and incloſing a Liſt of One and Twenty Acts of General Aſſembly of this Province, lately preſented to the King in Council, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

No. 1. "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy* " *puniſhing the Rioters.*"—Paſſed the 9th of *February*, 1771.

No. 2. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for erecting Part of the Counties* " *of* Philadelphia, Cheſter *and* Lancaſter *into a ſeparate County.*"—Paſſed the 9th of " *March*, 1771.

No. 3. "*An Act to prevent the Deſtruction of Rock-Fiſh and Oyſters.*—Paſſed ditto.

No. 4. "*An Act to regulate the Fiſhery in the River* Schuylkill."—Paſſed ditto.

No. 5. "*An Act for the immediate raiſing of Money heretofore granted for the Defence* " *of the City of* Philadelphia."—Paſſed ditto.

No. 6. "*An Act for the regulating the Fiſhery in the Rivers* Codorus *and* Connewaga, " *in* York *County.*"—Paſſed ditto.

No. 7. "*An Act for appointing Regulators in the Southern Parts of the* Northern Li-" berties *of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.*"—Paſſed ditto.

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No. 8. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for the better Regulation of Servants in this Province and Territories.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 9. "*An Act declaring the Rivers* Delaware *and* Leheigh, *and Parts of* Neshaminey *Creek, as far up as* Barnsley's *Ford, and of the Stream called* Lechawaxin, *as far up as the Falls thereof, common Highways, and for improving the Navigation in the said Rivers.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 10. "*An Act declaring the River* Susquehanna, *and other Streams therein mentioned, public Highways, for improving the Navigation of the said River and Streams, and preserving the Fish in the same.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 11. "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of* Passyunk, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 12. "*An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Cumberland *into a separate County.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 13. "*An Act for the better securing and punishing certain Offenders therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 14. "*An Act for appointing Commissioners for opening and maintaining Parts of two Roads therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 15. "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for the better regulating Pilots plying in the River and Bay of* Delaware, *and the Price of Pilotage to and from the said Port.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 16. "*An Act for the Relief of* George Hawkins, Conrad Kehmle *and* Jonathan Hobby, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 17. "*An Act for building a Bridge over* Skippack *Creek, in the County of* Philadelphia."—Passed ditto.

No. 18. "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 19. "*An Act for regulating and continuing the Nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

No. 20. "*An Act to enable* Peter Miercken, *Sugar-Refiner, to hold Lands, and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province,*"—Passed ditto.

No. 21. "*An Act to repeal a Part of the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the Rivers* Delaware, Susquehanna, *and the* Leheigh *commonly called the Western Branch of* Delaware."—Passed ditto.

Which Acts are herewith most humbly presented this Eighth Day of *October*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one, by me

HENRY WILMOT,
*Agent for the Proprietaries of* Pennsylvania."

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Matters of Business at present to communicate to the House, but should be ready to receive any which they may think proper to lay before him.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor and request, that he will be pleased to inform the House whether he has yet come to any Result on the Bill left under his Consideration at the last Sitting, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned;*"—and if he has not, that they acquaint his Honour, as there is but a bare Quorum met, occasioned by the Engagements of many of the Members at their Farms in this busy Season of the Year, the House think it proper to postpone some important Business they had in View at the Time of their last Adjournment, and intend to adjourn to the Fourteenth of *September* next, if he has no Objection thereto.

The Members return and report they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had not yet come to any Result on the Bill before him, and if it was the Inclination of the House to adjourn to the Fourteenth of *September* next, he had no Objection thereto.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Fourteenth of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*September* 14.

THE House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

*Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Representatives being met, according to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

1772. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

*September* 15. The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had not any Buſineſs at preſent to lay before the Houſe, but as he is juſt now in Conference with an *Indian* of ſome Note from the Southward, if any Thing ſhould occur therein that may require the Conſideration of the Houſe, he ſhould communicate it by a Meſſage.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe taking into Conſideration their Order of the Thirteenth of *January* laſt, appointing *John Sellers*, *Joſeph Ellicot*, *William Henry*, *Samuel Rhoads* and *John Lukens* to view and take the Level of the Waters of *Suſquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and the *Leheigh*, and it appearing that little Progreſs has been made therein,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Gentlemen and *David Rittenhouſe*, or any three of them, are hereby appointed and further continued to perform the above Service with all convenient Diſpatch, and ſhall have Power to employ ſuch Perſons to aſſiſt them as they may think neceſſary, in Order that a full Report of their Proceedings be made to the next Aſſembly.

An Account from *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Eſq; amounting to *Twenty-eight Pounds Seven Shillings* and *Five-pence*, for his Services and Diſburſements in viewing the Waters of *Suſquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Leheigh*, was preſented to the Houſe, read and allowed.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *James* for the ſaid *Lightfoot*.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that on the Petitioners coming into Office, they were applied to for Relief by ſeveral Neutrals, who were recommended to them as Objects of Charity, and who, upon due Enquiry being made, were found to be in real Diſtreſs; that in Conſequence of ſuch Application, they, as had been uſual with former Overſeers, undertook to ſupply the Wants of thoſe poor People, from a Conviction that, on a proper Repreſentation to the Honourable Houſe, they would be pleaſed to grant a Sum of Money for their further Support, and to re-imburſe what has been advanced;—that as thoſe People ſtill remain in unhappy Circumſtances, which will increaſe as the Winter approaches, the Petitioners pray that they may as ſoon as poſſible be enabled to furniſh occaſional Relief to their Neceſſities; for which Purpoſe they apprehend the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* will be no more than ſufficient; in the the Approbation whereof they beg Leave to aſſure the Houſe of their utmoſt Care and Attention;—that it appears the Money granted for this Purpoſe laſt *January* Seſſions, was expended by the former Overſeers, (except the Sum of *Three Pounds Fifteen Shillings* received from them) which, together with *Twenty Pounds* more, has been already diſburſed by the Petitioners, who pray that the Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief as to them ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Livezey*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to receive, examine and report the Accounts of Incidental Expences for the current Year.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from *William Martin*, of *Charles-Town*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that *John Budd*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Gentleman, being legally ſeized of certain Lands in *Charles-Town* aforeſaid, did grant and convey Three Hundred Acres thereof by his Deed Poll, dated the Eighth Day of *April*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fourteen, to *John* and *William Martin*, who died inteſtate, whereupon the ſaid Land became the Eſtate of their elder Brother *Thomas Martin*, who by his Deed, dated the Sixth Day of *June*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Fifty-one, granted the ſame to *Lewis Martin*, the Petitioner's Father, who in his Life Time granted One Hundred Acres thereof to the Petitioner (having before ſold the other Two Hundred Acres to another Perſon);—that about Three Years ago the Petitioner had the Misfortune to have his Dwelling-houſe burnt, and every Thing therein, among which was the aforeſaid Deed from *John Budd* to *John* and *William Martin*, and that from the ſaid *Thomas Martin* to *Lewis Martin*; whereby a Defect is made in the Chain of his Title, and being adviſed there is no other Way or Means by which the ſaid Defect can be ſupplied, but by the Aid of this Honourable Houſe, the Petitioner prays Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the ſeveral Meſſages that paſſed between the Governor and Aſſembly at the Cloſe of the Winter Sitting, on a Bill, entituled, "*An Act*

"*for*

"*for striking the Sum of* Two Hundred Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit to be emitted* "*on Loan*, &c." which was then offered by the House, and refused by his Honour, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether a Committee shall be appointed at this Time to bring in a new Bill for the same Purpose?——it was carried in the Negative by a great Majority. 1772. *September* 16.

*Resolved*, That this House is of Opinion, that the emitting a Sum of Money on Loan is of the greatest Importance to the Trade, Population and further Improvement of the Province; but not having Time to prepare and pass a Bill for that Purpose before the House must rise, the same is hereby earnestly recommended to the serious Consideration of the succeeding Assembly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Fox*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Ross* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Payment of the public Debts.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Fox* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the House request to know whether he is yet come to any Result on the Bill presented to him at the Winter Sitting, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the pretended* "*Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for other Purposes* "*therein mentioned.*"

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *September* 17.

A Petition from *Joseph Shippen*, junior, Esq; was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Beginning of the Year 1762, the Petitioner was appointed, by a Commission from the Governor, Clerk of the Council of this Province;—that he has endeavoured on all Occasions to discharge the Duties of the same with the strictest Attention and Fidelity, during the Space of near Eleven Years, which he has served the Public in that Station;—that the Business of that Office has of late Years been very considerably increased by the Multiplicity and Variety of the public Transactions of Government;—that the Petitioner humbly conceives the Allowance made him by former Assemblies is very inadequate to his Trouble and the many different Services performed by him in the Execution of his said Office, and therefore begs Leave herewith to lay before the House, for their Perusal, a Paper containing a short Detail of the several Duties required of him as Clerk of the Council.—That the Petitioner humbly hopes, on a due Consideration thereof, the House will be of Opinion that the small Salary of *Fifteen Pounds* per Annum, usually allowed him, is by no Means an adequate Satisfaction for those Services:—Wherefore the Petitioner, having full Confidence in the Justice of the Honourable House, and submitting the Matter to their impartial Consideration, humbly prays they will be pleased to grant him such further Allowance for his Trouble and Services as they in their Wisdom shall think reasonable.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, living near the State-House, was presented to the Chair and read, setting forth, that they are much incommoded and distressed by the too frequent Ringing of the great Bell in the Steeple of the State-House, the Inconvenience of which has been often felt severely when some of the Petitioners Families have been afflicted with Sickness, at which Times, from its uncommon Size and unusual Sound, it is extremely dangerous, and may prove fatal;—that the Petitioners conceive it was never designed to be rung on any other than public Occasions, such as the Times of Meeting of the Honourable Assembly of the Province, and of the Courts of Justice;—that the Petitioners therefore intreat the House, to interpose and relieve them from this great and dangerous Inconvenience so far as to prevent the Ringing of the said great Bell on any other than public Occasions.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, and enquire whether he has come to any Result on the Bill before him, entituled, "*An Act to declare and make void the* "*pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin, *&c.*" reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say the House should hear from him concerning the said Bill on *Saturday* next.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Payment of the public Debts, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Support of the *French* Neutrals, was again read, and after some Debate,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed to the Overseers of the Poor of this City, for the Support of the said Neutrals. And a Certificate for the above

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1772. Sum being drawn at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker, was delivered to Mr. *Shoemaker* for the ſaid Overſeers.

*September* 17. Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition of *Henry William Steigle*, of *Lancaſter* County, recommended over by the late Aſſembly, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* be, and the ſame is hereby allowed and given to the ſaid *Henry William Steigle*, as a public Encouragement to his late Manufacture of white Flint-Glaſs in this Province. And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker, was delivered to Mr. *Roſs* for the Petitioner.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support* "*of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Joſeph Shippen*, junior, Eſq; was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put, Whether a further Allowance ſhall be made to the Petitioner for his Services?

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be allowed to the ſaid *Joſeph Shippen* for his annual Salary as Clerk to the Council.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 18. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and* "*Payment of the public Debts*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Roſs* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the building a Dam on* Shearman's *Creek, in the County* "*of* Cumberland, *and for making the ſaid Creek a public Highway*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the four annual Sums of *Seventy-five Pounds*, due to Doctor *Samuel Preſton Moore* for his Services under the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, allowed by the laſt Houſe, be deducted by him out of the Intereſt Money ariſing by the Mortgages put into his Hands by the ſaid Truſtees.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from *Myer Hart*, Shopkeeper, at *Eaſton*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner being under Contract with a certain Merchant-Miller, living below the Falls of *Trenton*, to deliver a Quantity of Wheat at the Mills, at or near *Borden-Town*, did, in Conſequence of that Agreement, on or about the Twentieth Day of *Auguſt* laſt paſt, load and put on board a Boat belonging to *Chriſtian Meninger*, at *Philipsburg*, oppoſite to the ſaid Town of *Eaſton*, Four Hundred and Fifty Buſhels of Wheat, to be by him tranſported down the River *Delaware*, and delivered at the Mills aforeſaid;——that the ſaid Boat, in paſſing through *Wells's* Falls unfortunately ſtruck on an Anchor, which had been made uſe of by the People employed by the Commiſſioners, appointed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, for improving the Navigation of the ſaid River; by which Accident the ſaid Boat was ſunk, and Two Hundred and Ninety Buſhels of the Wheat ſo greatly damaged, that it is rendered almoſt unfit for any Uſe whatever;——that the ſaid Misfortune was not owing to any Neglect or Want of Skill in the Men on board, or to any Defect of the ſaid Boat, but ſolely to the ſaid Anchor's running through her Bottom;——that the Petitioner has already made Application to ſome of the aforeſaid Commiſſioners, at *Philadelphia*, for Payment of the ſaid Loſs, who have given for Anſwer, that the Money, to be raiſed by Virtue of the ſaid Law, was appropriated ſolely for improving the Navigation of the ſaid River, and therefore could not be applied by them for the Payment of any ſuch Loſs, without the Leave and Direction of the Honourable Houſe:——That therefore the Petitioner prays, the Houſe will be pleaſed accordingly to order and direct the ſaid Commiſſioners to pay to the Petitioner, out of the Monies to be given and collected for the Purpoſe of improving the Navigation of the ſaid River, ſo much as will make him full Satisfaction for the Loſs he hath ſuſtained as aforeſaid, or ſuch Part thereof, as they in their Wiſdom ſhall think proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

A Petition from *Mary Bewley*, *Iſaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, the Executors of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Nathan Bewley*, late of *Abbington* Townſhip, in the County of *Philadelphia*, Yeoman, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting

ting forth, that *Jonathan Taylor* and Wife, of *Upper Dublin* Townſhip, in the County of *Philadelphia*, by their Deed, dated the Day of *April*, 1758, for the Conſideration of *Two Hundred* and *Sixty-five Pounds*, did grant and convey unto a certain *Benjamin Lancaſter* a Tract of Land and Plantation, ſituate, lying and being in the Townſhip of *White Marſh*, in the ſaid County, and bounded as follows, *viz.* Beginning at a Stone for a Corner, thence South Forty-nine Degrees Weſt, One Hundred and Seventeen Perches to a Stone; thence South-Eaſt One Hundred and Thirty-five Perches, by Lands of *Edward Stroud* and *Patrick Menan*, to a Stone; thence by Land of *Thomas Lancaſter* North-Eaſt, One Hundred and Fifteen Perches, to a Stone, the Corner of *Thomas Lancaſter's* Land; thence North Forty-ſeven Degrees Weſt, One Hundred and Twenty-ſix Perches, to the beginning Corner, ſtanding in *Thomas Shepherd's* Line, containing Ninety-three Acres and Sixty-ſix Perches, be the ſame more or leſs;—that the ſaid Tract of Land, as the Property of the ſaid *Benjamin Lancaſter*, was taken in Execution, and ſold at public Auction by *Joſeph Redman*, Eſq; late Sheriff of *Philadelphia* County; who by his Deed Poll, bearing Date the Seventh Day of *September*, 1762, did convey the ſame to *Robert Waln*, in Conſideration of the Sum of *Two Hundred* and *Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings*, he having been the higheſt Bidder; —— that the ſaid *Robert Waln*, and *Rebecca* his Wife, by Indenture, bearing Date the Twenty-ninth Day of *Auguſt*, 1764, did grant and convey the ſame unto the ſaid *Nathan Bewley* in Fee;——that the ſaid *Nathan Bewley*, by his laſt Will and Teſtament, dated the Seventh of the Third Month, called *March*, 1766, did direct his Wife *Mary Bewley*, his Son *Iſaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, (his Executors) to ſell and diſpoſe of all and ſingular his Lands for the beſt Prices that could reaſonably be gotten for the ſame, to be divided among his Children;——that the Deed from the ſaid *Jonathan Taylor* and Wife to *Benjamin Lancaſter* is loſt or miſlaid, whereby the Executors of the ſaid *Nathan Bewley* are prevented from making a clear Title to the Premiſes, agreeable to the Will of the Teſtator; and the ſaid *Jonathan Taylor* and Wife do refuſe to ſupply the Defect, although thereunto repeatedly requeſted, and a reaſonable Satisfaction has been offered to them for their Trouble:——The ſaid Executors do therefore pray the Honourable Houſe to take their Caſe into Conſideration, and to grant ſuch Relief therein as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

1772. *September* 18.

The Committee of Accounts, purſuant to their Appointment, preſented to the Chair a Report on the State of the public Accounts for the paſt Year, which being in Part read and examined, the Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*September* 19.

The Members appointed Yeſterday to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public "Debts*," reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Houſe proceeded in reading the Report of the Committee on the State of the public Accounts, which being gone through, and deliberately conſidered, was approved by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

## REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1772.

*Purſuant to the Appointment of the* HOUSE, *We have inſpected and examined the ſeveral Public Accounts mentioned in this Report, and have burnt, ſunk and deſtroyed the different Parcels of Bills of Credit, as mentioned and ſpecified in the ſame. The State of all which is all follows,* viz.

### WE FIND, THAT

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, has received ſince laſt Year's Settlement ſundry principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages, (put under his Care by the ſaid Truſtees, on the 21ſt of October, 1767) for which he Credits the Province,

Report of the Committee of the Aſſembly on the State of the Public Accounts.

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons from September 14, 1771, to September 9, 1772, for Quotas due on the ſeveral Mortgages, taken on the Third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, Eight Hundred and Seventy-ſix Pounds, —— —— —— —— —— £ 876 0 0

And he Charges, viz.

To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Aſſembly, and by them burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, —— —— —— —— £ 876 0 0

And on Account of Intereſt on the ſaid Mortgages, he Credits,

By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account ſettled the 14th of September laſt Year, —— —— —— —— —— £ 2,181 12 0

By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons ſince laſt Settlement, for Intereſt due on their ſeveral Mortgages taken, —— —— —— —— 472 7 2

£ 2,653 19 2

Which Sum of Two Thouſand Six Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Two-pence, remaining in the Hands of the ſaid Samuel Preſton Moore, we have counted.



Quotas

1772. September 19.

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| Quotas remaining as per Report of the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 4,047 14 0 |
| Of which Samuel Preſton Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee ſince that Time, and by them burnt and deſtroyed as above-mentioned, | | | 876 0 0 |
| Quotas remaining due and to become due on Ninety-ſeven Mortgages, | | | £ 3,171 14 0 |

## STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the ſeveral COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

### *Philadelphia* County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treaſurer, Dr.

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| TO Balance remaining uncollected of the 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee, September 7, 1771, | | | | £ 2,607 15 10¾ |
| To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not received and adjuſted by County Commiſſioners, | | | 2 10 2¾ | |
| To Amount of Tax received, (not before accounted for,) | | | 4 7 9 | |
| | | | | £ 2,614 13 10 |

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| By ſundry Charges, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by County Commiſſioners, viz. Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | | | £ 100 8 3 |
| By Caſh paid two Commiſſioners Orders for Tax double charged, | £ 0 19 6 | | |
| Clerks Fees, | 10 0 0 | | |
| Sundry Diſburſements, | 2 5 6 | | |
| | | £ 13 5 0 | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | |
| 1771. Oct. 3. Six Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds 14/11½ | £ 639 14 11½ | | |
| Dec. 13. Seven Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds 10/2½ | 761 10 2½ | | |
| 1772. Jan. 11. Five Hundred and Thirteen Pounds 18/6 | 513 18 6 | | |
| Feb. 27. Two Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds 10/. | 261 10 0 | | |
| April 2. One Hundred and Eighty-two Pounds 16/. | 182 16 0 | | |
| Aug. 5. Eighty-five Pounds Two Shillings, | 85 2 0 | | |
| Sept. 3. Thirty-one Pounds 11/2 | 31 11 2 | | |
| | | 2,476 2 10 | |
| | | | 2,489 7 10 |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 2,489 7 10, at 20/. per Cent, | | | 24 17 9 |
| | | | £ 2,614 13 10 |

### On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

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| TO the whole Amount of ſaid Tax, | | | | £ 12,231 13 0 |

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| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting ſaid Tax, as ſettled by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, | £ 399 7 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 295 15 7¾ | | |
| | | £ 695 3 1¾ | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 32 8 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors Fees, | 124 0 0 | | |
| Townſhip and Ward Aſſeſſors Fees, | 120 15 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees, | 67 12 0 | | |
| Stationary and ſundry Diſburſements, | 35 0 7 | | |
| | | £ 379 15 7 | |
| 1772. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | |
| May 29. Twelve Hundred and Ninety-four Pounds 2/2½ | £ 1,294 2 2½ | | |
| June 10. Eight Hundred and Forty-two Pounds 5/5½ | 842 5 5½ | | |
| July 14. Eleven Hundred and Twenty-ſix Pounds 3/10 | 1,126 3 10 | | |
| 21. Fourteen Hundred and Ninety-ſix Pounds 4/3½ | 1,496 4 3½ | | |
| Aug. 18. Eleven Hundred and Forty-three Pounds 13/3½ | 1,143 13 3½ | | |
| Sept. 4. Eleven Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds 1/8 | 1,135 1 8 | | |
| | | 7,037 10 9 | |
| | | £ 7,417 6 4 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 7,417 6 4, at 20/. per Cent, | | 74 3 5½ | |
| | | | 7,491 9 9½ |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | 4,045 0 0¾ |
| | | | £ 12,231 13 0 |

*Bucks*

*Bucks* County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *Paul Preston*, Treasurer, Dr. 1772. *September* 19.

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

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| TO Balance remaining uncollected of the said Tax, as settled by the Committee, September 4, 1771, | | £ 700 0 1 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 25 4 6 | |
| Collectors Fees, | 19 10 9 | |
| | £ 44 15 3 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 0 18 0 | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | |
| Sept. 1. Six Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds 17/1 | 647 17 1 | |
| | £ 648 15 1 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 648 15 1, at 20/. per Cent, | 6 9 9 | |
| | 655 4 10 | |
| | | £ 700 0 1 |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

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| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | £ 2,495 7 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 2 5 0 | |
| Collectors Fees, | 42 9 0 | |
| | £ 44 14 0 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 31 1 0 | |
| County Assessors Fees, | 34 5 0 | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | 61 0 0 | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. | 29 11 6 | |
| | £ 155 17 6 | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | |
| June 5. Four Hundred and Sixty-six Pounds 19/2 | £ 466 19 2 | |
| 13. Seven Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds 3/. | 733 3 0 | |
| Sept. 3. Two Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds 18/4 | 273 18 4 | |
| | 1,474 0 6 | |
| | £ 1,629 18 0 | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1,629 18 0, at 20/. per Cent, | £ 16 5 11½ | |
| Mileage, | 0 13 0 | |
| | 16 18 11½ | |
| | £ 1,646 16 11½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | 803 16 0½ | |
| | | £ 2,495 7 0 |

*Chester* County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *James Gibbons*, Dr.

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

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| TO Balance uncollected on said Tax, as settled by the Committee Sept. 7, 1771, | £ 2,655 11 5½ | |
| To an Omission of Tax now brought in, | 0 15 1½ | |
| | | £ 2,656 6 7 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those formerly settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 63 14 7 | |
| County Commission. County Assessors and Clerks Fees, £ 28 1 3 | | |
| Township Assessors Fees, 25 10 0 | | |
| £ 53 11 3 | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | |
| 1771. Nov. 28. Six Hundred and Twenty-three Pounds 13/. £ 623 13 0 | | |
| 29. Seventeen Pounds, 17 0 0 | | |
| 1772. Jan. 3. Five Hundred and Ten Pounds 11/6 510 11 6 | | |
| May 28. One Thousand and Sixty-two Pounds 19/2 1,062 19 2 | | |
| Twenty-five Pounds 17/6 25 17 6 | | |
| Sept. 2. Two Hundred and Seventy-three Pounds 6/2½ 273 6 2½ | | |
| 2,513 7 4½ | | |
| | 2,566 18 7½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 2,566 18 7½, at 20/. per Cent, | 25 13 4½ | |
| | | £ 2,656 6 7 |

*Chester*

1772. September 19.

*Cheſter* County for the Provincial Tax, Continued.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO the full Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | £ 4,130 16 9 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſame, as ſettled by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 92 7 7 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 103 5 5 | | |
| | | £ 195 13 0 | |
| County Commiſſioners, County Aſſeſſors and Clerks Fees, | £ 123 3 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors Fees, | 83 6 3 | | |
| | £ 206 9 3 | | |
| 1772. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, Sept. 2. One Thouſand and Sixty-four Pounds 3/6½ | 1,064 3 6½ | | |
| | | 1,270 12 9½ | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,270 12 9½, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | £ 12 14 1½ | | |
| Mileage, | 0 12 0 | | |
| | | 13 6 1½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | 2,651 4 10 | |
| | | | £ 4,130 16 9 |

*Lancaſter* County, for the Provincial Tax, 1771, *Michael Diffenderfer*, Treaſurer.

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO Balance uncollected of ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the Committee September 9, 1771, | | | £ 509 10 10 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| 1772. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | |
| May 18. Five Hundred Pounds, | £ 500 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 7. Four Pounds Ten Shillings, | 4 10 0 | | |
| | | £ 504 10 0 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 504 10 0, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | 5 0 10 | |
| | | | £ 509 10 10 |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO the full Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | £ 3,531 18 6 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting ſaid Tax, as ſettled by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 199 16 3 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 83 6 4 | | |
| | | £ 283 2 7 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 59 13 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors Fees, | 72 5 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors Fees, | 120 5 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. | 24 10 0 | | |
| | £ 276 13 0 | | |
| 1772. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, Sept. 7. Two Thouſand and Sixty-three Pounds 19/1 | 2,063 19 1 | | |
| | | 2,340 12 1 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 2,340 12 1, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | £ 23 8 1 | | |
| Mileage, | 1 13 0 | | |
| | | 25 1 1 | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | 883 2 9 | |
| | | | £ 3,531 18 6 |

On Account of Monies due to the Province from ſundry County Commiſſioners, County Aſſeſſors, and others, received by Virtue of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 21ſt of *March* laſt, Dr.

| | | | | | | |
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| TO Caſh received of the following Perſons, viz. | | | | Brought forward, | £ 336 | 14 0 |
| Jacob Carpenter, | £ 13 | 19 | 0 | Adminiſtrators of John Hay, deceaſed, | 2 | 5 0 |
| Michael Hubley, | 13 | 10 | 0 | Adminiſtrators of William Jones, ditto, | 21 | 16 6 |
| Robert Spear, | 69 | 7 | 6 | Executors of Henry Walter, deceaſed, | 29 | 12 0 |
| Henry Weaver, | 68 | 5 | 0 | Joſhua Anderſon, | 10 | 10 0 |
| Frederick Stone, | 60 | 2 | 6 | George M'Collough, | 37 | 10 0 |
| Eſtate of Iſaac Meyer, deceaſed, | 5 | 0 | 0 | James Gibbons, | 33 | 15 0 |
| Adam Ort, | 37 | 0 | 0 | Iſaac Saunders, | 8 | 6 1 |
| Caleb Johnſon, | 12 | 0 | 0 | James Wilſon, | 59 | 10 0 |
| John Carpenter, | 32 | 10 | 0 | Michael Grimes, | 5 | 10 0 |
| John Hopſon, | 12 | 10 | 0 | John Smith, | 43 | 2 6 |
| William Davis, | 12 | 10 | 0 | Caſper Core, | 12 | 10 0 |
| | | | | George Leonard, | 41 | 7 0 |
| Carried forward, | £ 336 | 14 | 0 | | | £ 642 8 |

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| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| 1772. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, Sept. 7. Six Hundred and Thirty-ſix Pounds and Eleven-pence, | £ 636 0 11 | | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 636 0 11, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | 6 7 2 | | |
| | | | £ 642 8 |

*York*

*York* County, for Provincial Taxes, Dr. 1772. September 19.

On Account of the Tenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance due from the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer, as reported by the Committee last Year, — £ 455 14 7½
Of which no Part has been paid.

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee Sept. 17, 1770, and again reported last Year, — £ 233 0 0
Of which no Part has been paid.

On Account of Taxes due from Estates of Non-Residents, Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee Sept. 17, 1770, and again reported last Year, — £ 321 14 0½
Of which also no Part has been paid.

*York* County, *Michael Swoope*, Esq; Treasurer.

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee last Year, — £ 21 5 0½

CONTRA Cr.
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — £ 21 5 0½

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Balance uncollected on said Tax, as settled by the Commissioners last Year, — £ 575 14 0

CONTRA Cr.
By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled by County Commissioners, viz.
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — £ 33 0 10½
Collectors Fees, — 35 7 6
£ 68 8 4½
County Commissioners, County and Township Assessors and Clerks Fees, — £ 26 15 1
By Cash paid two Commissioners Orders, for Tax formerly overpaid — 3 17 11
1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.
Feb. 13. One Hundred and Forty Pounds 6/7 £ 140 6 7
May 27. Two Hundred Pounds, — 200 0 0
Sept. 12. One Hundred and Thirty Pounds 15/3½ 130 15 3½
14. Ten Shillings and Four-pence, — 0 10 4
471 12 2½
502 5 2½
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 502 5 2½, at 20*s.* per Cent, — 5 0 5
£ 575 14 0

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the full Amount of the said Tax, — £ 1,519 12 4

CONTRA Cr.
By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.
Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. — £ 61 5 3
County Commissioners Fees, — £ 30 2 0
County Assessors Fees, — 27 5 0
Township Assessors Fees, — 98 12 6
Clerks Fees, — 27 15 0
By Cash paid three Commissioners Orders for Tax overpaid, — 4 7 0
1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.
May 27. Two Hundred and Twenty Pounds, — £ 220 0 0
Sept. 12. Four Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds 3/3 436 3 3
656 3 3
844 4 9
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 844 4 9, at 20*s.* per Cent, £ 8 8 10
Mileage, — 2 5 0
10 13 10
Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding — 603 8 6
£ 1,519 12 4

1772. *Cumberland* County, for Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

*September* 19. On Account of the 10th, 11th and 12th *Eighteen-penny* Taxes.

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| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 840 16 10¼ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges, &c. exclusive of those formerly settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | £ | 10 16 0 | | |
| Ditto on Non-Residents 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | 65 19 2 | | |
| Ditto on Ditto 11th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | 103 9 6 | | |
| Ditto on Ditto 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | 135 1 8 | | |
| | | | | £ 315 6 4 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | 4 2 11½ | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | | | |
| Sept. 14. Ninety-one Pounds Four Shillings and 6½d. | | | | 91 4 6½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 91 4 6½, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | | 0 19 3 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding | | | | 429 3 9¼ | |
| | | | | | £ 840 16 10¼ |

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

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| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 788 1 6½ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges, &c. exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | £ | 1 15 0 | | |
| Ditto on Non-Residents on 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | 124 10 2 | | |
| | | | | £ 126 5 2 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | 5 11 0½ | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| Aug. 24. Thirty Pounds, | | £ | 30 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 14. One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds 11/5, | | | 122 11 5 | | |
| Seven Shillings and Two-pence, | | | 0 7 2 | | |
| | | | | 152 18 7 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 152 18 7, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | | 1 10 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | | 501 16 3 | |
| | | | | | £ 788 1 6½ |

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

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| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 1,051 5 6 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges, &c. exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, | | £ | 58 17 4 | | |
| Ditto on Non-Residents on 14th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | 123 4 9 | | |
| | | | | £ 182 2 1 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | 16 0 0½ | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | | £ | 3 15 0 | | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| July 13. One Hundred and Two Pounds 12/7, | £ 102 12 7 | | | | |
| Aug. 24. One Hundred and Fifty-Pounds, | 150 0 0 | | | | |
| Sept. 14. One Hundred and Forty-nine Pounds 9/11, | 149 9 11 | | | | |
| Ten-pence, | 0 0 10 | | | | |
| | | | 402 3 4 | | |
| | | | | 405 18 4 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 405 18 4, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | | 4 1 2 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | | 443 3 10½ | |
| | | | | | £ 1,051 5 6 |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

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| TO the full Amount of the said Tax, | | | | | £ 1,214 5 0 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, | | | | £ 12 1 9 | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | 2 1 6½ | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 35 11 0 | | | | |
| County Assessors Fees, | 34 10 0 | | | | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | 89 15 0 | | | | |
| Clerk and for Stationary, | 40 0 0 | | | | |
| | | £ | 199 16 0 | | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| June 6. One Hundred and Eight Pounds 2/9½, | £ 108 2 9½ | | | | |
| Aug. 24. Forty-nine Pounds 10/6, | 49 10 6 | | | | |
| Sept. 14. Twenty-five Pounds 16/2, | 25 16 2 | | | | |
| | | | 183 9 5½ | | |
| | | | | 383 5 5½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 383 5 5½, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | £ | 3 16 8 | | |
| Mileage, | | | 3 0 0 | | |
| | | | | 6 16 8 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | | 809 19 7 | |
| | | | | | £ 1,214 5 0 |

*Berks*

*Berks* County, for Provincial Taxes, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer. 1772. September 19.

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 4, 1770, | | £ 13 12 1 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | |
| Sept. 2. Thirteen Pounds Nine Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, | £ 13 9 4½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 13 9 4½, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 0 2 8½ | |
| | | £ 13 12 1 |

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
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| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 4, 1771, | | £ 100 15 5 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | |
| Sept. 1. Ninety-nine Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six-pence, | £ 99 15 6 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 99 15 6, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 0 19 11 | |
| | | £ 100 15 5 |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

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| TO the full Amount of the said Tax, | | | £ 1,216 2 6 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 48 13 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 29 6 1 | | |
| | | £ 77 19 7 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 34 3 0 | | |
| County Assessors Fees | 25 0 0 | | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | 51 0 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees and sundry Disbursements, | 32 19 7 | | |
| | £ 143 2 7 | | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | |
| Sept. 1. Nine Hundred and One Pounds Sixteen Shillings 7*d.* | 901 16 7 | | |
| | | 1,044 19 2 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,044 19 2, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 10 18 11½ | | |
| Mileage, | 1 9 0 | | |
| | | 12 7 11½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 80 15 9½ | |
| | | | £ 1,216 2 6 |

*Northampton* County, for the Provincial Tax, 1772, *John Wagle*, Treasurer.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO the full Amount of the said Tax, | | | £ 1,039 7 4 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies allowed for Insolvents, | £ 1 6 9 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 25 19 8 | | |
| | | £ 27 6 5 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 29 3 6 | | |
| County Assessors Fees, | 31 17 6 | | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | 55 10 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees and Qualifying, | 35 7 6 | | |
| | £ 151 18 6 | | |
| 1772. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| May 6. Three Hundred and Sixty-two Pounds, | £ 362 0 0 | | |
| 20. One Hundred and Fifty-four Pounds 10*s.* | 154 10 0 | | |
| 21. Fifty Pounds, | 50 0 0 | | |
| June 17. Two Hundred Pounds, | 200 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 8. Eighty-two Pounds 2*s*4, | 82 2 4 | | |
| | 848 12 4 | | |
| | | 1,000 10 10 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,000 10 10, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 10 0 1 | | |
| Mileage, | 1 10 0 | | |
| | | 11 10 1 | |
| | | | £ 1,039 7 4 |

STATE

1772. September 19. STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the EXCISE on *Spirituous Liquors* in the ſeveral Counties, *viz.*

The Eſtate of *Joſeph Stretch*, deceaſed, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 628 15 1½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, at ſundry Times, | £ 210 9 0 | | |
| Commiſſions on £ 210 9 0, at 5 per Cent, | 10 10 5 | | |
| Balance due, ſaid to be outſtanding, | 407 15 8½ | | |
| | | | £ 628 15 1½ |

*William Criſpin*, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO Balance due, as ſettled by the Committee September 7, 1771, | £ 196 17 3 | | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1771, to July 1, 1772, | 3,161 11 4 | | |
| To Amount of Caſh Entries from the 10th of April laſt to the 1ſt of July, | 143 3 4 | | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, | 429 9 8 | | |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | 38 15 0 | | |
| | | | £ 3,969 16 7 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, at ſundry Times, | £ 3,582 0 6 | | |
| By his Commiſſions at 5 per Cent, | 179 2 0 | | |
| | £ 3,761 2 6 | | |
| Balance due, ſaid to be outſtanding, | 208 14 1 | | |
| | | | £ 3,969 16 7 |

*John Woolſton*, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

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| TO Amount of Exciſe from the 1ſt of July, 1771, to the 1ſt of July, 1772, | £ 339 5 0 | | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, | 97 10 0 | | |
| To a Moiety of a Fine, | 1 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ 437 15 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, at ſundry Times, | £ 393 19 8 | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | 43 15 4 | | |
| | | | £ 437 15 0 |

*Charles Humphreys*, Collector for *Cheſter* County, Dr.

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| TO Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1771, to July 1, 1772, | £ 869 5 8 | | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, | 110 15 0 | | |
| | | | £ 980 0 8 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, at ſundry Times, | £ 882 0 8 | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | 98 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ 980 0 8 |

*Sebaſtian Graff*, Collector for the County of *Lancaſter*, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO Balance, as ſettled by the Committee September 10, 1771, | £ 213 7 2 | | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from the 1ſt of July, 1771, to the 1ſt of July, 1772, | 530 1 9 | | |
| To ſundry Retailers per Annum, | 247 12 8 | | |
| To a Moiety of ſundry Fines and Forfeitures, | 28 3 4 | | |
| | | | £ 1,019 4 11 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Inſolvents, &c. as per Liſt, for whom the Exciſe was accounted for in the Years 1770 and 1771, | £ 12 14 10 | | |
| 1772. Sept. 7. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | 607 10 0 | | |
| By his Commiſſions at 10 per Cent, | 60 15 0 | | |
| Balance due, ſaid to be outſtanding, | 338 5 1 | | |
| | | | £ 1,019 4 11 |

*Jacob Billmeyer*, Junior, Collector for *York* County, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO Balance due, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | £ 96 19 10 | | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from Auguſt 1, 1771, to Auguſt 1, 1772, | 304 14 10 | | |
| To a Moiety of a Seizure, | 10 3 10 | | |
| | | Carried forward, | £ 411 18 6 |

*Jacob Billmeyer*, Junior, Collector for *York* County, Continued. 1772.

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| Debit brought over, | | | £ 411 | 18 6 |
| *September* 19. | | | | |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, | £ 258 | 10 0 | | |
| By Allowance made William Sinclair, having retailed only 3 Months, last Year, | £ 2 | 5 0 | | |
| Ditto Allin Simpson, who absconded, | 3 | 0 0 | | |
| Ditto Margaret Nelson, ditto, | 3 | 0 0 | | |
| | 8 | 5 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 25 | 17 0 | | |
| Balance due, said to be outstanding, | 119 | 6 6 | | |
| | | | £ 411 | 18 6 |

THOMAS BEARD, Collector for the County of Cumberland, hath not appeared, nor sent his Account, either for the present or for the two preceding Years, but We find by the Report of former Committees, That he had paid into the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| before September, 1770, | £ | 36 2 6 | |
| And from thence till September, 1771, | | 87 0 0 | |
| Since which he has further paid, | | 81 9 9 | |
| | | | £ 204 12 3 |

*Jasper Scull*, Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 47 | 5 5 |
| To Amount of Excise from August 14, 1771, to August 14, 1772, | £ 426 | 9 1 | | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | 80 | 13 7 | | |
| To a Moiety of sundry Seizures, | 21 | 2 1 | | |
| | 528 | 4 9 | | |
| | | | £ 575 | 10 2 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, | £ 400 | 0 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 40 | 0 0 | | |
| Balance due, said to be outstanding, | 135 | 10 2 | | |
| | | | £ 575 | 10 2 |

*Jesse Jones*, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 2, 1771, | | | £ 12 | 10 9 |
| To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1771, to July 1, 1772, | £ 185 | 9 6 | | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | 19 | 9 0 | | |
| To a Moiety of two Seizures, | 11 | 11 8 | | |
| | 216 | 10 2 | | |
| | | | £ 229 | 0 11 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, | £ 191 | 1 6 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 19 | 2 2 | | |
| Balance due, said to be outstanding, | 18 | 17 3 | | |
| | | | £ 229 | 0 11 |

## STATE of other ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

*Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Building and Supporting a Light-House at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia from August 28, 1771, to August 31, 1772, | | £ 1,669 4 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, | £ 1,566 4 7 | |
| Commissions on £ 1,666 4 0, at 6 per Cent, | 99 19 5 | |
| | | £ 1,669 4 0 |

THOMAS COOMBE, Collector of Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves, hath not exhibited his Account for this Year; but we find a Balance due to the Province, as settled by the Committee last Year, the Sum of Seventeen Pounds Ten Shillings and Six-pence,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | £ | 17 10 6 |
| Since which he has paid the Provincial Treasurer, | | 100 18 0 |

*Joseph Fox*, Barrack-Master in *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash paid him by Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, | £ | 1,291 9 0½ |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Fire-Wood, Candles, Small-Beer, &c. &c. from September 4, 1771, to September 12, 1772, | £ | 1,291 9 0½ |

1772. *William Bowsman*, Barrack-Maſter in *Lancaſter*, Dr.

*September* 19. TO Caſh received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, — — — — £ 107 7 3

CONTRA — — — Cr.
By Amount of his Account for Neceſſaries ſupplied the Soldiers quartered in Lancaſter, in Fire-Wood, Candles, Small-Beer, &c. from the 4th of September, 1769, to the 14th of September, 1772, — £ 107 7 3

## Commiſſioners appointed by Act of Aſſembly, for Supporting the Light-Houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance in their Hands, as ſettled by the Committee September 19, 1770, | | | £ 413 11 7 | |
| To Caſh paid them by the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| 1770. Dec. 20. Five Hundred Pounds, | £ 500 0 0 | | | |
| 1771. April 9. Five Hundred and Forty Pounds, | 540 0 0 | | | |
| Dec. 20. Five Hundred Pounds, | 500 0 0 | | | |
| 1772. July 16. Eleven Hundred and Fifty Pounds, | 1,150 0 0 | | | |
| | | 2,690 0 0 | | |
| | | | | £ 3,103 11 7 |

CONTRA — — — — Cr.

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| By Commiſſions on former Diſburſements, at 5 per Cent, allowed by the Aſſembly, | £ 111 17 0 | |
| By Amount of their Account of Oil, &c. and maintaining the Lights from September 1770, to September 10, 1772, per Vouchers produced, — | 930 4 10 | |
| By Wages to James Dryborough and John Hitchcock, for their Attendance, and keeping the Lights during that Time, — — — | 260 0 0 | |
| By Caſh paid for the Principal of one Certificate diſcharged, — — | 600 0 0 | |
| By ditto paid for Intereſt of the ſeveral Certificates, — — | 630 8 3 | |
| Balance remaining in the Hands of the Commiſſioners, excluſive of Commiſſions, which is left to the Houſe, — — — — | 571 1 6 | |
| | | £ 3,103 11 7 |

NOTE. In the Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for Building and Supporting the Light-Houſe, &c. ſettled with Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, laſt Year, in the Sum of £ 1,316 18 4, paſſed to his Credit, was included a Payment of £ 276 18 4, in Purſuance of a Draught on him by the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, which Sum of £ 276 18 4, remains to be accounted for by the ſaid Wardens.

## *Joſeph Galloway*, on Account of the Road leading to the *Province* Iſland, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1763. TO Caſh paid him by the Provincial Treaſurer, — — | £ 75 0 0 | | |
| Balance due to Joſeph Galloway, — — — | 0 12 6 | | |
| | | | £ 75 12 6 |

CONTRA — — — Cr.

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|---|---|---|
| 1771. By Caſh paid ſundry Perſons for Surveying and Clearing the ſaid Road — | £ 15 12 6 | |
| By ditto paid Thomas Wharton, — — — | 60 0 0 | |
| | | £ 75 12 6 |

## On Account of Wood ſupplied the Houſe of Aſſembly, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh paid him by the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, — | £ 82 10 0 | | |
| Balance due to Joſeph Galloway, — — — | 13 8 9 | | |
| | | | £ 95 18 9 |

CONTRA — — — Cr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid for Wood at ſundry Times, for three Years paſt, — | £ 95 6 3 | |
| By the above Balance brought down, — — — | 0 12 6 | |
| | | £ 95 18 9 |

## *Luke Morris*, *Thomas Wharton* and *Samuel Morris*, jun. under the Direction of the Truſtees of the *Province* Iſland, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1770. TO Caſh paid them by Joſeph Galloway, being the Money in his Hands, | | | | |
| June 11. which he received for Rent of the Province Iſland, and reported laſt Year by the Committee as unaccounted for, — — | | £ 120 0 0 | | |
| To Caſh paid them by the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, | | | | |
| 1770. One Hundred Pounds, — — — — | | 100 0 0 | | |
| 1771. Three Hundred Pounds, — — — — | | 300 0 0 | | |
| Balance due to the ſaid Luke Morris and others, — — | | 70 5 6½ | | |
| | | | | £ 590 5 6½ |

CONTRA — — — — Cr.

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|---|---|
| By their Account of ſundry Diſburſements in making and filling a Wharf, and making a Road on the Province Iſland, — — — — — — | £ 590 5 6½ |

*Samuel*

*Samuel Penrose*, Dr. 1772. *September* 19.

1771. March 6. TO 11 Months Rent of the Province Island, due this Day, at £ 401, per Annum, £ 367 11 8
1772. Sept. 6. To 1½ Year's Rent, due this Day, 601 10 0
To 9 Months Interest on £ 570, being the Amount of the new Building erected, 25 13 0
£ 994 14 8

CONTRA Cr.
By Amount of his Account for sundry Disbursements in Building a Kitchen, Barn, and repairing the House, &c. £ 719 9 1
Balance due to the Province, 275 5 7
£ 994 14 8

The Estate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as settled by the Commissioners of the respective Counties, Dr.

TO Balance of their Accounts, settled by the Committee of Assembly last Year, £ 2,348 19 8¾
To the Amount of their 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, as follows, viz.
For Philadelphia County, £ 144 6 0
Bucks County, not brought in.
Chester County, not brought in.
Lancaster County, 115 0 3
York County, 48 14 6
Cumberland County, not brought in.
Berks County, 131 0 6
Northampton County, 126 4 1
Bedford County, not brought in.
£ 565 5 4
£ 2,914 5 0¾

CONTRA Cr.
By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, £ 2,348 19 8¾
Balance due to the Province, exclusive of their Tax in the several Counties not returned, 565 5 4
£ 2,914 5 0¾

*Jonas Seely*, late Treasurer of *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as reported by the Committee of Assembly in the Years 1770 and 1771, being the Remainder of the £ 625 13 10, said to be outstanding of the Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, and of the preceding Taxes, as reported by the Committee, September 19, 1768, £ 60 18 3½
Balance due to Jonas Seely, 13 11 10
£ 74 10 1½

CONTRA Cr.
By sundry Charges attending the Collecting the said Eleventh Eighteen-penny Tax, exclusive of those formerly adjusted, as settled by the County Commissioners November 18, 1771, viz.
Deficiencies for Insolvents, £ 22 12 10½
Collectors Fees, 27 16 0
£ 50 8 10½
Cash paid nine Orders of the County Commissioners, £ 18 16 3
County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 575 4 11½, at 20*s.* per Cent, 5 15 0
£ 24 1 3
£ 74 10 1½

STATE of the ACCOUNTS of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, *viz.*

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage, per Act of Assembly, passed 1758, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee the 21st of September, 1769, £ 2 10 7½
Which Sum of £ 2 10 7½ remains in his Hands.

On Account of the *Province* Island, Dr.

THERE remains a Balance due to Owen Jones, as settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, and reported last Year, £ 2 17 3

NOTE. The One Hundred and Twenty Pounds, paid into the Hands of Joseph Galloway, Esq; in the Year 1770, for Rent of the Province Island, and last Year reported, is now accounted for in the Accounts herewith delivered of Luke Morris, Thomas Wharton and Samuel Morris, Junior, who had received the same of Joseph Galloway.

On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, £ 100 18 0

CONTRA Cr.
By Bills of Credit delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, £ 100 8 0
By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, 0 10 0
£ 100 18 0

State

1772. *September* 19.

State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, Continued.

On Account of the Act for Granting £ 24,000, to the King's Use, passed 1763, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 21, 1770, Which Sum remains in his Hands. | | £ 701 11 0 |

On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships for Building and Supporting the Light-House at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, | £ 597 6 7½ | | |
| To Cash received of Thomas Coombe in several Payments, | 1,566 4 7 | | |
| | | £ 2,163 11 2½ | |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Commissioners, at sundry Times, | £ 1,650 0 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 8 10 0 | | |
| | £ 1,658 10 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 505 1 2½ | | |
| | | £ 2,163 11 2½ | |

On Account of the Act for Raising and Supplying the Sum of £ 3,000, towards removing *Indian* Discontents, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 21, 1770, Which Sum remains in his Hands. | £ 3 9 0 |

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, | | £ 1,691 17 5 | |
| To Cash received of the Estate of Joseph Stretch, deceased, | £ 210 9 0 | | |
| William Crispin, Collector for Philadelphia County, | 3,582 0 6 | | |
| John Woolston, Collector for Bucks County, | 393 19 8 | | |
| Charles Humphreys, Collector for Chester County, | 882 0 8 | | |
| Sebastian Graff, Collector for Lancaster County, | 607 10 0 | | |
| Jacob Billmeyer, Collector for York County, | 258 10 0 | | |
| Thomas Beard, Collector for Cumberland County, | 81 9 9 | | |
| Jasper Scull, Collector for Berks County, | 400 0 0 | | |
| Jesse Jones, Collector for Northampton County, | 191 1 6 | | |
| | | £ 6,607 1 1 | |
| | | | £ 8,298 18 6 |

| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Isaac Pearson, Abel James, Charles Humphreys and Samuel Rhoads, attending the Press printing the £ 15,000, last Year, | £ 12 0 0 | | |
| By ditto paid Joseph Fox, Isaac Pearson and Michael Hillegas, for attending the Press printing the £ 25,000, | 35 10 0 | | |
| By ditto paid Philip Syng, altering the Devices, &c. for printing the £ 25,000, | 6 15 0 | | |
| | | £ 54 5 0 | |
| By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed May 20, 1767, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000, raised for the Support of Government, | £ 1,742 0 0 | | |
| By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 16,000, raised for ditto, | 2,625 18 0 | | |
| By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 9, 1771, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 7,000, in the same Act mentioned, | 3,001 0 0 | | |
| By Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 21, 1772, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 25,000 raised for the Support of Government, | 480 11 9 | | |
| | | 7,849 9 9 | |
| By his Commissions at 5 per Cent, | | 395 3 9 | |
| | | | £ 8,298 18 6 |

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of John Montgomery for Cumberland County, | | £ 91 4 6½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 91 0 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 4 6½ | |
| | | £ 91 4 6½ |

State

State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, Continued. 1772. *September* 19.

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Christopher Wittman for Berks County, | | | | £ 13 9 4½ | |
| To ditto of John Montgomery for Cumberland County, viz. | | | | | |
| 1771. Sept. 27. Sixty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings, | £ | 62 12 0 | | | |
| 1772. Aug. 24. Thirty Pounds, | | 30 0 0 | | | |
| Sept. 14. One Hundred and Twenty-two Pounds 18/7 | | 122 18 7 | | | |
| | | | 215 10 7 | | |
| | | | | £ 228 19 11½ | |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt | | | £ 228 8 7 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5/. per Cent | | | 0 11 4½ | | |
| | | | | £ 228 19 11½ | |

The Payment of £ 62 12 0, made by John Montgomery for Cumberland County, having not been made known to us at the Settlement of his Account, the same must be carried to next Year's Settlement with the said John Montgomery.

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 21, 1771, | | | | £ 6,767 3 0 | |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes for Philadelphia County, | £ | 2,476 2 10 | | | |
| Paul Preston for Bucks County | | 647 17 1 | | | |
| James Gibbons for Chester County | | 2,513 7 4½ | | | |
| Michael Diffenderfer for Lancaster County | | 504 10 0 | | | |
| Michael Swoope for York County | | 471 12 2½ | | | |
| John Montgomery for Cumberland County | | 402 3 4 | | | |
| Christopher Wittman for Berks County | | 99 15 6 | | | |
| | | | 7,115 8 4 | | |
| | | | | £ 13,882 11 4 | |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt | | | £ 13,847 17 3 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5/. per Cent | | | 34 14 1 | | |
| | | | | £ 13,882 11 4 | |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes for Philadelphia County | | £ 7,037 10 9½ | | |
| Joseph Chapman for Bucks County | | 1,474 0 6 | | |
| James Gibbons for Chester County | | 1,064 3 6½ | | |
| Michael Diffenderfer for Lancaster County | | 2,063 19 1 | | |
| Michael Swoope for York County | | 656 3 3 | | |
| John Montgomery for Cumberland County | | 183 9 5½ | | |
| Christopher Wittman for Berks County | | 901 16 7 | | |
| John Wagle for Northampton County | | 848 12 4 | | |
| | | | £ 14,229 15 6½ | |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt | | £ 7,825 14 9¾ | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5/. per Cent | | 19 11 3¼ | | |
| Balance due to the Province | | 6,384 9 6 | | |
| | | | £ 14,229 15 6½ | |

On Account of the Honourable the Proprietaries, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Edmund Physick | | | £ 2,348 19 8¾ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 2,343 2 2¾ | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5/. per Cent | 5 17 6 | | |
| | | £ 2,348 19 8¾ | |

On Account of Monies due from sundry Commissioners, Assessors, *&c.* of *Lancaster* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Michael Diffenderfer | | | £ 636 0 11 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt | £ 634 9 2 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5/. per Cent | 1 11 9 | | |
| | | £ 636 0 11 | |

On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £ 16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, | | £ 695 0 5 |
| | Debit carried forward, | £ 695 0 5 |

1772. State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, Continued.

*September* 19. On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £ 16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | £ | 695 0 5 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid the following Orders, viz. | | | |
| Robert Erwin | £ 19 14 8 | | |
| Hugh Roberts | 1 3 10 | | |
| Michael Hillegas | 2 1 4 | | |
| | £ 22 19 10 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent | 0 2 4 | | |
| Balance due to the Province | 671 18 3 | | |
| | | £ | 695 0 5 |

On Account of the Act for raising £ 15,000, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, passed *March* 9, 1771, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled with the Committee September 20, 1771, £ 14,730 12 3½

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid the following Orders, viz. | | | | Brought forward | £ | 1,465 3 4 |
| John Palmer | £ | 500 | 0 0 | John Britton | | 44 16 3 |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; | | 416 | 7 1 | Wetherill and Cresson | | 55 3 3½ |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; | | 18 | 1 2 | John Palmer | | 500 0 0 |
| John Britton | | 19 | 0 0 | Samuel Rhoads, junior | | 12 7 3 |
| William Dunwick | | 20 | 1 3 | John Morton, Esq; | | 140 0 0 |
| Thomas Palmer | | 112 | 7 3 | John Inglis | | 4 7 8 |
| William Pennell | | 34 | 6 7 | John Palmer | | 500 0 0 |
| John Morton, Esq; | | 100 | 0 0 | Ditto | | 800 0 0 |
| John Crozier and Edward Bonsall | | 50 | 0 0 | John Morton, Esq; | | 134 6 3 |
| John Morton, Esq; | | 60 | 0 0 | John Palmer | | 800 0 0 |
| John Crozier and Edward Bonsall | | 95 | 0 0 | William Rush | | 1 8 5½ |
| Elijah Dow | | 40 | 0 0 | Samuel Levis | | 7 2 3 |
| Carried forward | £ | 1,465 | 3 4 | | £ | 4,464 14 9 |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent | | | | | | 11 3 2 |
| Balance due to the Province | | | | | | 10,254 14 4½ |
| | | | | | £ | 14,730 12 3½ |

On Account of the Act passed *March* 14, 1762, appropriating £ 5,000, for defraying *Indian* Treaties, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Accounts, being the Balance of the said £ 5,000, which Balance they received of the Trustees of the Loan-Office £ 977 16 3

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid the following Orders & Certificates, viz. | | | | Brought forward | £ | 401 0 7 |
| Andrew M'Nair | £ | 28 | 2 9 | Joseph Fox and Abel James, Esqrs. | | 16 15 6 |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; per Order | | 161 | 8 7 | Gordon and Traxler | | 15 12 4 |
| Andrew M'Nair | | 34 | 19 5 | Lewis Gordon | | 7 16 6 |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; | | 46 | 9 10 | James and Drinker | | 125 0 0 |
| Joseph Fox and Abel James, Esqrs. | | 30 | 0 0 | Joseph Fox, Esq; | | 38 4 0 |
| Josiah Franklin Davenport | | 100 | 0 0 | Commissioners of Berks County | | 13 12 0 |
| Carried forward | £ | 401 | 0 7 | | £ | 618 0 11 |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent | | | | | | 3 1 10 |
| Balance due to the Province | | | | | | 356 13 6 |
| | | | | | £ | 977 16 3 |

On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated by Act passed *May* 14, 1762, to purchase certain Lots of Ground, adjoining the State-House Lot, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Accounts, being the Balance of the said £ 5,000, which Balance they received of the Trustees of the Loan-Office £ 1,056 15 6

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid the following Orders, viz. | | | |
| Daniel Richards | £ 19 1 9 | | |
| Lewis Brahl | 27 16 11 | | |
| Daniel Richards | 1 11 8 | | |
| | £ 48 10 4 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent | 0 4 10 | | |
| Balance due to the Province | 1,008 0 4 | | |
| | | £ | 1,056 15 6 |

## On Account of Parliamentary Grants.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Accounts, being the Residue of the said Grants, which they received of the Trustees of the Loan-Office £ 2,083 18 8¼

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On

State of the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, continued. 1772.

On Account of the Act for raising £ 25,000, for the Support of Government, Dr. *September* 19.

TO Cash received of the Committee of Assembly, struck in Pursuance of the said Act, in Part — £ 21,094 2 0

CONTRA

| | | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz. | | | | | | | |
| Samuel Rhoads, Esq; | £ | 13 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; for Poor at Wyoming | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| The Honourable Richard Penn, Esq; two Certificates | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Judah Foulke | | 23 | 15 | 9 | | | |
| William Parr | | 20 | 19 | 2 | | | |
| Andrew M'Nair | | 19 | 18 | 0 | | | |
| John Lawrence, Esq; | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Overseers of the Poor | | 75 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Isaac Pearson, Esq; | | 12 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| David Hall | | 5 | 12 | 1 | | | |
| Hall and Sellers | | 101 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Michael Hillegas, Esq; | | 13 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; | | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Commissioners for clearing Delaware | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £ 500 Sterl. Exchange 62½ per Cent | | 812 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Charles Moore | | 224 | 5 | 6 | | | |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto Ditto | | 27 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Carried forward | £ | 3,669 | 15 | 6 | | | |
| Amount brought forward | £ | 3,669 | 15 | 6 | | | |
| Benjamin Chapman, Esq; | | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| William Allen, Esq; | | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| William Sheed | | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Shippen, Postages of Letters | | 6 | 1 | 1 | | | |
| Ditto ditto Warrants and Certificates | | 20 | 3 | 6 | | | |
| Ditto ditto Clerk of Council | | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; Committee of Accounts | | 12 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Ditto ditto Barrack-Master | | 60 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| William Sheed | | 7 | 12 | 6 | | | |
| Edward Duffield | | 20 | 7 | 6 | | | |
| David Rittenhouse | | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Andrew Allen, Esq; | | 75 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| The Contributors for encouraging the Culture of Silk | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Abel James, Esq; | | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; the Judges Expences on the Circuit | | 44 | 0 | 10 | | | |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; the Judges Expences on ditto | | 20 | 11 | 3 | | | |
| Edmund Physick | | 18 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| | £ | 5,487 | 8 | 2 | | | |
| By Amount of £ 4,000, granted to his Majesty for the Support of his Troops, quartered in this Province, as per Act passed the 21st of March last | | 4,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | £ | 9,487 | 8 | 2 | | | |
| By his Commissions on £ 5,487 8 2, at 5*s.* per Cent | | 13 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| Balance due to the Province | | 11,592 | 19 | 6 | | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 21,094 2 0 |

## On Account of the £ 4,000, granted to his Majesty for the Support of his Troops in Quarters, as per Act passed *March* 21, 1772, Dr.

TO the Amount of the said Sum appropriated as aforesaid — £ 4,000 0 0

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| | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master of Philadelphia, in several Payments | £ | 1,291 | 9 | 0½ | | |
| By ditto paid William Bowsman, Barrack-Master of Lancaster, in several Payments | | 107 | 7 | 3 | | |
| | £ | 1,398 | 16 | 3½ | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent | | 3 | 9 | 11 | | |
| Balance due to the Province | | 2,597 | 13 | 9½ | | |
| | | | | | £ | 4,000 0 0 |

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Thirty-six Thousand One Hundred and Sixty Pounds Two Shillings and Six-pence One Farthing, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act passed 1758, | £ | 2 | 10 | 7½ | |
| On Account of the £ 24,000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, | | 701 | 11 | 0 | |
| On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for Support of the Light-house at Cape Henlopen, | | 505 | 1 | 2½ | |
| On Account of the £ 3,000, appropriated for removing Indian Discontents | | 3 | 9 | 0 | |
| On Account of the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk and destroyed according to Law | | 6,384 | 9 | 6 | |
| On Account of the £ 16,000, granted for Support of Government per Act passed the 18th of February, 1769, | | 671 | 18 | 3 | |
| On Account of the £ 15,000, granted for the Defence of the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed March 9, 1771, | | 10,254 | 14 | 4½ | |
| On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated per Act passed March 14, 1762, for defraying of Indian Treaties | | 356 | 13 | 6 | |
| On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated per Act passed March 14, 1762, for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-House Lot | | 1,008 | 0 | 4 | |
| On Account of the Residue of the Parliamentary Grants, &c. which remains to be exchanged into Bills of Credit of this Province, to be burnt and sunk according to Law | | 2,083 | 18 | 8¼ | |
| On Account of the £ 25,000, granted for Support of Government, per Act passed the 21st of March, 1772, | | 11,592 | 19 | 6 | |
| On Account of the £ 4,000, appropriated for Support of his Majesty's Troops in Quarters, &c. per Act passed March 21, 1772, | | 2,597 | 13 | 9½ | |
| | £ | 36,162 | 19 | 9¼ | |
| And there appears a Balance due to him on Account of the Province Island | | 2 | 17 | 3 | |
| | | | | | £ 36,160 2 6¼ |

Which Sum of £ 36,160 2 6¼, we have carefully counted.

WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £ 14,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of — £ 253 16 7½

Which Sum we have sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law.

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WE have likewiſe received of the Treaſurer appointed by the Commiſſioners elected by Virtue of the Act, paſſed in the Ninth Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, entituled, "*An Act for Regulating, Pitching, Paving and Cleanſing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of* Philadelphia," the Sum of Eight Hundred Pounds, being the firſt Year's Payment of the Eight Thouſand Pounds, Part of the Fifteen Thouſand Pounds raiſed by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed March 9, 1771; which Eight Hundred Pounds being of the Bills of Credit of the laſt mentioned Act, we have ſunk, burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, —— —— —— £ 800 0 0

THE Amount of the Paper Bills of Credit, burnt, and deſtroyed in the Preſence of the Committee of Aſſembly this Year, is Thirty-four Thouſand Eight Hundred and Fifty Pounds, Six Shillings and Four-pence Half-penny, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of the Quotas received by Samuel Preſton Moore, on the Mortgages in his Hands, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office —— | | £ 876 0 0 | |
| On Account of the Provincial Taxes —— —— | £ 24,970 12 0 | | |
| On Account of Negro Duty —— —— | 100 8 0 | | |
| | | 25,071 0 0 | |
| On Exciſe, as follows, viz. | | | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, iſſued by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed May 20, 1767, Part of the £ 20,000 —— —— | £ 1,742 0 0 | | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, iſſued by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed February 18, 1769, Part of the £ 16,000, —— —— | 2,625 18 0 | | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, iſſued by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed March 9, 1771, Part of the £ 7,000, in the ſaid Act mentioned —— | 3,001 0 0 | | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, iſſued by Act of Aſſembly paſſed March 21, 1772, Part of the £ 25,000, —— —— | 480 11 9 | | |
| | | 7,849 9 9 | |
| On Account of the £ 14,000, iſſued by Act of Aſſembly paſſed February 18, 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit of that Emiſſion —— —— | | 253 16 7½ | |
| On Account of the £ 8,000, Part of the £ 15,000, iſſued by Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 9th of March, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emiſſion, received of the Treaſurer appointed by the City Commiſſioners, as before mentioned, —— —— —— —— | | 800 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 34,850 6 4½ |

## DEBTS OUTSTANDING, due to the Province, *viz.*

### On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| FROM Philadelphia County, on the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— | | £ 4,045 0 0½ | |
| Bucks County, ditto ditto —— —— | | 803 16 0½ | |
| Cheſter County, ditto ditto —— —— | | 2,651 4 10 | |
| Lancaſter County, ditto ditto —— —— | | 883 2 9 | |
| Beſides the uncollected Monies due from County Commiſſioners, County Aſſeſſors, &c. of Lancaſter County on the Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 21ſt of March laſt. | | | |
| York County, viz. | | | |
| on the 10th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— | £ 455 14 7¼ | | |
| on the 12th ditto —— —— | 233 0 0 | | |
| on Eſtates of Non-Reſidents, as reported laſt Year | 321 14 0½ | | |
| on the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— | 21 5 0½ | | |
| on the 15th ditto —— —— | 603 8 6 | | |
| | | 1,635 2 2¼ | |
| Cumberland County, viz. | | | |
| on the 12th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— | £ 429 3 9¼ | | |
| on the 13th ditto —— —— | 501 16 3 | | |
| on the 14th ditto —— —— | 443 3 10½ | | |
| on the 15th ditto —— —— | 809 19 7 | | |
| | | 2,184 3 5¼ | |
| Berks County, on the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— | | 80 15 9½ | |
| The Honourable the Proprietaries —— —— | | 565 5 4 | |
| Excluſive of Taxes in ſeveral Counties not brought in. | | | |

### On Account of Exciſe, *viz.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From the Eſtate of Joſeph Stretch, deceaſed, late Collector for Philadelphia County —— —— —— | £ 407 15 8½ | |
| William Criſpin, preſent Collector for ditto —— | 208 14 1 | |
| Sebaſtian Graff, Collector for Lancaſter County —— | 338 5 1 | |
| Jacob Billmeyer, Collector for York County —— | 119 6 6 | |
| Thomas Beard, Collector for Cumberland, remains unſettled. | | |
| Jaſper Scull, Collector for Berks County —— | 135 10 2 | |
| Jeſſe Jones, Collector for Northampton County —— | 18 17 3 | |
| | 1,228 8 9½ | |

ALSO,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From the Commiſſioners appointed by Law for ſupporting the Light-Houſe at Cape Henlopen —— —— —— | 571 1 6 | |

### Beſides the following Debts, reported laſt Year, *viz.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From the Commiſſioners appointed by Law for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill —— —— | £ 22 0 7½ | |
| The Eſtate of Richard Pearne, deceaſed, —— | 1,818 5 11 | |
| The Commiſſioners of the Indian Trade —— | 3,056 5 3 | |
| | 4,896 11 9½ | |
| | | £ 18,979 7 2½ |
| And there remains a Balance, due to Jonas Seely, as per Account herewith, | —— | £ 13 11 10 |

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A regular Adjuſtment of the Provincial Tax for Bedford County is not yet come to Hand, nor do we find that any Money has been paid into the Provincial Treaſury by the Treaſurer of that County.

The Collectors of Exciſe for the Counties of Bedford and Northumberland have not rendered any Accounts, nor do we find that either have paid any Monies into the Provincial Treaſury.

*All which is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe, by*

*September* 17, 1772.

JOSEPH FOX,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
ABEL JAMES,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
ISAAC PEARSON."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Roſs* wait on the Governor and acquaint him that the Houſe incline to adjourn this Afternoon, if he has no Objection thereto, and requeſt to know at what Hour they ſhall attend his Honour to enact the Supply Bill into a Law.

The Members return and report they had waited on the Governor and delivered their Meſſage according to Order, and that his Honour being then in the Council-Chamber was pleaſed to ſay he ſhould be ready to paſs the Supply Bill before him at Twelve o'Clock.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *James*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to collect from the Minutes of the Houſe and report ſuch Matters as may be proper to be recommended to the Conſideration of the next Aſſembly.

The Secretary delivered a verbal Meſſage from his Honour, requeſting a Liſt of the Certificates, Draughts and Orders made payable out of the Supply Bill before him, which Liſt being immediately drawn at the Table was examined and ſent up accordingly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to declare* " *and make void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, " *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and acquainted the Houſe that he could not agree to paſs the ſame into a Law.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Support of the* " *Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts*," to which his Honour had given his Aſſent, and delivered the following verbal Meſſage, *viz.*

" SIR,

" The Governor is in the Council-Chamber and requires the Attendance of Mr. Speaker " and the Houſe to enact the Supply Bill returned with his Aſſent into a Law."

The Speaker then, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and preſented a Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Support* " *of the Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts*," to which the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into a Law.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Sellers* and Mr. *Roſs* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Law and the ſame depoſited in the Rolls Office.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Bill paſſed in the Forenoon, reported the ſame had been done according to Order, and the ſaid Law depoſited in the Rolls Office.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners for the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to declare and make* " *void the pretended Marriage of* Rebecca Vanakin *with a certain* John Martin, *and for* " *other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," be furniſhed by the Clerk of Aſſembly with Copies of the ſeveral Depoſitions taken by the Committee of the Houſe relative to the ſaid Marriage, in caſe they ſhall requeſt and pay for the ſame.

The Committee appointed Yeſterday to examine the Journals of the Houſe, and collect from thence ſuch Matters as have been left unfiniſhed and may require the Attention of the next Aſſembly, made Report thereof in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed for the Purpoſe above-mentioned, beg Leave to report the following Particulars as proper to be recommended to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly, *viz.* Report of the Committee.

The Application from divers Inhabitants of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Counties for Relief on account of their Loſſes under Colonel *Wilkins*.

The Application of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaſter* for divers Regulations in the ſaid Borough.

A Bill for the Aſſignment of Dower.

A Bill to improve the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* and the County of *Lancaſter*, relative to public Roads and inland Navigation.

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The Petition of *Myer Hart*, of *Eaſton*, in the County of *Northampton*, Shop-Keeper.
The Petition of *Henry Moſſer*, of *Lancaſter* County.
The Petition of the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*.
The Petition of *Mary Bewley*, *Iſaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, relative to Title-Deeds.
The Petition of *William Martin*, relative to ditto.
The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting Vendues.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

MICHAEL SWOOPE, ABEL JAMES,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOHN BROWN,
HENRY CHREIST, ISAAC PEARSON,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, GEORGE ROSS."
SAMUEL RHOADS,

*September* 19, 1772.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the large Balances reported by the Committee of Accounts to be due and uncollected of the public Taxes,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do uſe his beſt Endeavours to oblige the Officers of the ſeveral Counties concerned in collecting the public Revenues to procure the Balances outſtanding, and to enforce the more regular and due Collection of the enſuing Taxes.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of the Houſe deliver a Copy of the above Order to the Provincial Treaſurer.

*Ordered*, That the Recovery of the Money due to the Public from the Eſtate of *Richard Pearne*, deceaſed, be earneſtly recommended to the next Aſſembly.

The Committee for Incidental Expences preſented a written Report thereon to the Chair, which being examined and the Accounts therein referred to allowed by the Houſe, Mr. Speaker in the Chair ſigned the ſeveral Orders and Certificates for Payment of the Wages of the Members and their Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers and other contingent Charges of the paſt Year; a Liſt whereof is hereunto annexed.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to the Thirtieth Inſtant.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1772.

Incidental Expences.

| | £ | s | d |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Eſq; Lieutenant Governor, | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; Agent for the Province, in *London*, his Salary for the preſent Year, £ 500 Sterling. | | | |
| To *William Allen*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Province, | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Eſq; one of the Aſſiſtant Judges | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; ditto | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; for Extra Services to the Houſe, | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To ditto, the Balance of his Account of Wood for the Houſe, | 13 | 8 | 9 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Eſq; Attorney General, | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts 22 Days, at 10*ſ.* per Diem, | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Eſq; for ditto—20 Days, at ditto | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for ditto—22 Days, at ditto | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Shoemaker*, Eſq; for ditto—3 Days, at ditto | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Abel James*, Eſq; for ditto—21 Days, at ditto | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſq; for ditto—19 Days, at ditto | 9 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of the Aſſembly, and for tranſcribing and engroſſing Laws, Votes, and Proceedings of the Houſe, Meſſages, *&c. &c. &c.* | 255 | 10 | 6 |
| To *Joſeph Shippen*, Eſq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To ditto, for Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, *&c.* and for Stationary for the Governor and Council, | 15 | 18 | 10 |
| To ditto, for *Indian* Expences, | 3 | 14 | 7 |
| To *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; his Salary as Barrack-Maſter, | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Bowſman*, ditto as ditto at *Lancaſter*, | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Aſſiſtant Clerk to the Houſe, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Lightfoot*, Eſq; for his Services and Diſburſements in viewing the Waters of *Suſquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Lehеigh*, as per Account, | 28 | 7 | 5 |
| To *John Sellers*, Eſq; for his Services and Diſburſements on the ſame Duty, as per Account, | 20 | 12 | 10 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Eſq; for ſundry Expences, *&c.* for the ſame Service, as per Account, | 18 | 8 | 4 |
| To Mr. *David Rittenhouſe*, for Inſtruments ſupplied to the Committee on the above Service, | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Amount carried forward, | £ 2,200 | 6 | 3 |

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| Amount brought forward, | £ 2,200 | 6 | 3 | 1772. |
| To ditto, for his Attendance with Mr. *Rhoads* 6 Days on the above Service, | 3 | 0 | 0 | *September* 19. |
| To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care, *&c.* of the State-House Clock, | 23 | 3 | 0 | |
| To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* | 233 | 10 | 6 | |
| To Mr. *David Hall*, for Stationary for the Use of the House, —— | 7 | 8 | 1 | |
| To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing the Votes, *&c.* of Assembly, — | 69 | 14 | 0 | |
| To *Robert Erwin*, for moving Earth into the State-House Yard, — | 7 | 4 | 4 | |
| To *Lawrence Shiney*, for ditto, as per Account, —— —— | 0 | 17 | 4 | |
| To *Robert Erwin*, for 20 Cords of Hickory Wood for the Use of the House, | 30 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Andrew M'Nair*, for 80 Days Attendance as Doorkeeper to the House, at 4*s.* per Diem, —— —— —— —— | 16 | 0 | 0 | |
| To ditto, for his Services in cleaning the State-House, *&c.* —— | 8 | 0 | 9 | |
| To ditto, for *Indian* Expences, and Attendance from *April* 11, 1772, to *August* 31, inclusive, —— —— —— | 18 | 7 | 4 | |
| To *William Sheed*, his Salary as Serjeant at Arms to the House, — | 10 | 0 | 0 | |
| To ditto, for Extra Services to the Committee of Grievances, —— | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| To ditto, as Doorkeeper to the Council, —— —— | 4 | 15 | 0 | |
| To *William Parr*, Esqr's Account for recording Laws, —— | 25 | 5 | 6 | |
| To *Edmund Physick*, Esqr's Account for affixing the Great Seal to Laws, *&c.* | 18 | 3 | 0 | |
| To *Henry William Steigel*, a Gratuity for his Glass Manufacture, — | 150 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Judah Foulke*, Esq; Sheriff, for Expences in apprehending certain Persons charged with Murder, —— —— —— | 23 | 15 | 9 | |
| To *Michael Coon*, for sawing Wood for the State-House, — — | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| | £ 2,853 | 10 | 10 | |

WE, the Committee for Incidental Expences, have examined the several Accounts above-mentioned, and find them charged as usual.

THOMAS LIVEZEY,
JOHN BROWN,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
JOHN MONTGOMERY,
EDWARD BIDDLE."

*September* 19, 1772.

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## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1772, *P. M.*

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.* *October* 14. *Post Meridiem*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
*Israel Jacobs,*
*Henry Pawling,*
*Jonathan Roberts,*
*Michael Hillegas,*
*Samuel Rhoads,*
*Joseph King,*
*Joseph Parker,*
*George Gray.*

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
*Samuel Shoemaker,*
*Thomas Mifflin.*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*John Foulke,*
*William Rodman,*
*Henry Krewsen,*
*John Brown,*
*Joseph Galloway.*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*Benjamin Chapman,*
*Joseph Ellicott,*
*Peter Shepherd.*

For the County of *Chester.*
*Charles Humphreys,*
*Isaac Pearson,*
*John Morton,*
*John Jacobs,*
*John Minshall,*
*James Hockley,*
*George Ashbridge,*
*Benjamin Bartholomew.*

For the County of *Lancaster.*
*Joseph Ferree,*
*Jacob Carpenter,*
*Isaac Whitelock,*
*James Webb.*

For the County of *York.*
*James Ewing,*
*John Pope.*

For the County of *Cumberland.*
*William Allen,*
*John Montgomery.*

For the County of *Berks.*
*Edward Biddle,*
*Henry Chreist.*

For the County of *Northampton.*
*William Edmonds.*

For the County of *Bedford.*
*William Thompson.*

For the County of *Northumberland.*
*Samuel Hunter.*

A Quorum

1772. October 14. A Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, they proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; was, by a great Majority, choſen Speaker for the enſuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that, purſuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, have proceeded to chuſe a Speaker for the enſuing Year, and requeſt to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleaſed to receive the Houſe, that they may preſent their Speaker.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 15. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be in the Council-Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-day, to receive the Houſe with their Speaker.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

SIR,

" The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, and requires the " Attendance of the Houſe, to preſent their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on the Governor and preſented their Speaker, whom his Honour had been pleaſed to approve, and that he (the Speaker) had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the Houſe, claimed their uſual Privileges, *viz.*

*Firſt*, That the Members of the Houſe, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propoſitions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may at all ſeaſonable Times have free Acceſs to the Governor, the better to enable them to diſcharge the Buſineſs of the Public.

*Thirdly*, That their Perſons and Eſtates may be free from all Arreſts, Moleſtations and Injuries during the Time of accuſtomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleaſed to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in this Houſe, until the ſame ſhall be paſſed into a Reſolve, nor give the leaſt Credit to ſuch Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Miſtakes may be excuſed and not imputed to the Houſe, but that he may have Liberty of reſorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the ſame to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the juſt and indefeaſible Rights and Privileges of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania* in General Aſſembly met, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charters of the ſaid Province, and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, they were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the Houſe, in which they might always rely on his Protection.

The Qualification appointed by Law to be taken by Members of Aſſembly, and the Teſt of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and ſubſcribed, firſt by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards at the Table by the Members preſent in their Order.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. Three Petitions from *Abraham Mitchell*, *Peter Robeſon*, and *Benjamin Davis*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, each praying to be appointed Collector of the Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors in the County of *Philadelphia*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Iſaac Hunt*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed to the Office of Clerk of Aſſembly for the enſuing Year.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Five Petitions from *Humphrey Marſhall*, *Adam Grubb*, *Eliſha Jones*, *Caleb Peirce* and *Joel Baily*, of the County of *Cheſter*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, each praying to be appointed Collector of Exciſe in the ſaid County.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe then proceeding as uſual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the enſuing Year,

*Reſolved*, *N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this Houſe for the enſuing Year. And he took and ſubſcribed the uſual Qualification accordingly.

*Reſolved*, *N. C. D.* That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed Aſſiſtant-Clerk to this Houſe for the enſuing Year. And he took and ſubſcribed the uſual Qualification accordingly.

*Reſolved*, *N. C. D.* That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*,

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*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Door-Keeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *King*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Chreist*, and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other public Accounts for the ensuing Year, and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House for the ensuing Year before they are printed.

*Resolved*, That the said Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed with all convenient Dispatch, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be allowed for his Services at the Rate of *Five Hundred Pounds* Sterling for the first Six Months, and at the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds* Sterling for the Remainder of the Year.

*Resolved*, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the said Borough for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *William Crispin*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Philadelphia* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Bucks* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Charles Humphreys*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Chester* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Sebastian Graaf* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Lancaster* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Henry Miller* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *York* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Thomas Baird* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Cumberland* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Jasper Scull* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Berks* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Jesse Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Northampton* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Thomas Urie* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Bedford* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Thomas Lemon* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Northumberland* for the ensuing Year.

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correspondence prepare a Draught of a Letter to the Agent for this Province in *London*, to be brought in To-morrow Morning.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the House incline to adjourn some Time To-morrow to the first *Monday* in *January* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *October* 16.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of a Letter to *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; Agent for this Province in *London*, reported they had made an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be transcribed.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had some Business to lay before the House, which he should communicate by a Message immediately.

1772. *October* 16. The Rules for better regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members being read by Order as uſual, were agreed to be obſerved.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed to demand and collect the Fines ariſing upon any Breach of the ſaid Rules, for the Benefit of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to procure a Catalogue, to be taken of all the Books in the Aſſembly Library, to number the ſame, and place them in proper Order.

The Letter to the Agent being tranſcribed according to Order, was again read, ſigned by the Speaker and Committee, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

SIR, *Philadelphia, October* 16, 1772.

Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence to the Agent in *London*.

WE tranſmit incloſed the Reſolves of the Houſe, appointing us their Committee of Correſpondence, and you their Agent to tranſact the Affairs of this Province in *Great-Britain*, for the enſuing Year.

The Inſtructions, given by former Aſſemblies, reſpecting the Trade and Commerce, and other the general Rights and Liberties of *America*, have been ſo full and explicit, that nothing material occurs in Addition to them. We have therefore only to deſire, in Caſe any Meaſures ſhould be purſued that may by any Means affect them, that you would exert your utmoſt Endeavours in Oppoſition, and that, on the Contrary, ſhould any Thing offer which may ſeem likely to reſtore that Harmony between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies, ſo neceſſary to their mutual Safety and Happineſs, that you will promote it by every Means in your Power.

We are alſo ordered to inform you, that the Houſe taking into their Conſideration your Salary for the enſuing Year, have reſolved, that you ſhall be allowed at the Rate of *Five Hundred Pounds* Sterling *per Annum* for the firſt Six Months, and afterwards at the Rate of *Three Hundred Pounds* Sterling. We are,

*Your aſſured Friends*,

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON."

*To* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, *Eſq*; *Agent for the Province of* Pennſylvania *in* London.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Minſhall* be a Committee to confer with the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia* reſpecting the Building a Market-Houſe for the Accommodation of Country People bringing their Produce to Market.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief in reſpect to the late Act of Aſſembly for preventing Frauds in the Manufacturing of Leather. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Samuel Dothy Hamilton*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table for further Conſideration.*

*A verbal* MESSAGE *by the Secretary.*

Averbal Meſſage by the Secretary.

'SIR,

'THE Governor commands me to lay before the Houſe a Letter he received a few 'Days ago from Sir *Ralph Payne*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the '*Leeward Iſlands*, acquainting him with the extreme Diſtreſs the Inhabitants of the 'ſaid Iſlands are reduced to, occaſioned by a moſt violent Hurricane in the Month of '*Auguſt* laſt; and to inform the Houſe, that if they are diſpoſed to take any Meaſures 'for their Relief, he will moſt chearfully concur with them therein.'

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's verbal Meſſage by the Secretary, together with the Letter from his Excellency Sir *Ralph Payne*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Chreiſt* wait on the Governor, and deliver the following verbal Meſſage, *viz.*

SIR,

Verbal Meſſage to the Governor from the Houſe.

WE are commanded by the Houſe to inform your Honour, in Anſwer to your verbal Meſſage of this Morning, that they have taken into their Conſideration the Letter from Sir *Ralph Payne*, Captain General and Governor in Chief of the *Leeward Iſlands*, and very ſincerely commiſerate the extreme Diſtreſs the Inhabitants of thoſe Iſlands are reduced to by the late violent Hurricane; but as they find that your Honour has wiſely purſued the moſt proper Meaſure to relieve them by your late Proclamation,

and

and that in Consequence thereof a Number of Vessels with Provisions and other Necessaries has already sailed, and more will soon depart from this Port to those Islands, the House have no Doubt but the unhappy Sufferers will be supplied, and the good Intention of Sir *Ralph Payne's* Letter effectually answered by those Means." 1772. October 16.

*Ordered*, That the said Members do also enquire whether the Governor concurs in the Adjournment of the House proposed to him this Morning.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to agree with and purchase from Mr. *David Hall* Fifty complete Sets of the three first Volumes of the Votes of the Assemblies of this Province.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the verbal Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Objection to the proposed Adjournment of the House.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the 4th of *January* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

1773.

MR. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *January* 4. Adjournment

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night. *January* 5.

Mr. *Ellicot* and Mr. *Whitelock*, this Day appearing in the House the first time since their Election, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Representatives being met, agreeable to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

A Petition from the Commissioners, Assessors and other Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, presented to the Speaker in the Recess of the Assembly, and now laid before the House, was read by Order, setting forth, that on the Second of *December* last *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; late a Member for the said County, died, and praying that an Order may issue to the Provincial Secretary for electing another in the room of the said deceased Member.

*Resolved*, That an Order be issued for the said Purpose, and that the Clerk prepare the same, to be signed by the Speaker in the Afternoon.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to inspect the Laws of the Province, with the Minutes of the late Assembly, and report such of the said Laws as are near expiring, together with the several Matters left unfinished by that Assembly, and recommended to the Consideration of this House.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to communicate to the House, but should be ready to receive any they may think proper to lay before him.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* for an additional Representative in Assembly, was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster*, respecting the Killing of Deer out of Season contrary to Law, was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

A Petition from *John Dicks*, of the County of *Chester*, Taylor, for a Law to divorce him from the Bond of Marriage with his Wife, late *Mary Culin*, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Copy of his Order to the Provincial Secretary, requiring him to issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County of *Lancaster* for the Election of a new Member for the County of *Lancaster*, in the room of *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; lately deceased, which was read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

PENNSYLVANIA, *ss.*

BY a Resolve of Assembly of this Day, I am impowered and directed to order the Provincial Secretary, that he do issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County of *Lancaster* for the Election of a Member to serve as a Representative in this Assembly for the said County of *Lancaster*, in the room of *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; lately deceased: Therefore, by Virtue of the said Resolve, and in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly in that Case made and provided, I do require that a Writ be issued to the Sheriff of the said County for the Purpose aforesaid, according to the Direction of the said Law. Dated at *Philadelphia*, this Fifth Day of *January*, *Anno Domini*, 1773. An Order from the Speaker to the Provincial Secretary.

*To* JOSEPH SHIPPEN, Esq; *Provincial Secretary.*

JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

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1773. *January* 6. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws of the Province, and the Minutes of the late Aſſembly, *&c.* made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Report from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws, *&c.*

THE Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws of the Province, with the Minutes of the late Aſſembly, and report ſuch of the Laws as are near expiring, together with the ſeveral Matters left unfiniſhed by that Aſſembly, and recommended to the Conſideration of this Houſe, beg Leave to report, that on inſpecting the ſaid Minutes they find the late Houſe, on the Sixteenth of *September* laſt, came to the following Reſolution, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe is of Opinion, that the emitting a Sum of Money on Loan is of the greateſt Importance to the Trade, Population and further Improvement of the Province; but not having ſufficient Time to prepare and paſs a Bill for that Purpoſe before the Houſe muſt riſe, the ſame is hereby earneſtly recommended to the ſerious Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

And we find a Committee of the late Aſſembly reported ſundry Matters left unfiniſhed that required the Attention of the next Aſſembly, *viz.*

The Application of divers Inhabitants of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland* Counties, for Relief on account of their Loſſes under Colonel *Wilkins*.

The Application of the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaſter*, for divers Regulations in the ſaid Borough.

A Bill for the Aſſignment of Dower.

A Bill to improve the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek.

The Petitions of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and County of *Lancaſter*, relative to public Roads and inland Navigation.

The Petition of *Myer Hart*, of *Eaſton*, in the County of *Northampton*, Shopkeeper.

The Petition of *Henry Moſſer*, of *Lancaſter* County.

The Petition of the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*.

The Petition of *Mary Bewley*, *Iſaac Bewley* and *John Shoemaker*, relative to Title-Deeds.

The Petition of *William Martin*, relative to Title-Deeds.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting Vendues.

And we find, that the late Houſe, on taking into Conſideration the large Balances reported by the Committee of Accounts to be due and uncollected of the public Taxes, ordered that the Provincial Treaſurer ſhould uſe his utmoſt Endeavours to oblige the Officers of the ſeveral Counties concerned in collecting the public Revenue, to procure the Balances outſtanding, and to inforce the more regular and due Collection of the enſuing Taxes; and that the Clerk ſhould deliver a Copy of the above Order to the Provincial Treaſurer.

We alſo find, that the Recovery of the Money due to the Public from the Eſtate of *Richard Pearne*, deceaſed, was earneſtly recommended to this Aſſembly.

Upon examining the Laws of the Province, it appears, that the Act directing the Choice of Inſpectors, and for holding General Elections in this Province, paſſed in 1766, will expire before the next General Election.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

*January* 6, 1773. SAMUEL RHOADS, JOHN BROWN,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER, ISAAC PEARSON."

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That if any Member, upon the Deciſion of a Queſtion, ſhall deſire to have the Yeas and Neas, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Journals of the Houſe, it ſhall be allowed.

*Reſolved*, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of this Aſſembly be reviſed by the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, and publiſhed Weekly.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Committee appointed by the late Houſe to reviſe the Laws and Votes of the Aſſemblies of this Province, in order to a more complete Edition thereof, reported the Propoſals of Meſſrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, and Mr. *Henry Miller*, of this City, for Reprinting the ſame.

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will purchaſe Three Hundred and Fifty Copies of the ſaid new Edition of the Laws of this Province, for the Uſe of the Public.

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will alſo purchaſe One Hundred Copies of the ſaid new Edition of the Votes and Proceedings of the Aſſemblies of this Province, for the Uſe of the Public.

*Ordered*, That the Committee above-mentioned do agree with the ſaid Printers on the beſt Terms they can for Reprinting the ſaid Laws and Votes with all convenient Diſpatch.

The Committee appointed to treat with and purchaſe from Mr. *David Hall* Fifty Sets of

of the three first Volumes of the Votes and Proceedings of the Assemblies of this Province, reported the same had been done according to Order, at the Price of *Three Pounds Ten Shillings* for each Set. 1773. *January* 6.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee do prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules for better regulating the Use of the Assembly Library.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on sundry Matters referred over by the late Assembly, after some Time spent therein, *January* 7.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on *Tuesday* next, in the Forenoon, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on the Subject of striking and emitting Bills of Credit on Loan, to provide a Fund for defraying the Expences of Government.

Upon Consideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the Borough of *Lancaster*, for Leave to bring in a Bill for establishing certain Regulations in the said Borough,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purposes expressed in their Petition.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Assignment of Dower.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners for a Law to improve the Navigation of *Shearman's* Creek have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

The Petition from *Myer Hart*, of *Easton*, Shopkeeper, to the late Assembly for Reimbursement of his Loss by a Boat Load of Wheat sunk in the River *Delaware*, being read, was, after due Consideration, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Creditors of *Richard Gardiner*, a Lunatic, was read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to enquire into the Insanity of the said *Gardiner*, and report thereon to the House.

The Petitions from *Mary Bewley*, *Isaac Bewley*, *John Shoemaker* and *William Martin*, respecting the Loss of Title-Deeds, being read by Order, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioners.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Ellicot*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Webb* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "*An Act "directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province.*"

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the County of *Northampton* for an additional Representative in Assembly, and after some Time spent therein, the Question being called for and put by the Speaker, Whether a Committee shall be appointed to prepare a Bill for granting to the County of *Northampton* another Representative in the Assembly of this Province?—*Carried in the Affirmative.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Hockley*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the said Purpose.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *John Dicks*, of *Chester* County, Taylor, was again read, and after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioner.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules for better regulating the Use of the Books in the Assembly Library, presented to the Chair an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 8.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "*An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General "Elections in this Province*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Draught of Rules for the Assembly Library brought in Yesterday, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the same do lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for granting an additional Representative to the County of *Northampton*, reported an Essay for that Purpose, entituled, "*A Sup-"plement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-West Part of* Bucks *into "a separate County*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

1773. *January* 8. *Poſt Meridiem* Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the building a Dam on* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and for making the ſaid Creek a public Highway,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on Matters recommended over by the late Aſſembly, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will take effectual Meaſures to recover from the Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceaſed, late Collector of the Duties of Tonnage, the Monies due from them to the Public, unleſs the ſame be paid forthwith into the Provincial Treaſury.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk of this Houſe do give Notice to the ſaid Securities of the above Reſolve.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act directing the Choice "of Inſpectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 11. *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act directing the Choice of Inſpectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 12. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *John Jacobs*, this Day appearing in the Houſe the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Inſanity of *Richard Gardiner*, purſuant to the Order for that Purpoſe, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report from the Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Inſanity of *Richard Gardiner*.

"WE, the Committee appointed to make Enquiry reſpecting the Inſanity of *Richard Gardiner*, now confined in the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, beg Leave to report, that, from our own Obſervation, and the Opinions of ſeveral Managers and Phyſicians of that Inſtitution, and in particular from a Certificate under the Hand of Doctor *Thomas Bond*, delivered herewith, we have no Doubt of ſaid *Gardiner's* being inſane.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
THOMAS MIFFLIN."

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The Certificate, delivered with the above Report, is as follows, *viz.*

"AT the Requeſt of the Committee of the Houſe of Aſſembly, I have carefully obſerved the Behaviour and Symptoms of Captain *Richard Gardiner*, now confined in the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital for Inſanity, and am convinced his rational Faculties are totally deranged, ſo that he now is, and has been for a conſiderable Time, in a State of Idiotiſm; as Witneſs my Hand,

*Philadelphia, January* 12, 1773. THOMAS BOND."

A Petition from *John Kells*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Germantown*, and the neighbouring Townſhips, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that ſeveral Perſons in that Neighbourhood have made it their Practice to go up many Miles in the Country, and on the public Roads that lead to *Germantown* and *Philadelphia*, to buy and contract for all the Rye-Meal and Butter, *&c.* which the Farmers intend to bring to the Markets of *Germantown* and *Philadelphia*, and having thus got into their Poſſeſſion that Sort of Meal which the *German* Families uſe to make their Bread of, they ſell the Meal at *Germantown* with the Advance of Three or Four Shillings in the Hundred Weight to the Houſekeepers, who are thereby unjuſtly deprived of the Benefit of the Markets;—that the Petitioners apprehend this Practice is at leaſt foreſtalling the Markets, if not at the ſame Time engroſſing, and that it ought to be diſcountenanced and ſuppreſſed by the Legiſlature of an *Engliſh* Country;—that although it ſeems as if by one Clauſe in the Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the 8th of *George* the firſt, entituled, "*An Act for encouraging the making of good Beer, and for the Conſumption*

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"*ſumption of Grain in this Province*," all the Statutes made in *Great-Britain* againſt Foreſtallers, Regraters and Engroſſers, had been extended to this Province, yet as this Act of Aſſembly is worded, it would be difficult to convict any Perſon upon the aforeſaid *Engliſh* Statutes, without proving that the Offenders, one with the other, had entered into ſuch Confederacy or Combination as in the ſaid Act of Aſſembly is made the Criterion of the Offence:—The Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that a clear and effectual Law of this Province may be paſſed for the ſuppreſſing and puniſhing the Offences of foreſtalling, regrating and engroſſing. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have been put to great Inconvenience by means of the high Rate ſettled by Act of Aſſembly for Wolves Heads, the Money raiſed by Taxation in the ſaid County being found inſufficient to defray this Expence, as a great Part of *Bedford* is very mountainous, improper for Settlements, and of Courſe a Place of Reſidence or Haunt for great Numbers of theſe and other wild Beaſts;—that between the *Tuſcarora* Mountain and *Ligonier* the Country is exceeding rough, and the Inhabitants ſo few, that, without Aſſiſtance from the Government, the Roads in that Part cannot be kept in ſuch Repair as to make them paſſable;—that from this Cauſe Travellers are often detained, the Trade of the Province in this Part obſtructed, and many People diſcouraged from ſettling over the *Allegany* Mountain:—That the Petitioners therefore pray, the Honourable Houſe would repeal or ſuſpend the afore-mentioned Act with reſpect to the County of *Bedford* for ſome Time to come, or moderate the Price of Wolves Heads, and grant ſuch other Relief in Regard to the Roads, as may appear to them moſt conducive to the Benefit of the ſaid County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Purſuant to the Reſolve of *Thurſday* laſt, (which was read by Order) the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, upon the Conſideration of ſtriking and emitting Bills of Credit on Loan, to provide a Fund for defraying the Expences of Government; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Aſhbridge* reported from the Committee, that they had taken into Conſideration the Buſineſs referred to them, but not having Time this Morning to come to a full Reſult thereon, they had ordered him to requeſt Leave for the Committee to ſit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to by the Houſe, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Order of the Forenoon being read, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of ſtriking and emitting Bills of Credit on Loan, to provide a Fund for defraying the Expences of Government, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Aſhbridge* reported from the Committee, that having finiſhed their Deliberations on the Matter before them, and come to ſome Reſolutions thereon, he was ordered to report the ſame whenever the Houſe may be pleaſed to receive them. *Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That the Reſolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Aſhbridge* then, according to Order, reported the ſaid Reſolutions, which he firſt read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the ſame were again read by Order, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be brought in for emitting on Loan the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, and to provide a Fund for the Payment of the Exigencies of Government.

*Reſolved*, That the People of each County ſhall have the Liberty of taking on Mortgage a Proportion of the Money within a certain Time, to be limited in the Bill.

*Reſolved*, That a Proviſion be made in the Bill to oblige each County of this Province to pay all Deficiencies, which may happen therein through any Defect in the mortgaged Premiſes.

*Reſolved*, That there ſhall be a Certificate of the Value of the Lands intended to be mortgaged, from the Commiſſioners of thoſe Counties in which there may be no Truſtees appointed, before any Monies ſhall be lent by the Truſtees.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *January* 13.

Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Hunter*, this Day appearing in the Houſe the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

The Reſolves of the Committee, reported Yeſterday, being again read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, agreeable to the foregoing Reſolves of the Committee, for emitting on Loan the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thouſand Pounds*.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the "Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-Weſt Part of the County of* Bucks *into "a ſeparate Couuty,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated, the Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the ſaid Bill ſhall be tranſcribed for a third Reading?—*Carried in the Negative.*

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| Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, | Mr. *Ferree*, | Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Ellicot*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Pope*, | Mr. *King*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Allen*, | Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Morton*, |
| Mr. *Krewſen*, | Mr. *Biddle*, | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Edmonds*, | Mr. *Shoemaker*, | Mr. *Hockley*, |
| Mr. *Aſhbridge*, | Mr. *Thompſon*, | Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, |
| Mr. *Minſhall*, | Mr. *Hunter*. | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Whitelock*. |
| | | Mr. *Brown*, | |

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Inſanity of *Richard Gardiner*, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing a Committee of Lunacy for the ſaid *Gardiner*.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* — The Petition from the County of *Lancaſter*, concerning the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon, was read the ſecond time, and, after ſome Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Traders and Inhabitants at *Pittſburg*, and others, Inhabitants on the Weſtern Frontier of *Pennſylvania*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Fortreſs of *Pittſburg* is ſoon to be demoliſhed and his Majeſty's Troops withdrawn from that Country;—that the Petitioners have great Reaſon to fear an *Indian* War will ſoon follow, if not be the immediate Conſequence;—that on ſuch Event the Situation of the Petitioners will be moſt deplorable,—their Lives and Properties expoſed to the Ravages of a mercileſs Enemy,—no Place of Safety in the whole Country to which they might retire with their Families and Effects, nor any Stock of Ammunition or Proviſions to enable them to repel ſuch Incurſions;—that the Savages, by poſſeſſing themſelves of the Paſſes in the Mountains, may prevent the Poſſibility of a Retreat into the interior Parts of the Province, and change this flouriſhing infant Settlement into a melancholy Scene of Blood and Deſolation:—The Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall appear moſt proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Berks* and *Northumberland* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that a Provincial Road has been laid out from the Town of *Reading* to Fort *Auguſta*, and praying Aſſiſtance towards the better opening and further improving the ſaid Road. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 14. — The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, to be emitted on Loan, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being in Part read the firſt time, the Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*Poſt Meridiem* — A Petition from *Chriſtopher Hanſell*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting* "*the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and* "*providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," which being read through the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Petition from the County of *Bedford*, reſpecting the Allowance on Wolves Heads, and praying Aſſiſtance for the opening and improving Roads in the ſaid County, was again read, and, after ſome Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 15. — The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a conſiderable Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying the Houſe will draw up and tranſmit to their Agent in *London* ſuch Repreſentations to the King and Parliament, as may be thought moſt effectual towards preventing the future Importation of Negroes into this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting* "*the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and* "*providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs,

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* — The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan*

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"*and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. 1773. *January* 15.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from sundry Inhabitants of *Germantown*, and the neighbouring Townships, was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions of *John Kells* and *Christopher Hansell*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, and, after some Time spent therein, referred the same to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and took up the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, concerning the pernicious Consequences of importing Negroes into this Province, which was again read, and, after some Debate thereon, referred to further Consideration. *January* 16.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *January* 18. *Post Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Return from the Sheriff of *Lancaster* County, certifying that, on the Thirteenth Instant, *George Ross*, Esq; was duly elected to serve in this Assembly as a Representative for the said County in the Room of *Jacob Carpenter*, Esq; lately deceased.

A Memorial and Petition from the Managers of the Corporation of Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, &c. was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that from a great Number of poor Persons admitted into the said House of Employment, (many of whom have no legal Settlement here, and therefore ought to be maintained at a Provincial Expence) the Managers find it difficult to support them, without laying a third Tax of *Three-pence* in the Pound, (two Taxes being already laid this Year and near expended) which from the present Decay of Trade, and other adventitious Circumstances, would occasion great Complaint, and be difficult to collect without Distress; and that the Memorialists understanding the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerned for the Prosperity of the Trade of the Province, have presented a Petition to the Honourable House, respecting the Regulation of the Sales of Goods or Merchandize at Auction or public Vendue, they pray, in Case the Prayer of the said Petition should be granted, and a Duty or Tax be thought proper to be laid on such Sales, that in the Appropriation of the Monies thence arising, the Poor of the City and Districts aforesaid may be esteemed Objects worthy the Attention of the House. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *Henry Mosser*, of *Lancaster* County, referred over by the late Assembly, and, after some Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Whitelock* and Mr. *Biddle* be a Committee to make Enquiry into the Matters set forth in the said Petition, and collect the Proofs to be obtained in Support of them, to be laid before the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 19. *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that they apprehend the very great Disadvantages the Trade of this Port now labours under by the Impediments occasioned by the Ice during the Winter Season, may in a great Measure be remedied by enacting a Law supplementary to the Act or Acts now in Force respecting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, and the Buoys in *Delaware* Bay, thereby impowering the Commissioners of the Light-house to erect Piers, and do other useful and necessary Things for securing and rendering more easy the Navigation of the Bay and River *Delaware* during the Severity of Winter; but in order to be more clearly understood, the Petitioners have annexed to their Petition a Plan of what they propose, humbly submitting the same to the Consideration of the House, and hoping they will afford the Commerce of this Country the Countenance and Protection due to an Object of so much Importance, by doing in the Premises what to them may appear best. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Mileisey*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Cuthbert*, of *West-Whiteland*, in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for supplying a Defect in his Title to certain Tracts of Land, occasioned by the Loss of several Deeds burnt with his Dwelling-house on the Twenty-seventh Day of *December*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-one. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Berks* and *Northumberland*, for Assistance in opening and better improving

1773. *January* 19. a public Road laid out from the Town of *Reading* to Fort *Auguſta*, and, after ſome Debate,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given by this Houſe for the ſaid Purpoſe, and that the ſame be paid into the Hands of *Thomas Wright*, *Joſeph Penroſe*, *Ellis Hughes*, *Samuel Hunter*, junior, and *Iſaac Willets*, late Commiſſioners for opening the ſaid Road, to be by them applied as above directed.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Biddle*.

Adjournment *January* 20. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was in Part read the third time, and compared, when the Queſtion being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether there ſhall be Five Truſtees appointed in the ſaid Bill?—it was reſolved in the Affirmative.

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| Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, | Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Shepherd*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Aſhbridge*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Allen*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Minſhall*, | Mr. *King*, | Mr. *Biddle*, |
| Mr. *Krewſen*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Shoemaker*, | Mr. *Edmonds*, |
| Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Ferree*, | Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Thompſon*, |
| Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Whitelock*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Hunter*. |
| Mr. *Ellicot*, | Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | |
| Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Pope*. | | |

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Bedford* County, near Fort *Pitt*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that as the King's Troops have been lately withdrawn from the ſaid Fort, the Petitioners apprehend themſelves to be in a dangerous Situation from the *Indians*, who may ſoon be expected to make Incurſions upon them in their preſent defenceleſs State, and praying the Protection of a few Troops to re-garriſon the ſaid Fort, for the better Security of the Petitioners and their Families.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in the third Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," and after ſome further Progreſs in the third Reading of the ſaid Bill, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," which being read through the third time, and the Names of the Truſtees inſerted,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and alſo the Bill for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "*An Act directing the Choice of Inſpectors*," &c. for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Commiſſioners of the Light-houſe to erect Piers in the River *Delaware*, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *John Cuthbert*, of *Weſt-Whiteland*, in the County of *Cheſter*, reſpecting certain Deeds loſt by Fire, and praying the Aid of the Legiſlature to ſupply the Defect in his Title, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner giveNotice in the public news-Papers, for Three Months at leaſt, of his having loſt the ſaid Deeds, and of his Application to this Houſe for a Remedy.

The Petition of *John Mileiſey*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Lancaſter* County, was read the ſecond time, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed Yesterday, and the Bill for making perpetual the Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, &c. reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration, and give them all the Dispatch in his Power.

The House taking into Consideration the Conveniency of another Market-house in the City of *Philadelphia*, after some Time spent therein,

*Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Want of an additional Market-House or Houses in the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Accommodation of the Inhabitants bringing their Produce to Market for the Supply of the said City, is a public Grievance.

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of the said City, be instructed to represent to them the said Grievance, and to confer with them on the best Mode of removing it in future, and to make Report to this House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones*, and *Lydia Stretch*, Widow of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, formerly a Security with the said *James* and *Lewis* of *Richard Pearne*, late Collector of the Duties of Tonnage, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Distress they must suffer if compelled to discharge the Sum in which they were bound on account of the said *Pearne*, and praying the House will exercise towards them such Tenderness as the peculiar Hardship of their Case may appear to require.

Upon the Consideration of the foregoing Petition,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompson* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to enquire into the Circumstances of the Petitioners, and report the same to the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January* 23.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County and City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, pointing out some Defects and Inconveniences that have, upon Experience, been discovered in the Act of Assembly lately passed, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*," and praying Relief therein, either by a total Repeal of the said Act, or such Amendments of the exceptionable Parts, as may be suggested by the Wisdom of the House.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition presented to, and recommended over by, the late Assembly, for regulating Vendues held in the City and Suburbs of *Philadelphia*, and, after some Debate, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *January* 25. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Remonstrance and Petition from the Commissioners, Assessors and Freemen of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, for sinking certain Sums of Money granted during the late War to the King's Use, a Tax has been laid on all Estates real and personal within the Province; and for the more equitable Assessment of the same, an Essay was made *Anno* 1760, by Order of Assembly, for ascertaining the annual Quotas that might be raised by the City and each of the Counties, agreeable to the Quantity of Land and Number of Taxables, then returned in each of them respectively.

That the City and County of *Philadelphia*, in the Faith and Confidence, that Justice and the Spirit of the Law would be regarded in the Assessments of the other Counties, have from Time to Time assessed and paid into the public Treasury Sums so consonant to Law and the Estimate at first made, that their Quota will be nearly paid in the Time originally proposed, *viz.* by the Tax of the Year 1772, now levied, notwithstanding the said Estimate was at first thought to bear too hard on the City and County, compared with the Rate proposed for the other Parts of the Province.

That although the other Counties generally be more or less deficient in their Quotas, yet some of them have fallen so remarkably short, *viz.* *Northampton*, *Berks*, *Lancaster* and *York*, that at their present Rate of assessing themselves, *Berks* and *Lancaster* would require at least eight Years more to raise their full Proportion, and *York* fifteen Years; notwithstanding these Counties since the Year 1760, and *York* particularly, have encreased greatly in their Number of Inhabitants, the Quantity of cultivated Land, and their Ability to raise Taxes, while the State of the three interior Counties remains nearly the same.

In order to account for these glaring Deficiencies, and to point out some of the numerous Instances in which these defaulting Counties deviate from the Law, and the

Mode

1773. *January* 25. Mode of Aſſeſsment purſued by the City and County of *Philadelphia*, the Remonſtrants further beg Leave to obſerve,

" That in the Aſſeſsments laid in theſe defaulting Counties, little Regard ſeems to be " paid to the Quantity or Quality of the Lands, the Value of Stock, or other Property " of the Inhabitants; and, in particular, although the Law directs that Griſt-Mills, " Saw-Mills, Forges, Furnaces and Ferries, ſhall be aſſeſſed at Three Fifths of their " annual Rent or Value, many of them are rated at leſs than One Third, and others " not even returned for Aſſeſsment; and Negroes, who between certain Ages ſhould, " by Law, be charged at *Six Shillings* per Head, are in ſome Places taxed only at Half " that Sum; for the Truth of all which the Remonſtrants refer to the Tranſcripts of " Aſſeſsment annually laid before the Aſſembly."

Upon the Whole, as it is evident, that when the Tax now laying ſhall be paid by the City and County of *Philadelphia*, they will have contributed near *Nine Thouſand Pounds* more than their full Proportion of the Debt contracted for the King's Uſe; and will, if the preſent Mode of Aſſeſsment is continued till the Whole of that Debt is diſcharged, have contributed upwards of *Forty Thouſand Pounds* that ought to have been raiſed in the other Counties, (beſides the unequal Proportion of Taxes which appears to be charged in theſe Counties on all Lands belonging to Reſidents in this City and County) the Remonſtrants think it their Duty, with all proper Deference, to remonſtrate, " That a " Continuance of Aſſeſsments on the Eſtates real and perſonal of the Inhabitants of the " City and County of *Philadelphia*, beyond the preſent Year, for the Diſcharge of the " Debt, would be partial, unjuſt and oppreſſive:" And as the Remonſtrants are confident that the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of *Pennſylvania* will ever conſider diſtributive Juſtice, an impartial Taxation, and a due Execution of the Laws made for that Purpoſe, as the chief Objects that ſhould employ their Care, they pray the Honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes into their Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief as ſhall be conſonant to Juſtice, and do Honour to the Laws and good Policy of *Pennſylvania*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment *January* 26. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Corporation of the City on the Building another Market-Houſe, reported they had had a Meeting with a Number of the Members of that Board, and after a free Conference on the Subject aforeſaid, were deſired to acquaint the Houſe, that the Corporation agreed with them in the Opinion that an additional Market-Houſe was become neceſſary for the better Accommodation of the Country People bringing Supplies to the City, and had come to a Reſolution of building the ſame at their own Expence.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *William Martin* was referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee of Grievances. WE, the Committee of Grievances, beg Leave to report, that, agreeable to the Order of the Houſe, we have carefully examined the Allegations contained in the Petition of *William Martin*, of *Cheſter* County, relative to his Loſs of two Title-Deeds by Fire, and from the Teſtimony of *John Jacobs*, Eſq; *Thomas Lightfoot* and *David John*, all of *Cheſter* County, find that a Deed from *John Budd* and *Rebecca* his Wife, to *John Martin* and *William Martin*, dated the 8th of *April*, 1714, for 300 Acres of Land (Part of One Thouſand Acres patented to the ſaid *John Budd)* and a Deed from *Thomas Martin* and *Martha* his Wife, and *Lewellin Martin* to *Lewis Martin*, dated the 6th of *June*, 1751, for the ſame 300 Acres, were actually in the Poſſeſſion of the ſaid *William Martin*, whoſe Dwelling-Houſe, about three Years ago, was deſtroyed by Fire; at which Time we have much Reaſon to believe the Deeds above-mentioned were unfortunately loſt.

And as proper Notice has been given in the public Papers of ſaid *Martin's* Application to the Legiſlature of this Province to ſupply the Loſs of the Deeds above recited, we are of Opinion he ſhould be permitted to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

JOSEPH FERREE, JOSEPH PARKER,
*January* 26, 1773. JAMES EWING, THOMAS MIFFLIN,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, JOHN FOULKE,
WILLIAM THOMPSON, BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW."

A Memorial and Petition of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the County Gaol and Work-Houſe, ſituate near the Center of the inhabited Parts of the City, from the Badneſs of the Materials and Workmanſhip in divers Places, and the Eaſe with which evil-diſpoſed Perſons may aſſiſt Felons to eſcape, by breaking ſuch Places, are become dangerous to the Peace and good Order of the City;—that from the Smallneſs of the Lot of Ground

Ground, and Inconveniency of the Buildings, the Number of Criminals and other Priſoners generally confined there, have not Room for the common Offices of Life; and in caſe a malignant Diſeaſe ſhould prevail among the Priſoners, the Health and Lives of the Citizens, and others, having an Intercourſe with them, may be greatly endangered;—that as the Preſervation of the Life of the Subject is the firſt and moſt important End of Government, the Memorialiſts pray, the Honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant to the County Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and Juſtices of the Peace, full Powers to purchaſe a Lot of Ground, erect a commodious County Gaol, and to diſpoſe of the Ground whereon the preſent Gaol and Work-Houſe are built. 1773. *January* 26.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants on the Weſt-Side of *Laurel-Hill*, in the County of *Bedford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they labour under very great Hardſhips and Inconveniencies in being ſo remote from the Courts of Juſtice, and the public Offices in the ſaid County, many of the Petitioners living at the Diſtance of an Hundred Miles from the County Town, and the Roads ſo very bad at ſome Seaſons as to be almoſt impaſſable;——that in conſequence thereof, the Fees of the Sheriff and other Officers are much encreaſed, and become a heavy Grievance to the Petitioners, who therefore moſt humbly pray the Honourable Houſe, to erect the ſaid Part of the County of *Bedford*, Weſt of *Laurel-Hill*, into a ſeparate County.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Berks* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that by the late Determinations of the Courts of this Province in Trials on Indictments, preferred for Nuiſances in Roads or Highways, where they have been viewed and laid out but by four or five of the ſix Perſons appointed according to Law for that Purpoſe, notwithſtanding Confirmation thereon had, the Indictments cannot be ſupported:—And that many of the Roads in the ſaid County of *Berks* have been viewed and laid out in ſuch Manner, and thereby are in Danger of being reverſed, or of having Nuiſances thereon committed with Impunity: Wherefore the Petitioners humbly pray the Houſe, to take the Premiſes into their Conſideration, and grant ſuch Remedy therein as to them ſhall ſeeem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *January* 27.

Mr. *Mifflin*, by Requeſt of the Managers of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, laid before the Houſe a State of the Accounts of the ſaid Hoſpital for the preceding Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

ABSTRACT *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *adjuſted by the* MANAGERS, *being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Second of the* Fifth Month, (May) 1772, *laid before the Contributors, at their Annual Meeting, held at the ſaid Hoſpital at that Time.*

State of the Accounts of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

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| BALANCE at the Settlement of Accounts laſt Year, viz. | | | | | | |
| In the Hands of the Treaſurer Thomas Wharton | £ | 73 | 13 | 4 | | |
| And in the Hands of the Matron | | 10 | 15 | 9½ | | |
| | | | | | £ 84 | 9 1½ |
| **Receipts this Year, *viz.*** | | | | | | |
| Of ſundry Contributors, their Notes paid off | | | | | 100 | 0 0 |
| Contributions from private Perſons, including £ 54, received from 12 Signers of Paper Currency | | | | | 207 | 5 0 |
| Legacies by Will | | | | | 180 | 0 0 |
| Annuities this Year | | | | | 97 | 12 0 |
| Intereſt from Borrowers of Money lent | £ | 445 | 12 | 5½ | | |
| from ſundry Contributors, Intereſt of their Notes | | 70 | 5 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | 515 | 17 5½ |
| Groundrents | | | | | 12 | 3 0 |
| Principal Sums paid in, and Money borrowed | £ | 1,800 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Deduct Money lent and paid off | | 1,100 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | 700 | 0 0 |
| Board of Pay Patients | | | | | 428 | 0 11 |
| From three Students, for the Privilege of attending the Practice of the Hoſpital, £ 5 each | | | | | 15 | 0 0 |
| From eleven Students, for the Privilege of attending Dr. Bond's Clinical Lectures, 20*ſ.* each | | | | | 11 | 0 0 |
| For ſome ſmall Articles ſold | | | | | 5 | 13 2 |
| For viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Caſts | | | | | 9 | 17 6 |
| From Charity Boxes, viz. | | | | | | |
| In the Hall of the Hoſpital | £ | 24 | 4 | 11 | | |
| The Provincial Aſſembly's | | 6 | 8 | 8 | | |
| | | | | | 30 | 13 7 |
| | | | | | £ 2,397 | 11 9 |
| **Payments this Year, *viz.*** | | | | | | |
| Sundry Diſburſements on the Building | | | | | £ 85 | 4 2 |
| Furniture, being moſtly Beds and Bedding | | | | | 55 | 11 11 |
| Drugs and Medicines | | | | | 85 | 18 3 |



Amount carried forward, £ 226 14 4

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| Amount brought forward, | £ | 226 | 14 | 4 |
| Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurſes and Servants, &c. | | 295 | 16 | 8 |
| An Annuity paid to the late Widow of Charles Harriſon two Years | | 48 | 15 | 0 |
| Incidental Charges | | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Firewood and Coal | | 226 | 16 | 6¼ |
| Common Houſhold Expences, viz. | | | | |
| Flour, Middlings and Indian Meal | £ 511 5 8¾ | | | |
| Indian Corn | 10 16 0 | | | |
| Butchers Meat | 342 18 8½ | | | |
| Milk | 184 7 8 | | | |
| Soap and Candles | 34 11 11½ | | | |
| Melaſſes and Sugar | 138 4 2 | | | |
| Tea, Coffee and Chocolate | 30 3 4 | | | |
| Rice, Butter, Apples, Potatoes, Turnips, Vinegar, Muſtard, &c. &c. | 258 16 8¾ | | | |
| | | 1,511 | 4 | 3½ |
| | £ | 2,310 | 11 | 10 |
| Balance remaining due to the Hoſpital, | | | | |
| In the Hands of the Treaſurer Thomas Wharton | £ 41 13 5 | | | |
| In the Hands of the Matron | 45 6 6 | | | |
| | | 86 | 19 | 11 |
| | £ | 2,397 | 11 | 9 |

*Examined by*

ISRAEL PEMBERTON,
JOSEPH MORRIS."

## LIST *of new Contributions in the Year, ending the* 2d *of* 5th Month (May), 1772.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| John Cadwalader | £ | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| David Hall, additional | | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Harper | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Coates | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Fiſher, junior | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| John Wharton | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Robert Stephenſon | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Charles Lyon, additional | | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| A Perſon unknown, by the Hands of Hugh Roberts, | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Rowland Pritchard | | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| William and Thomas Bradford | | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Joſeph Richardſon, S. Smith, additional | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Dennis Dougherty | | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Joſeph Morris, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| William Fiſher, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Joſhua Howell | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Luke Morris, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Daniel Roberdeau, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Iſaac Cox, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Jacob Shoemaker, jun. | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Stephen Collins, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Francis Hopkinſon, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Robert S. Jones, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Joel Evans, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Thomas Mifflin, | | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| Carried forward | £ | 207 | 5 | 0 |

(Joſeph Morris, … Thomas Mifflin, by ſigning Paper Currency.)

The above have been paid the Treaſurer.

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| Brought forward | £ | 207 | 5 | 0 |
| James Biddle, Eſq; | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| George Bartram | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Joſeph Shippen jun. Eſq; | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Dr. John Day | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Joſeph Stout | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Sharp Delaney | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Daniel Drinker | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Dr. Samuel Duffield | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Peter Stretch | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Wiſhart | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| John Evans, *Hatter* | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Benedict Dorſey | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Joſhua Creſſon | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Howell, jun. | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| James Stewart, *Merchant* | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Blair M'Clennahan | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Adam Hubley | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| The Treaſurer has received Notes for theſe. | | | | |
| | £ | 402 | 5 | 0 |

LEGACIES by WILL.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chriſtopher Brown's, a farther Payment | £ | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Robinſon | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| John Peters | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Gilbert Deacon | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Rachel Emlen | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Conrad Kelmer | | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| William White | | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| Peter Turner | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| | £ | 360 | 0 | 0 |

## CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *the Second of* Fifth Month (May), 1772.

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| Bonds and Promiſſory Notes taken from ſundry Contributors for their reſpective Subſcriptions, | £ | 1,937 | 13 | 4 |
| Subſcriptions for which Notes are not yet obtained, | | 83 | 10 | 0 |
| Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Intereſt, | | 6,795 | 19 | 0 |

### Real Eſtate, per Deeds in the Cuſtody of the Treaſurer, *viz.*

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| A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, the Gift of Matthias Koplin, | £ | 24 | 0 | 0 | |
| An Annuity of £ 6 per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Derby, the Gift of Iſaac Norris, Eſq; | | 100 | 0 | 0 | |
| Three Annuities, amounting to £ 10 1 4, per Annum, iſſuing out of Three Houſes and Lots in Philadelphia, the Deviſe of Mary Andrews | | 200 | 0 | 0 | |
| An Annuity of 14 Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Cheſtnut-ſtreet, Part of the Eſtate of John Jones | | 378 | 0 | 0 | |
| Three Annuities amounting to 17 and an Half Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of Three Houſes and Lots in Southwark, bought by the Managers | | 400 | 2 | 0 | |
| The Moiety of the Square next Weſtward of the Hoſpital, with the Buildings thereon, | | 443 | 17 | 6 | |
| The Moiety of the Square next Eaſtward of the Hoſpital, bought of Reuben Haines | | 607 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | 2,152 | 19 6 |
| Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Caſts | | | | 350 | 0 0 |
| | | | £ | 11,290 | 1 10 |

And an Annuity of £ 6. per Annum, during the Life of Joſeph Mountz,
Beſides the Lot on which the Hoſpital is erected, and the Improvements thereon.

By

1773. *January* 27.

By a List of the Names and Cases of the Patients, it appears there have been 509 poor diseased Persons admitted into this Hospital within the Year, ending the Second of the Fifth Month (May), 1772, among whom were 76 Lunaticks, or such who were disordered in their Understandings. And discharged,

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|---|---|
| Cured | 289 |
| Relieved | 23 |
| Eloped, several of them relieved | 12 |
| At their own Request | 6 |
| At the Request of their Friends | 6 |
| For irregular Behaviour | 7 |
| Died | 61 |
| | 404 |
| Remain in the House | 105 |
| | 509 |

Besides some Out-Patients, who have received Medicines, whose Cases were not proper to be admitted into the Hospital.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Ellicot*, Mr. *Hockley*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompson* ane Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making* "*perpetual an Act, entituled,* "*An Act directing the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding* "*general Elections in this Province,*" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same into a Law whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also brought down and delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emit-* "*ting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan,* "*and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Commissioners of the Light-house to erect Piers in the River *Delaware*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* "Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee of Grievances reported, that, upon a full Hearing of the Evidences produced by *John Dicks*, in Support of the Charge brought in his Petition to the House against his Wife, late *Mary Culin*, they do not find the same duly proved, and are therefore of Opinion the said Petition ought to be dismissed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *January* 28.

A Petition from divers Cordwainers of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, pointing out some Defects in the late Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An* "*Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather,*" and recommending certain Alterations, which they apprehend may better effect the good Purposes of the said Act. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Daniel Narragang*, of *Lower Saucon*, in the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, complaining against the Conduct of *Lewis Klutz* and *Henry Koken*, Esqrs. Magistrates of the said County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments, sent down Yesterday with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* "Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Pay-* "*ment of public Debts,*" which being in Part read, and agreed to,

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *Christopher Colles*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Assistance from the Legislature, in providing himself with an Apparatus for a Course of Lectures on the Science of Mechanics, which he proposes shortly to exhibit. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds "*in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" and after some Time spent therein, an Answer to the same being drawn at the Table, and agreed to by the House,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Bartholomew* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor with the said Answer, and return the said Bill for his further Consideration.

The Members return, and report they had delivered the Answer of the House to his Honour's Amendments, with the Bill to which they refer, and that he was pleased to say he would take the same into immediate Consideration.

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1773. *January* 28. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to appoint Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was referred to further Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, again ſent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of the public Debts,*" and acquainted the Houſe that he agreed to their propoſed Alteration of his ſeventh Amendment to the ſame.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed accordingly.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 29. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" which being gone through, and debated Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. A Petition, ſigned *Frederick Phile*, Practitioner in Phyſic, *William Sheaff*, *Henry Sheaff*, Grocers, and *Jacob Mayer*, Peruke-Maker,—Natives of *Germany*, and Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia:* Alſo a Petition from *Francis Caſpar Haſenclever*, Merchant born in the Dutchy of *Bergen*, and now a Reſident in the City of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Petitioners to hold Lands, and to inveſt them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province.

The Houſe, upon Motion, taking into Conſideration the Petition preſented to, and recommended over by, the late Aſſembly, for regulating and limiting the Number of Vendues within the Diſtrict of *Southwark* and the *Northern Liberties* of this City, after a conſiderable Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with two Petitions therein referred to, from a Number of the Inhabitants near Fort *Pitt*, in the County of *Bedford*, and the ſaid Meſſage being read by Order, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly. 'I Think it incumbent upon me to inform you, that the late Evacuation of Fort *Pitt*, 'by Order of the Commander in Chief, hath greatly alarmed the Inhabitants of this 'Province, ſettled beyond the *Allegany* Mountain, who have been uſed to look upon 'that Fortreſs as their Safeguard againſt the Incurſions of the *Indians*. I have received 'from the People in that Quarter ſeveral Petitions, (which I have ordered the Secretary 'to lay before you) expreſſing their Apprehenſions of the dangerous Situation to which 'they are reduced, and praying from Government a ſuitable Relief. Upon Receipt of 'theſe Petitions, I wrote to General *Gage* by Expreſs, requeſting the Continuance of a 'ſmall Garriſon at that Poſt, at leaſt till the Meeting of the Aſſembly. But the General 'was of Opinion that the Execution of his Orders was too far advanced to be counter-'manded; nor did he ſeem to think it expedient for him to have continued any of the 'Troops there, had my Letter been received in Time.

'It cannot be doubted that the late Military Eſtabliſhment at Fort *Pitt* did very 'greatly contribute to the rapid Population of the Country beyond the Mountains; and 'that the withdrawing the King's Troops, muſt of Courſe not only depreſs the Spirits 'of the preſent Settlers, but retard the Progreſs of the Settlement. I perſuade myſelf 'that you will view the Safety and Protection of that extenſive and flouriſhing Diſtrict 'as an Object of great Importance, and worthy of the public Attention. And as it ap-'pears to me that the moſt proper, and indeed only Aſſiſtance, which can be afforded 'theſe People, is the Supporting a ſmall Garriſon at that Poſt, I find myſelf under the 'Neceſſity of applying to you to enable me to carry that Meaſure into Execution.

*January* 29, 1773. *RICHARD PENN.*"

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 30. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Rhoads*, one of the Committee appointed by the late Aſſembly to view and level the Waters of *Suſquehanna*, *Schuylkill* and *Leheigh*, preſented to the Chair a written Report of their Proceedings in that Buſineſs, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of* PENNSYLVANIA *in* ASSEMBLY *met.*

Report of the Committee. THE Subſcribers being, with ſeveral others, appointed by the late Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly to view and level the Waters of *Schuylkill*, *Suſquehanna* and the *Leheigh*,

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*Leheigh*, have in Consequence of the said Appointment, and in Obedience to the Order of Assembly, made some Progress therein, and now beg Leave to report, that having formerly surveyed and levelled the River *Schuylkill*, from the Tide-Water to the Mouth of the *Valley* Creek, and from thence over the Lands, through the Valley, to the Sign of the *Ship* on the *Lancaster* Road: We consulted several of those named in the Appointment with us, and all concurred in Opinion, that the Work of general Levelling should be continued and prosecuted until the Height of the middle Ground, and the Quantity of Water to supply the Canal of Partition should be known; that this was necessary before a right Judgment could be formed of the Practicability, and much more before the Situation or Line of a Canal could be determined. And until such Line could be nearly ascertained, the Expence of Chain Carriers, and taking the exact Courses and Distances, might be avoided. But it appeared to us to be of great Importance to have good Staffmen, whose Business is to measure the Height of the Level at every Station, to enter the same in a Book, and preserve the Accounts with great Care. Accordingly we, with their Approbation, engaged *Benjamin Davis* and *James Dickenson* to undertake that Service, and on the 10th of *November*, 1772, in company with *John Sellers*, of *Chester* County, began to level at Highwater Mark in *Schuylkill*, near the Middle Ferry, and proceeded through the Townships of *Haverford*, *Goshen*, &c. in *Chester* County, to the Sign of the *Ship*, where our former Survey ended. This Course afforded an Opportunity of viewing the Ground and levelling many of the Waters South of the *Great Valley*, and also of satisfying ourselves respecting the Truth and Certainty of our Instruments; and we had the Pleasure to find much greater Accuracy than could be expected in Lines run so hastily over such an Extent of rough hilly Ground, the whole Difference not being one Inch in each Mile of levelling. From the *Ship* we proceeded to the Heads of *Brandewine*, in the Hills called the *Welch* Mountain, being one of the Hills of Partition dividing the Waters of *Schuylkill* and *Delaware* from those of *Susquehanna*, and from whose Sides many of them issue.

Amongst these Hills we, with *William Henry*, of *Lancaster*, were employed several Days in discovering the lowest Passage across them, inspecting the deep Gullies which nearly approach each other from the opposite Sides, and in examining and levelling several large Springs of Water Heads of *Brandewine* and *Pequea* Creek, when all of us were fully satisfied of the Plenty of Water to supply the Canal, and of the Probability of piercing the Hill from one of those Gullies to another at a moderate Expence, we were encouraged to proceed in levelling from thence through *Lancaster* to the *Susquehanna*, and found, as we had expected, that River upwards of 200 Feet higher than the Tide-Waters of *Schuylkill* and *Delaware*; a Circumstance greatly favourable to an inland Navigation, which must inevitably pass over Ground of much superior Height.

In our Return from *Susquehanna* we levelled across the Ridges of Land dividing the Waters of *Conestogo* Creek from *French* Creek, *Hay* Creek and *Brandewine*, and found there a Sufficiency of Water above those Ridges. We have likewise levelled from the Tide-Waters of *Schuylkill* up the *Mill* Creek a Sort of natural Canal several Miles in Length to the Head of the *Gulf* Creek, and find a good Passage may be obtained that Way by piercing one of the Ridges on the South-East Part of the *Valley*, or by winding round its Eastern Extremity near the *Gulf*.

To explain our Proceedings in the best Manner we can, and give the House all the Satisfaction in our Power, we have formed a Draught of the Country through which we passed, with Notes and References thereto, shewing the Situations and Heights above the Tide-Water of the several Tracts of Land, Hills and Streams over which we levelled, and have attempted to draw (without pretending to Exactness) some of those Lines in which we apprehend it practicable and easy to form the proposed Navigation, which is herewith delivered.

The great Importance of the Object in View, and the Consequence of erring in Judgement, respecting the Situation or Line where the Canal can best be formed amidst the Variety of Places where it may be practicable, makes us unwilling to proceed to the full Extent of the Orders heretofore given by the House, without further Assistance therein. Some Experience in Works of this Kind being necessary to determine such Line, and estimate the Expence with any Degree of Precision; and whether it is most eligible to pass directly over the Lands from the City to the *Susquehanna* near *Wright's* Ferry, or up the *Schuylkill* to *French* Creek, or *Tulpehoccon*, and across the Country near one of those Creeks. In one Case the Expence will be greatest from the Length of the Canal to be dug, but the Navigation secure and certain. In the others Nature has done a great Part, which may lessen the first Expence, but the Passage will be precarious.

We therefore submit the Consideration of these Circumstances to the Honourable House, and beg Leave to recommend to them the procuring from *Europe* such Assistance as the Importance of the Work may require.

In the mean Time we shall examine some other Parts of the Country where a Communication is thought practicable, particularly that between *Tulpehoccon* and *Quitapihilla*,

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*January* the 29th, 1773.

SAMUEL RHOADS,
DAVID RITTENHOUSE."

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Hockley* be a Committee to bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable*, &c."

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 1. — The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preſervation of Fiſh in the ſaid River*," reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 2. — The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Montgomery*, one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Petition from *Joſeph Cook*, of *Antrim* Townſhip, in the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying a Compenſation for a Negro Slave, who had feloniouſly burnt his Barn, and died before a Commiſſion was iſſued for his Trial.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a great Number of Inhabitants to the Weſtward of *Laurel* Hill was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that Part of the Province may be erected into a County, for the more eaſy and regular Adminiſtration of Juſtice.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preſervation of Fiſh in the ſaid River*," and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," being tranſcribed according to Order, and in Part read the third time,

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* — A Petition from *William Ruible*, Trader, born in the Dominions of the Elector of the *Palatinate*, and for ſome Years paſt an Inhabitant of *Pennſylvania*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that he may be enabled by an Act of Aſſembly to hold Lands, and be veſted with other Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from divers Inhabitants on the Weſt-Side of *Laurel* Hill, which was again read, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new County on the Weſt-Side of *Laurel* Hill.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preſerving the Navigation in* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Deſtruction of Fiſh in the ſame*," which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 3. — The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the ſeveral Petitions of *Francis Caſpar Haſenclever, Frederick Phile, William Sheaf, Henry Sheaf, Jacob Mayer* and *William Ruible*, Foreigners, for an Act of Aſſembly, to enable them to hold Lands, and to inveſt them with the Privilegs of natural-born Subjects of this Province,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of the Petitioners.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting the Building a new Gaol and Work-houſe of larger Dimenſions and in a more airy healthy Part of the ſaid City, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, M. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Foulke* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new Gaol and Work-houſe in the City of *Philadelphia*.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the Twenty-ninth

ninth *ultimo*, with the Petitions therein referred to, and after some Time spent therein,
*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to his Honour's Message.

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The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Two Petitions from divers Inhabitants of the Township of *Tinicum*, in the County of *Bucks*, were presented to the House and read, one praying that an old recorded Road in the said Township may be vacated, the other that it may be continued.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read, agreed to by the House, and signed by the Speaker, follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your Honour,*

Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

WE have taken into our Consideration your Message of the Twenty-ninth *ultimo*, respecting "the Apprehensions of the Inhabitants of this Province, settled beyond "the *Allegany* Mountains, of the dangerous Situation they are reduced to by the Eva- "cuation of Fort *Pitt*," and request that your Honour would acquaint us, whether from any hostile Transactions, or other Circumstances, Government has Reason to believe that there is a Disposition in the *Indians* to violate the solemn Treaties which have been repeatedly made and ratified between them and his Majesty's Colonies, and hitherto so well observed.—And also that you will be pleased to lay before us all Treaties or Intelligence lately held with, or received from the Natives, to enable us to judge of their Temper, and the most proper Measures to preserve that Harmony with them which is of the highest Importance to the Prosperity of the Province.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*February* 3, 1773. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and deliver the foregoing Answer to his Message.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *Christopher Colles*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, and *Joseph Cook*, of the County of *Cumberland*, were again read, and, after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 4.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message of the Twenty-ninth *ultimo*, reported they had delivered the same according to Order.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to vacate Part of a Road, beginning at the North-Side of *Vine-street*, in the Middle of the *Front-street* of the said City, and extending thence North-Easterly to *Nathaniel Pool's* Porch, *&c. &c.*—and to lay out and confirm, in lieu thereof, a new Road, agreeable to certain Courses mentioned in the said Petition.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Phila- "delphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," and, "*An Act for preserving the* "*Navigation in* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the* "*Destruction of Fish in the same*," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* against the Importation of Negro Slaves into this Province, and, after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ashbridge*, Mr. *Whitelock*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying an additional Duty upon the Importation of Negro and Mulatto Slaves into this Province.

The House, upon Motion, taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Petition of *William Martin*, respecting the Loss of certain Title-Deeds destroyed with his Dwelling-house by Fire,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for supplying the Defect in his Title from the Deeds lost as aforesaid.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed this Morning,

1773. ing, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration.

*February* 4. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Berks* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have been lately informed a Petition hath been, or is about to be, preferred to the Houſe for the Confirmation of ſuch Roads, within this Province, as have been viewed and laid out by four or five, inſtead of ſix, Perſons, as directed by Law for that Purpoſe;—that ſeveral of the Petitioners have purchaſed, or are otherwiſe intereſted in Lands and Hereditaments within the ſaid County of *Berks*, ſince the Courts have ſet aſide ſuch Roads for Irregularity, and would be greatly affected by a Confirmation out of the uſual Mode:—The Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Houſe to confirm only ſuch Roads as have not yet been ſet aſide by the Judgment of the Courts. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the "Act, entituled, "An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Pre-"ſervation of Fiſh in the ſaid River,*" which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*February* 5. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new County on the Weſt-Side of *Laurel* Hill, in this Province, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they conceive themſelves much aggrieved, and their Liberties eſſentially endangered in a very tender Part, by an Act paſſed the 21ſt Day of *March*, 1772, entituled, "*An Act for the opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the "public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" in which the ancient Mode of Trial is entirely taken away, and that Power inherently belonging to the People in their Jury Tribunals, is now lodged in the Hands of a ſingle Magiſtrate, who is enjoined to ſend for, and bring before him any Superviſor within his County, and fine him *Three Pounds* for Neglect of Duty;—and although that Neglect ſhould proceed from his not knowing that by a Sudden Guſt or Squall of Wind a Road had been damaged, which but the Day or Morning preceding that on which he was fined, was put in good and ſufficient Repair, yet the Magiſtrate is obliged to proceed without having it in his Power to mitigate or diſpenſe with the Law;—that the only Remedy left is an Appeal to the County-Court of Quarter Seſſions, which they conceive to be very ineffectual, as there may probably be four Magiſtrates out of ſix on the Bench, who have fined in ſimilar Caſes;—that they cannot but be alarmed at ſuch a palpable Infringement on their juſt Rights and Liberties, for Trial by Jury they hold as the nobleſt and greateſt Privilege an *Engliſhman* enjoys, and never ought to be ſurrendered but with his Life; and as Precedent is but too apt to ſlide into Practice, an Attempt to take it away in one Caſe, is opening a Door to endanger it in the Whole:—That the Petitioners therefore humbly requeſt their Repreſentatives to take this Matter under ſerious Conſideration, and grant them ſuch Relief as they in their Wiſdom may ſee meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Bull*, of the Townſhip of *Norriton*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he was encouraged to purchaſe the Mills in the ſaid Townſhip, late the Eſtate of *Charles Norris*, Eſq; deceaſed, from an Agreement entered into, by the Commiſſioners appointed for making the River *Schuylkill* navigable, with the ſaid *Norris*, by which the Dam acroſs Part of the ſaid River was allowed to ſtand, under certain Conditions in the ſaid Agreement mentioned to be performed by the ſaid *Norris*;—that as the Petitioner is informed the Honourable Houſe have taken into Conſideration the Act for making *Schuylkill* navigable, and are about appointing new Commiſſioners, who will not be bound by the Acts of the former Commiſſioners, the Petitioner engages, that if the ſaid Dam be permitted to remain, to fulfil every Part of the ſaid Agreement ſo far as it is in his Power, but as to the cutting down the Trees on a ſmall Iſland in the ſaid River, he cannot comply therewith, the ſaid Iſland not being the Property of the Petitioner;—that he is however willing, inſtead thereof, to do any other Act that the Houſe may judge equivalent;—that ſhould they order the ſaid Dam to be removed, or leave it in the Power of future Commiſſioners who may hereafter think proper to remove it for the Improvement of the Navigation, the Petitioner prays the Houſe to allow him a Compenſation for the Damage he may thereby ſuſtain, to be ſettled by ſix Men, three to be choſen by the Commiſſioners aforeſaid, and three by the Petitioner, and if the Perſons ſo choſen cannot agree, that they have Power to chuſe another, who ſhall finally ſettle ſuch Damage; that the Petitioner is nevertheleſs clear in the Opinion, that the ſaid Dam, when in good Repair, (as he propoſes to keep it) is a real Advantage to the Navigation, by throwing the Water to the other Side of the Iſland; and therefore prays it may be eſtabliſhed. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

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The Committee appointed to make Enquiry into the Circumstances of the Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, late Collector of the Duty of Tonnage, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

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THE Committee appointed to enquire into the Circumstances of *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones*, and *Lydia Stretch*, Widow of *Joseph Stretch*, Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceased, late Collector of the Duty of Tonnage, beg Leave to report, that they have obtained an Account of the respective Circumstances of the said *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones* and *Lydia Stretch*; which is herewith delivered and

Report of the Committee.

*Submitted to the House by*

ISAAC WHITELOCK,
JOHN POPE,
WILLIAM EDMONDS,
HENRY PAWLING,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
JOHN MORTON."

*February* 5, 1773.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from the Township of *Tinicum*, in the County of *Bucks*, for and against the Alteration of Part of an old recorded Road in the said Township, and after some Time spent therein, ordered that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'MY Message to you of the 29th of *January*, respecting the Propriety of keeping 'up a small Garrison at Fort *Pitt*, was not founded on any certain Intelligence 'that the Western *Indians* had immediate Designs of committing Acts of Hostility against 'us. The Petitions now before you, demonstrate that the Inhabitants of our Frontier 'have considered that Post as their principal Security against *Indian* Incursions, and an 'Asylum, in Case of a sudden Attack, for their Women and Children; the Evacuating 'it has therefore filled their Minds with Fears and Apprehensions. When I consider, 'Gentlemen, the unspeakable Sufferings and Distress, which attended those unhappy 'People and their Families who were settled on the Western Frontier in the last *Indian* 'War, which was as unexpected as unprovoked, I confess, I cannot help being greatly 'affected, and do not wonder that they now apply to Government for some Assistance to 'protect them against the like Calamities in future; and although there may be really 'no Prospect of a speedy Renewal of Hostilities on the Part of the *Indians*, it may yet 'be good Policy to guard in Time against the worst that can happen, especially as the 'Measure proposed will be attended with no great Expence to the Public;—a Garrison 'of Twenty-five or Thirty Men, to keep Possession of that important Place, being per-'haps sufficient for the present. These Reasons induced me at first to lay the Matter 'before you as an Object worthy of your Attention, and have still so much Weight with 'me, that I think myself obliged again to recommend it to your serious Consideration.

A Message from the Governor to the Assembly.

*February* 5, 1773. *RICHARD PENN.*'

With the foregoing Message from his Honour, Mr. Secretary also brought down and delivered at the Table the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preserving the Navigation in* "Shearman's *Creek*, *in the County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish* "*in the same*," with an Amendment thereto, which being read and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed acccordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating Vendues in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark*, and the Townships of *Moyamensing* and the *Northern Liberties*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Petition from *Samuel Dotey Hamilton*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 6.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for laying a further Duty on the Importation of Negro and Mulatto Slaves into this Province, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Circum-

1773. *February* 6. ſtances of *James Jones*, *Lewis Jones*, and *Lydia Stretch*, Widow of *Joſeph Stretch*, Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceaſed, late Collector of Tonnage, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That the Houſe will proceed no further againſt the ſaid Securities of *Richard Pearne*, deceaſed, as it appears, on Enquiry, that Payment of the Sum, in which they were bound for him to the Public, would be extremely diſtreſſing to them, if not ruinous, under their preſent Circumſtances.

*Reſolved*, That the Committee of Accounts do urge the Adminiſtrators of the ſaid *Richard Pearne* to collect the outſtanding Debts due to his Eſtate, and when received, to pay the ſame into the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer, or to aſſign to the ſaid Committee ſufficient Reaſons why the ſame have not been recovered.

A Petition from ſundry Owners of Meadow Lands, called *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that upon Experience of the Act of Aſſembly for improving the ſaid Meadow Lands, the Petitioners find the Aſſeſsments, made by Virtue thereof on the ſeveral Owners for ſupporting their Banks, are not ſo juſt and equal as was intended by the Legiſlature, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the ſaid Act, for amending the ſame.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem* The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable certain Perſons, who have applied to the Houſe for that Purpoſe, to hold Lands, and inveſt them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Samuel Dotey Hamilton*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Bedford *into a ſeparate County*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Member, purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract* "*of Land in the Townſhip of* Charlestown, *in the County of Cheſter*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for re-*"*gulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the Town-*"*ſhips of* Moyamenſing *and the* Northern Liberties," which being in Part read, and debated by Paragraphs,

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the* "*City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the Townſhips of* Moyamenſing "*and the* Northern Liberties," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for making* "*perpetual the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves* "*imported into this Province,*" "*and laying an additional Duty on the ſaid Slaves,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable* "*the Perſons therein named to hold Lands, and to inveſt them with the Privileges of na-*"*tural-born Subjects of this Province,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting an Alteration of the Courſes in a Road beginning at *Vine-Street*, in the ſaid City, and extending a certain Diſtance into the *Northern Liberties*, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Upon Motion,

A Petition addreſſed to the Governor, and by him ſent down to the Houſe, from a Majority of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter*, and the Inhabitants of Part of

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*Berks* County, adjacent thereto, praying that those Parts of the Province may be erected into a County, was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 10.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for erecting a new Gaol and Work-house in the City of *Philadelphia*, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming* "*the Estate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* "Charlestown, *in the County of* Chester," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion, and after some Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Mifflin* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act* "*for regulating the Assize of Bread.*"

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act for erecting Part of the County of* Bedford "*into a separate County*;"—"*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, "*the District of* Southwark, *and the Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Li- "berties;"—and, "*An Act to enable the Persons therein named to hold Lands, and to* "*invest them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province*;"—being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the Shoemakers and other Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, and the Borough of *Lancaster*, pointing out sundry Defects in the "*Act to prevent* "*Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing of Leather*," and praying some Amendments, or a Repeal of the same, were again read, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *February* 11.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bills passed Yesterday by the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from *Andrew Forsyth*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Shopkeeper, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Duty imposed by the present Excise Act upon Wines of the Product of this Province intended for Sale, may be taken off, or a Bounty allowed by the Legislature upon several Hogsheads of the said Wine made by the Petitioner during the last Season. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act for* "*laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province, and for laying* "*an additional Duty on the said Slaves*,"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* "William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Charlestown, *in* "*the County of* Chester," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table,

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ellicot* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, and the Borough of *Lancaster*, pointing out sundry Defects in the late Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses* "*in the manufacturing of Leather*," and after some Time spent therein, the following Questions were called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

*First*, Whether a Bill shall be brought in to repeal the Whole of the said Act;—

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Pearson*, | Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Minshall*, |
| Mr. *King*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Hockley*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Ferree*, | Mr. *Krewsen*, | Mr. *Ashbridge*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Whitelock*, | Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Allen*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *Ellicot*, | Mr. *Hunter*. |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Morton*, | |
| Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Pope*. | | |

*Secondly*,

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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Aſhbridge*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Minſhall*, | Mr. *King*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Hockley*, | Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Whitelock*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Ferree*, | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Webb*. |
| Mr. *Krewſen*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | |
| Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Pope*, | | |
| Mr. *Ellicot*, | Mr. *Allen*, | | |
| Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Hunter*. | | |

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed this Morning by the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Daniel Narragang* againſt *Lewis Klutz* and *Henry Koken*, Eſqrs. of the County of *Northampton*, was again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

A Petition from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners conceiving Offices of Profit to be included under the Denomination of perſonal Eſtate, have impoſed reaſonable Aſſeſſments on thoſe that held them for the Support of the Poor;—that in Conſequence thereof an Appeal has been brought to the Court of Quarter Seſſions, and a Decree given againſt the Petitioners, who therefore pray the Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein, as to them ſhall ſeem meet.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Repreſentation and Petition from the *American Philoſophical Society* was preſented to the Houſe, and being read by Order, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Petition from the *American Philoſophical Society.*

AS we muſt always think it our Duty moſt gratefully to acknowledge the early Countenance and liberal Aſſiſtance, which, as a Society, we have received from former Aſſemblies of this Province; nothing could induce us to make further Applications for public Aid, but the Neceſſity of our Caſe and a firm Perſuaſion that the preſent Members of your Honourable Houſe ſtill view our Inſtitution in the ſame friendly Light as your Predeceſſors have done. We would not therefore repeat on this Occaſion, what we have formerly taken the Liberty to repreſent to them, concerning the Uſe of *public Societies* for promoting uſeful Diſcoveries, domeſtic Improvements and the Reputation of thoſe Countries where they have been eſtabliſhed: We rather hope that we may be allowed now, as an Inſtance of this, to mention our own Society, which has already promoted ſeveral uſeful Undertakings, and by ſome of its Productions, eſpecially thoſe relating to the Tranſit of Venus, has extended the literary Fame of our Country to diſtant Parts of *Europe*.

Diſtant Ages will certainly do Honour to the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*, for having encouraged the Obſervations of the Tranſit in this Part of the World, which in other Parts (though indeed under many Diſadvantages, and therefore with leſs Succeſs) were carried on chiefly at the Expence of crowned Heads. As theſe Obſervatians could never have been undertaken by our Society, in ſo many Places, without ſuch public Aſſiſtance, we hope the Houſe will give us Leave to obſerve that the erecting our different Obſervatories, fitting up Inſtruments, engraving various Plates, and publiſhing the different *Tranſit Papers*, coſt us (excluſive of the other Part of our Publication) near *Four Hundred Pounds*, and have involved us in a Debt which we are wholly unable to diſcarge.

We therefore pray that your Honourable Houſe would give us ſuch Aſſiſtance, as in your Goodneſs you ſhall judge proper, to enable us to diſcharge the ſaid Debt, and to proſecute our Plan for the future, without having Occaſion to ſolicit any other Aſſiſtance, beſides the annual Subſcriptions of our own Members.

*Signed in Behalf and by Order of the Society,*

*February* 11, 1773. THOMAS BOND, *V. P.*"

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The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for appointing Truſtees to take Care of the Perſon and Eſtate of *Richard Gardiner*, a Lunatic, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *John Bull*, of the Townſhip of *Norriton*, together with the Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preſervation of Fiſh in the ſaid River*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, ordered that the ſaid Bill be recommitted to the Committee that brought it in, with Directions to add a Clauſe thereto, containing in Subſtance the Propoſals made to the Houſe by the ſaid *Bull*, reſpecting his Mill-Dam in the River *Schuylkill*.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

*February* 12.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of the Power lodged by the preſent Road Law in a ſingle Magiſtrate of calling before him any Superviſor, and impoſing a Fine of *Three Pounds* for Neglect of Duty, though no previous Notice is given to ſuch Superviſor of any Road in his Diſtrict being out of Repair. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee to whom the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable*, &c." was recommitted for the Addition of a new Clauſe reſpecting a certain Mill-Dam in the ſaid River, reported the ſaid Bill with the Clauſe directed, which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vacating Part of a Road in the Townſhip of the* Northern Liberties, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made inſtead thereof*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Remonſtrance and Petition from a great Number of Inhabitants of the County and City of *Philadelphia*, concerning their proportional Aſſeſsments for ſinking the late Grants of Money from this Province to the Crown, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Ellicot*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Biddle*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to enquire into the preſent State and Mode of levying the Provincial Taxes, and report the ſame to the Houſe at their next Meeting.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee do meet to perform the above Service two Weeks at leaſt before the Sitting of this Houſe in *September* next.

The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

A Petition from divers Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying the Act of Aſſembly for regulating and improving the ſaid Meadows may be continued in Force, and not altered, or repealed, as requeſted by ſome other Owners of the ſaid Meadows, the Petitioners having, upon Eleven Years Experience of the ſaid Act, found it to anſwer effectually the good Purpoſes intended by the Legiſlature.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from *Cheſter* County for an Alteration of Parts of the Act of Aſſembly now in Force, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province*," were again read, and, after ſome Debate, the Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether a Bill ſhall be brought in to amend the ſaid Act?— *Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Ellicot*, | Mr. *Rhoads*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *King*, |
| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, | Mr. *Shoemaker*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Ferree*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Webb*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Minſhall*, | Mr. *Ewing*, |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Hockley*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Aſhbridge*, | Mr. *Thompſon*, |
| Mr. *Krewſen*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Hunter*. |
| Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Whitelock*, | |
| Mr. *Chapman*. | Mr. *Pope*. | |

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Whitelock* and Mr. *Pope* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for altering and amending the afore-mentioned Act.

1773. *February* 12. The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting* "*Part of the County of* Bedford *into a ſeparate County*," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for* "*the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," with a Paper of Amendments to the ſame, which being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

Adjournment *February* 13. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and, upon Motion, taking up the Petitions from a great Number of Inhabitants in the back Parts of *Lancaſter* and *Berks* Counties, praying thoſe Parts of the Province may be erected into a ſeparate County, after ſome Conſideration thereof, ordered that the ſaid Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Caleb Swayze*, of the Province of *New-Jerſey*, concerning the Loſs of ſeveral Title-Deeds, under which he holds a certain Tract of Land in *Cumberland* County, in this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act appointing* "*Truſtees to take Care of the Perſon and Eſtate of* Richard Gardiner, *a Lunatic*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hockley*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Thompſon* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for repealing the Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the manufacturing of Leather, and to ſupply the Deficiencies in the ſaid Act.

Adjournment *February* 15. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Repreſentation from *Lewis Klutz*, Eſq; one of the Magiſtrates for the County of *Northampton*, vindicating his Character againſt the Charges exhibited to the Houſe in the Petition of *Daniel Narragang*, was delivered at the Table, read, and referred to further Conſideration.

A Petition from *Thomas Carryl*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment *February* 16. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and Mr. *Roſs*, lately elected to ſerve in Aſſembly as a Repreſentative for the County of *Lancaſter*, in the Room of *Jacob Carpenter*, deceaſed, this Day appearing in the Houſe, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and* "*Highways within this Province*," reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Purſuant to Leave from the late Aſſembly recommended over to this Houſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Streets, Lanes,* "*Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *and for other Purpoſes therein men-* "*tioned*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for erecting* "*a new Gaol, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia;"—and, "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Townſhip of the* Northern Liberties, *and* "*for confirming a new Road laid out and made inſtead thereof*;"—which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, were ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Memorial and Petition from the Managers of the Corporation of Contributors to the Relief and Employment of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, and the Townſhips of *Moyamenſing*, *Paſſyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, was again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon, referred to further Conſideration in the Afternoon.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from the firſt *Preſbyterian* Congregation at *Carliſle* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that certain Eſtates belonging to the ſaid Congregation were formerly veſted in Truſtees, ſome of whom are dead, and others removed out of the Province, and praying the Aid of the Legiſlature to veſt the ſaid Eſtates in other

Truſtees

Truſtees, and to impower them to ſell the ſame, and apply the Monies ariſing from ſuch Sales, to the compleating a Houſe of Worſhip in the Town of *Carliſle*, for the Uſe of the ſaid Society. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1773. *February* 16.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preſervation of the Fiſh in the ſaid River*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, for and againſt an Alteration of the Act of Aſſembly for regulating and improving the ſaid Meadows, were again read, and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *King*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to hear the ſaid Owners in Support of their different Petitions, and report thereon to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *February* 17.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for repealing the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the manufacturing of Leather*," and to ſupply the Deficiencies in the ſaid Act, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That a Certificate be ſigned by the Speaker for the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, payable to the Commiſſioners appointed by Law for improving the Navigation of the River *Suſquehanna*, and the Streams thereof, as ſoon as they ſhall make it appear to the Governor and Speaker of Aſſembly for the Time being, that the like Sum has been ſubſcribed and paid to the ſaid Commiſſioners for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the firſt *Preſbyterian* Congregation of the Town of *Carliſle* was again read, and Leave given the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes expreſſed in their Petition.

Purſuant to the above Leave, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for veſting a certain Tract of Land in the Townſhip of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carliſle, *in the ſaid County, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Repreſentation and Petition from the *American Philoſophical Society*, held at *Philadelphia*, for promoting uſeful Knowledge, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* be given to the ſaid Society, for better promoting the Ends of their uſeful Inſtitution.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled, "An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province, and laying an additional Duty on the ſaid Slaves;*"—"*An Act to enable the Perſons therein named to hold Lands, and to inveſt them with the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province;*"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* William Martin, *in and to a certain Tract of Land, in the Townſhip of* Charlestown, *in the County of* Cheſter;"—and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſaid Bills whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bills be engroſſed.

With the above, the Secretary alſo delivered at the Table the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the Townſhips of* Moyamenſing *and the* Northern Liberties," with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe, upon Motion, took up the Governor's Meſſage of the Fifth Inſtant, and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Conſideration thereof,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Aſhbridge* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Act to amend the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping* "*in* *February* 18.

1773. February 18. "*in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, the Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the ſaid Bill ſhall be tranſcribed for a third Reading?—*Carried in the Negative.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* It being moved, and demanded, by ſeveral Members, that the Yeas and Nays called for on the Queſtion in the Forenoon (Whether the Bill, Supplementary to the Road Act, ſhould be tranſcribed for a third Reading?) be now entered on the Journals of the Houſe, and a long Debate enſuing, the following previous Queſtion was ſtated, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

Whether, agreeable to the Rule of the Houſe, the Yeas and Nays called for, and not taken on a Queſtion put in the Forenoon, can be taken, after an unanimous Adjournment, without their being particularly referred to that Time?—*Carried in the Negative.*

| YEAS. | NAYS. | NAYS. |
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| Mr. *Pawling,* | Mr. *Hillegas,* | Mr. *Chapman,* |
| Mr. *Roberts,* | Mr. *Rhoads,* | Mr. *Ellicot,* |
| Mr. *Parker,* | Mr. *King,* | Mr. *Shepherd,* |
| Mr. *Gray,* | Mr. *Shoemaker,* | Mr. *Minſhall,* |
| Mr. *Humphreys,* | Mr. *Mifflin,* | Mr. *Ferree,* |
| Mr. *Pearſon,* | Mr. *Foulke,* | Mr. *Roſs,* |
| Mr. *John Jacobs,* | Mr. *Rodman,* | Mr. *Whitelock,* |
| Mr. *Aſhbridge,* | Mr. *Krewſen,* | Mr. *Webb,* |
| Mr. *Bartholomew.* | Mr. *Brown.* | Mr. *Montgomery,* |
| | | Mr. *Hunter.* |

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 19. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they conceive the Trade of the ſaid City and of the whole Province labours under many and great Inconveniences for Want of ſome Regulations reſpecting Credit, which at preſent ſtands on a very precarious Footing;—that fraudulent and evil-diſpoſed Perſons find Means to obtain Credit in Trade; and when their wicked Intentions of waſting or ſecreting the Effects thus entruſted to them, are diſcovered, the Creditor has no other Remedy but to levy on the Body;—that to avoid this Conſequence, many an honeſt Creditor has been induced to apply to his Debtor, even knowing him to be a Villain, and to accept of perhaps one Half, perhaps one Fourth Part of his Debt, giving a Diſcharge for the Whole; at the ſame Time that a Power of examining into the Debtor's Circumſtances might have diſcovered Effects ſufficient to have ſatisfied all his Creditors;—that in the preſent Situation of Affairs the Debtors will not permit any Perſon to examine their Books, or take an Account of their Effects, until they have made the moſt advantageous Terms, by procuring a general Releaſe or a Letter of Licence for a long Term of Years;—that this the Petitioners beg Leave to repreſent as a very common and a growing Miſchief;—and further, that it is no unfrequent Occurrence that honeſt Merchants and Dealers, by unavoidable Loſſes and Accidents in the Courſe of their Buſineſs, find their Capitals reduced too low to ſatisfy their juſt Debts; and in this Situation with a fair and upright Intent aſſign and deliver over into the Hands of Truſtees or Aſſignees all their Credits and Effects for the Uſe of their Creditors;—that here the Petitioners apprehend the Laws, as they now ſtand, are defective; for ſuch Aſſignees or Truſtees, being anſwerable to no Authority for their Conduct, and having no certain Rules whereby to regulate their Proceedings, frequently neglect the Buſineſs committed to them; and after a few Efforts to collect the Debtor's Effects and make one Dividend, proceed no further in the Execution of their Truſt, to the great Injury of the Aſſignor, and his other Creditors, who are left without Remedy:—The Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant them Relief therein, by extending the ſeveral Statutes of Bankruptcy that have paſſed in *England,* or ſuch Parts of them, as, in the Judgment of the Houſe, may be beſt adapted to the Circumſtances of this City and Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's laſt Meſſage, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

A Petition from *William Ritchie,* of the City of *Philadelphia,* late Merchant, now a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The

1773.
*February* 19.
*Post Meridiem*

The Answer of the House to his Honour's Message being transcribed according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

WHEN we considered your Message of the Twenty-ninth of *January*, recommending the Support of a Garrison at Fort *Pitt*, founded on Apprehensions in the back Inhabitants of Danger from the *Indians*, at a Time, we imagined, the Treaties of Friendship between his Majesty and them were perfectly observed, we thought it our Duty to enquire into the Reason and Grounds, if any, for those Apprehensions. We were therefore induced to apply to Government for Information, whether there appeared a Disposition in the Natives to violate those Treaties, and from your last Message we cannot find there is the least Cause for such a Suspicion, otherwise we have no Doubt you would, on our Request, have communicated it. From whence we are led to conclude, that the Uneasiness of the back Settlers is without Foundation, and by no Means a sufficient Reason for a Measure, which we fear may be productive of the very Mischiefs it is intended to avert.

We well know, that from the first Settlement of the Province down to the late *French* and *Indian* War the most perfect good Understanding and Friendship were preserved between this Government and those People, by a Conduct uniformly just and kind towards them, that since the late *Indian* War the like happy Effects have been produced by the like Policy, and that, on the contrary, the maintaining of Garrisons in or near their Country, has been frequently an Object of their Jealousy and Complaints. To this we may add, that it appears by Intelligence, now before us, from the Deputy Superintendant of *Indian* Affairs in that Quarter, that having in Pursuance of his Majesty's Orders communicated to the Western *Indians* the Evacuation of Fort *Pitt*, that Measure is so entirely agreeable to them, that it is likely to effect a Removal of their Jealousies and a Conciliation of their Affections to this Province.

We might offer other Reasons for not concurring in Sentiments with your Honour on the Propriety of supporting a Garrison at Fort *Pitt*, but being of Opinion that any warlike Preparations, even within our own Frontiers, at a Time of prevailing Harmony between us and the Natives, may be attended with more ill than good Consequences, we shall wave them as unnecessary, and content ourselves with assuring you, that we shall, and we have no Doubt but all future Assemblies will, be very ready, when there shall be real Occasion, to afford every Kind of Protection to the back Inhabitants the Circumstances of the Province will allow.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*February* 19, 1773. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues in the City of* Philadelphia, *the District of* "Southwark, *and Townships of* Moyamensing *and the* Northern Liberties," and, after some Time spent therein, upon putting the Question, unanimously adhered to the said Bill.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Ross* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

The several Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for making* "*the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River*;"—"*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and* "*confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof*;"—"*An Act appointing Trustees* "*to take Care of the Person and Estate of* Richard Gardiner, *a Lunatic*;"—and, "*An* "*Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Phi-"ladelphia;"—being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

*Ordered*, That the said Members do also deliver the Answer of the House to his Honour's Message of the fifth Instant, together with the Bill for regulating Vendues, and acquaint him that the House having considered his Amendments thereto, do unanimously adhere to the said Bill.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*February* 20.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Answer of the House to his Message, the four Bills sent up Yesterday, and the Vendue Bill, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into his immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a*

1773. *February* 20. "*certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and* "*a Lot in the Town of* Carliſle, *in the ſaid County, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes* "*therein mentioned*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *William Ritchie* and *Thomas Carryl*, inſolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were again read, and, after ſome Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating* "*the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *and for other* "*Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be referred to the ſerious Attention of the Houſe at the Beginning of their next Sitting, and that a Draught of the ſaid Borough be laid before the Houſe at that Time.

The Houſe proceeded to the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend* "*the Act, entituled*, "*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes* "*therein mentioned*," which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment *February* 22. Mr. Speaker and Twenty-two Members met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 23. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Speaker with Twenty-three Members met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night, and a Quorum being ſtill wanting, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* A Quorum met.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled*, "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable, and for the Pre-* "*ſervation of the Fiſh in the ſaid River*;"—and, "*An Act for vacating a Part of a Road* "*in the Townſhip of the* Northern Liberties, *and for confirming a new Road laid out and* "*made inſtead thereof*;" and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bills be engroſſed.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Vendues* "*in the City of* Philadelphia, *the Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the Townſhips of* Moyamen-ſing *and the* Northern Liberties;"—and, "*An Act for appointing Truſtees to take Care* "*of the Perſon and Eſtate of* Richard Gardiner, *a Lunatic*;"—and informed the Houſe, that his Honour adhered to his propoſed Amendments to the firſt of the ſaid Bills, and could not give his Aſſent to the latter.

With the foregoing Mr. Secretary likewiſe delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for* "*erecting a new Gaol, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," with a Paper of Amendments to the ſame, which was read by Order, and, being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for veſting a certain Tract of Land in the Townſhip of* "Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carliſle, *in Truſtees,* "*to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*;"—and, "*An Act to amend the Act, en-* "*tituled*, "*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein men-* "*tioned*;" being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table;

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *King* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bills for his Aſſent.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill for repealing the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the manufacturing of Leather*;" which being read through the ſecond time, and debated, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, for extending ſuch Parts of the Statutes of Bankruptcy paſſed in *England*, as are beſt adapted to the Circumſtances of this Province, being again read, was referred to further Conſideration at the next Meeting of the Houſe.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 24. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed Yeſterday, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of ſeveral inſolvent Debtors, preſented this Sitting, were referred for Examination, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

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1773.
*February* 24.
Report of the Committee of Grievances.

THE Committee of Grievances beg Leave to report, that they have examined into the ſeveral Petitions of the Priſoners who have made Application to the Houſe for Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons; and find,

That *William Ritchie* has given regular Notice to his Creditors in this Province, and the ſeveral Attornies for his foreign Creditors, none of whom object to his Diſcharge, except *Benjamin Davids*, Tavernkeeper, to whom the Priſoner is indebted in a Sum leſs than *Five Pounds*, for Tavern Expences.

That *John Melieſy* (or *Milliron*), a Priſoner in the Gaol of *Lancaſter* County, has given Notice to his Creditors, none of whom have appeared againſt him.

That the other Petitioners for Relief have not given ſuch Satisfaction to the Committee, as to induce them to recommend their Caſes to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW, JOSEPH KING,
*February* 24, 1773. GEORGE ROSS, JOSEPH PARKER,
JOSEPH FERREE, THOMAS MIFFLIN,
SAMUEL HUNTER, JOHN FOULKE,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *William Ritchie* and *John Milliron*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaſter* Counties, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Report of the Committee appointed to viſit the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

The Committee appointed to viſit the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the Houſe, made their Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

WE your Committee beg Leave to report, that, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, we have viſited the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital this Day, and, on Examination, found the ſeveral Wards and Apartments clean, in good Order, and the Sick properly taken Care of; and we are of Opinion, that the regular Attendance of the Managers, and the Skill of the Phyſicians, have greatly contributed to the Relief of many unhappy Perſons.

GEORGE ROSS, GEORGE GRAY,
*February* 24, 1773. ISAAC WHITELOCK, JOSEPH ELLICOT,
SAMUEL HUNTER, PETER SHEPHERD,
BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *William Ritchie* and *John Milliron*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaſter*, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of his Excellency General *Gage's* and Colonel *Wilkins's* Letters, with ſundry other Papers referred over by the late Aſſembly, relative to the Complaints and Loſſes of certain Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Cumberland*, impreſſed with their Waggons and Teams into the King's Service by the ſaid Colonel *Wilkins*, on his March to Fort *Pitt*, and after a conſiderable Debate thereon, the following Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

Whether any Provincial Compenſation ſhall be made to the ſaid Inhabitants who were ſo impreſſed, and attended Colonel *Wilkins* in his late March to Fort *Pitt*?—

*Carried in the Negative.*

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| Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, | Mr. *Shoemaker*, | Mr. *Ellicot*, |
| Mr. *Aſhbridge*, | Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Shepherd*, |
| Mr. *Ferree*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Roſs*, | Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, |
| Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *King*, | Mr. *Krewſen*, | Mr. *Minſhall*, |
| Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, |
| Mr. *Hunter*. | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Whitelock*. |

Adjournment *February* 25.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Truſtees of the State-Houſe do purchaſe One Hundred Leather Buckets, and employ Workmen to ſet down two Pumps in the Front of the ſaid Houſe, for

1773. *February* 25. for the greater Security thereof from Fire; and that they procure ſome ſkilful Carpenter to view and report the preſent State of the Steeple to the ſaid Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of the County of* Lancaſter, *with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill for repealing the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the manufacturing of Leather*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table;

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Webb* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for veſting a certain Tract of Land in the Townſhip of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carliſle, *in the ſaid County, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Purpoſes therein mentioned*," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

The Secretary alſo delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," with an Amendment to the ſame, which was read by Order, and being agreed to by the Houſe, the Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into his immediate Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Lancaſter *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table;

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Roſs* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame; and acquaint him that the Houſe, inclining to adjourn to the Twentieth of *September* next, if his Honour has no Objection, requeſt to know at what Hour To-morrow they ſhall wait on him to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills that have been agreed on.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor with the inſolvent Bill, and delivered their Meſſage according to Order, to which his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into his immediate Conſideration, and give Notice to the Houſe in the Morning at what Hour he can meet them in the Council Chamber, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Aſſent.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 26. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to repeal the Act, entituled, An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the manufacturing of Leather*," and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be engroſſed.

Mr. Secretary alſo delivered the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Lancaſter *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," and a Paper of Amendments thereto, which was read by Order, and, being agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Bill was ordered to be engroſſed accordingly.

The ſeveral Bills prepared and agreed on during the preſent Sitting being engroſſed according to Order;

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Roads* and Mr. *Pearſon* do join with the Members of Council in comparing the ſaid engroſſed Bills with their Originals.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Members appointed to aſſiſt in comparing the engroſſed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the ſame according to Order, and found them to agree.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills, after they ſhall be paſſed into Laws, and depoſit the ſame in the Rolls Office.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Hunter* wait on the Governor, and enquire at what Hour this Afternoon it will be moſt agreeable to him to enact into Laws the Bills that have received his Aſſent.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Governor's Support for the current Year

*Reſolved*,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of this Province. And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, was signed by the Speaker, to be presented to his Honour in the Council-Chamber. 1773. February 26.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would meet the House in the Council-Chamber in Half an Hour.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "House, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour with a Number of Bills, respectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds "*in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*;"—"*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein* "*mentioned*;"—"*An Act for preserving the Navigation of* Shearman's *Creek, in the* "*County of* Cumberland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same*;"—"*An Act* "*for erecting Part of the County of* Bedford *into a separate County*;"—"*An Act to enable* "*the Persons therein named to hold Lands, and to invest them with the Privileges of na-*"*tural-born Subjects of this Province*;"—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William "Martin *in and to a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Charlestown, *in the County* "*of* Chester;"—"*An Act for making perpetual an Act, entituled,* "*An Act directing* "*the Choice of Inspectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province*;"—"*An* "*Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, *and for* "*confirming a new Road, laid out and made instead thereof*;"—"*An Act for making per-*"*petual the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes and Mulatto Slaves* "*imported into this Province, and laying an additional Duty on the said Slaves*;"—"*A* "*Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for making the River* Schuylkill *navigable,* "*and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River*;"—"*An Act for erecting a new* "*Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia;"—"*An Act to* "*amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Pur-*"*poses therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township* "*of* Middleton, *and County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in the* "*said County, in Trustees, to be sold for the Purposes therein mentioned*;"—"*An Act to* "*repeal the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in the manufacturing* "*of Leather*;"—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languishing Pri-*"*soner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol* "*of* Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;"—to which several Bills his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the House, presented to the Governor their Certificate for *Five Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleased to say he was much obliged to the House.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Complaint of *Daniel Narragang* was referred for Enquiry, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have taken into their Consideration the Petition of *Daniel Narragang*, of *Lower Saucon*, in the County of *Northampton*, against *Lewis Klutz* and *Henry Koken*, Esquires, Magistrates of the said County, and having heard the Allegations of the Parties, and their Witnesses, are of Opinion, that the Complaint of the said *Narragang* is malicious and unjust. Report of the Committee of Grievances.

*Submitted to the House by*

CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JOSEPH KING,
BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW, JOSEPH PARKER,
GEORGE ROSS, THOMAS MIFFLIN,
JOSEPH FERREE, JOHN FOULKE."

*Philadelphia*, *February* 26, 1773.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Account of *Twenty-five Pounds*, exhibited by *Alexander St. Clair*, of the County of *Bedford*, for Expences attending his Journey to this City, with Petitions to the Governor and Assembly from Fort *Pitt*, for the Continuance of a Garrison at that Post, and going afterwards, at the Instance of his Honour, to General *Gage*, at *New-York*, on the same Business;—which Account being allowed by the House, a Certificate for the said Sum, payable to Mr. *St. Clair*, was drawn at the Table, signed by Mr. Speaker, and delivered to the Secretary.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the 20th of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

1773. *September* 20. THE Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and taking into Conſideration that the Honourable *John Penn*, Eſq; one of the Proprietaries of *Pennſylvania*, is lately returned from *Great-Britain*, with the Commiſſion of Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Addreſs to his Honour on his ſafe Arrival and Re-acceſſion to the Government.

Adjournment *September* 21. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Addreſs to the Governor, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read, and conſidered, was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be tranſcribed.

*Reſolved*, on the Queſtion,

That the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, towards his Support; and a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be preſented to his Hononr when the Houſe ſhall wait on him with their Addreſs.

The Houſe then taking into their Conſideration the Harmony that *hath* ſubſiſted between the two Branches of the Legiſlature during the Adminiſtration of *Richard Penn*, Eſquire, late Governor of this Province, and his Continuance therein till near the Expiration of the Year,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the ſaid *Richard Penn*, Eſq; and a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, was, by Order, ſigned by the Speaker.

The Addreſs of the Houſe to the Governor being tranſcribed according to Order, was ſigned by the Speaker, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable* JOHN PENN, *Eſq; one of the Proprietaries, and Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of* Pennſylvania.

The *ADDRESS* of the REPRESENTATIVES of the FREEMEN of the ſaid Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met.

*May it pleaſe your Honour*,

An Addreſs to the Governor from the Houſe. PERMIT us very ſincerely to congratulate you on your ſafe Return to this Province and Re-acceſſion to the Government.

The Harmony ſubſiſting between the two Branches of the Legiſlature at the Time your private Affairs called for your Preſence in *Europe*, and the Happineſs that Harmony promiſed to the People, induce us to receive you again, in the ſame Station and Character, with very ſenſible Pleaſure.

But independant of this Conſideration, the Reſolution of one of the Proprietaries to aſſume the immediate Superintendance of the Province gives us additional Satisfaction, as it is a Meaſure which has been wiſhed, and even ſolicited for, by our Predeceſſors in Aſſembly, and is certainly founded in the ſoundeſt Policy; for we are confident the true Intereſts of the Proprietaries, and the People committed to their Care and Protection, are ſo firmly united that they cannot be ſeparated without doing Violence to the Welfare and Happineſs of both.

Impreſſed with theſe Sentiments, and convinced of your good Diſpoſition to unite with us in promoting the Common Weal, no Endeavours, on our Part, ſhall be wanting to ſupport the Honour and Dignity of your Government, and to ſecure to the Proprietaries and People their juſt Rights and Liberties.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe*,

*September* 21, 1773. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker*."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Edmonds* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, in Purſuance of their Adjournment in *February* laſt, and requeſt to know at what Time they ſhall wait on his Honour to preſent an Addreſs on his Return to this Province.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be in the Council-Chamber at Twelve o'Clock To-morrow, in order to receive the Houſe with their Addreſs.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe ſundry Letters and Reſolves, received in their Receſs from the Speakers of the ſeveral Aſſemblies of *Virginia*, the Province of *Maſſachuſetts*

*setts Bay, Connecticut* and *Rhode-Island*, which were read by Order, and are as they respectively follow, *viz.*

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SIR, *Virginia, March* 19, 1773.

I Have received the Commands of the House of Burgesses of this Colony, to transmit to you a Copy of the Resolves entered into by them on the Twelfth Instant, which they hope will prove of general Utility, if the other Colonies shall think fit to adopt them. They have expressed themselves so fully, as to the Motives that led to these Resolutions, that I need not say any Thing on that Point, and shall only beg you will lay them before your Assembly as early as possible, and request them to appoint some of their Body to communicate from Time to Time with the corresponding Committee of *Virginia*. I am, with great Respect,

A Letter from the Speaker of the Assembly of *Virginia*.

*Your most obedient Servant,*

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the Province of* Pennsylvania.

PEYTON RANDOLPH."

RESOLVES of the HOUSE of BURGESSES of the Colony of *Virginia*.

*Friday, the* 12*th of March,* 13*th* GEO. 3. 1773.

MR. *Bland* reported from the Committee, that they had directed him to make the following Report to the House, *viz.*

Resolves of the House of Burgesses of *Virginia*.

Whereas the Minds of his Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Colony have been much disturbed by various Rumours and Reports of Proceedings tending to deprive them of their ancient, legal and constitutional Rights.

And whereas the Affairs of this Colony are frequently connected with those of *Great-Britain*, as well as of the neighbouring Colonies, which renders a Communication of Sentiments necessary: In order, therefore, to remove the Uneasinesses, and to quiet the Minds of the People, as well as for the other good Purposes above-mentioned,

*Be it Resolved*, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Eleven Persons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Peyton Randolph*, Esq; *Robert Carter Nicholas, Richard Bland, Richard Henry Lee, Benjamin Harrison, Edmond Pendleton, Patrick Henry, Dudley Digges, Dabney Carr, Archibald Cary, and Thomas Jefferson*, Esquires, any Six of whom to be a Committee, whose Business it shall be to obtain the most early and authentic Intelligence of all such Acts and Resolutions of the *British* Parliament, or Proceedings of Administration, as may relate to, or affect, the *British* Colonies in *America*, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations; and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before the House.

*Resolved*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that they do, without Delay, inform themselves particularly of the Principles and Authority, on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, said to have been lately held in *Rhode-Island*, with Powers to transport Persons, accused of Offences committed in *America*, to Places beyond the Seas, to be tried.

The said Resolutions being severally read a second time, were, upon the Question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House *Nemine Contradicente*.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker of this House do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the *British* Colonies on this Continent Copies of the said Resolutions, and desire that they will lay them before their respective Assemblies, and request them to appoint some Person or Persons of their respectives Bodies, to communicate from Time to Time with the said Committee.

By the House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*.

*Extracted from the Journal,*

G. WYTHE, *C. H. B.*"

Another LETTER from *Virginia*.

SIR, *Williamsburg, Virginia, April* 6, 1773.

THIS Colony having of late Years sustained the greatest Injury by having their Paper Currency forged, and it having been represented to our General Assembly, at their last Session, that the supposed principal Author of this Mischief is an Inhabitant of *North-Carolina*, they judged it necessary, as well to prevent such dangerous Practices in future, as to shew their Regard for the other Colonies, to pass an Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Currency of other Colonies. Our Governor will transmit Copies of this Act to the different Governors on the Continent, with a Request that they would be pleased to recommend it to their several Assemblies, to enact Laws of the same Import respecting

Another Letter from *Virginia*.

1773. *September* 21. reſpecting *Virginia*. We have it in Command to furniſh the Speakers of the different Aſſemblies with the like Copies, and to requeſt the Favour of their Countenance and Aſſiſtance in accompliſhing our Wiſhes upon ſo important an Occaſion: We therefore take the Liberty of incloſing you a Copy of the Act. We have the Honour to be very reſpectfully, SIR,

*Your moſt obedient Servants,*

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Province of* Pennſylvania.

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
RO. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES."

*LETTER from the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Province of* Maſſachuſetts Bay.

SIR, *June* 3, 1773.

Letter from the Speaker of the Aſſembly of *Maſſachuſetts Bay*.

THE Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province being earneſtly attentive to the Controverſy between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, and conſidering that the Authority claimed and exerciſed by Parliament on the one Side, and by the General Aſſemblies of this Continent on the other, greatly militates, and is productive of this unhappy Contention, think it of the utmoſt Importance to the Welfare of both, and particularly of the Colonies, that the conſtitutional Rights and Powers of each be enquired into, delineated and fully aſcertained.

That his Majeſty's Subjects of *America* are intitled to the ſame Rights and Liberties as thoſe of *Great-Britain*, and that theſe ought in Juſtice by the Conſtitution, to be as well guaranteed and ſecured to the one as to the other, are Truths too apparent to be denied.

It is by this Houſe humbly conceived, to be likewiſe undeniable, that the Authority aſſumed and now forceably exerciſed by Parliament over the Colonies is utterly ſubverſive of Freedom in the latter; and that while his Majeſty's loyal Subjects in *America* have the Mortification daily to ſee new Abridgements of their Rights and Liberties, they have not the leaſt Security for thoſe which at preſent remain. Were the Coloniſts only affected by a Legiſlative ſubject to *their* Controul, they would even then have no other Security than belongs to them by the Laws of Nature and the *Engliſh* Conſtitution; but ſhould the Authority, now claimed by Parliament, be fully ſupported by Power, or ſubmitted to by the Colonies, it appears to this Houſe that *there* will be an End to Liberty in *America*, and that the Coloniſts will *then* change the Name of Freemen for that of *Slaves*.

In order to adjuſt and ſettle theſe important Concerns, the free and magnanimous Burgeſſes of *Virginia* have propoſed a Method for uniting the Councils of its Siſter Colonies; and it appearing to this Houſe to be a Meaſure very wiſe and ſalutary, is chearfully received and heartily adopted.

With very great Reſpect for your Honourable Aſſembly, and in Confidence that a Matter which ſo nearly affects the Safety of each Colony, will be aſſiſted by its wiſe Councils, permit this Houſe to incloſe a Copy of Reſolutions lately entered into here, and to requeſt that you will communicate the ſame at a convenient Opportunity.

I have the Honour to be, with great Truth and Regard, SIR,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

THOMAS CUSHING, *Speaker*."

## PROVINCE OF *MASSACHUSETTS BAY*.

*In the HOUSE of* REPRESENTATIVES, *May* 28, 1773.

Reſolves of the Aſſembly of *Maſſachuſetts Bay*.

WHEREAS the Speaker hath communicated to this Houſe a Letter from the truly reſpectable Houſe of Burgeſſes in his Majeſty's antient Colony of *Virginia*, incloſing a Copy of the Reſolves entered into by them on the Twelfth of *March* laſt, and requeſting that a Committee of this Houſe may be appointed to communicate from Time to Time with a correſponding Committee then appointed by the ſaid Houſe of Burgeſſes in *Virginia:*

And whereas this Houſe is fully ſenſible of the Neceſſity and Importance of an Union of the ſeveral Colonies in *America*, at a Time when it clearly appears that the Rights and Liberties of all are ſyſtematically invaded, in order that the joint Wiſdom of the Whole may be employed in conſulting their common Safety;

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe have a very grateful Senſe of the Obligations they are under to the Houſe of Burgeſſes in *Virginia*, for the Vigilance, Firmneſs and Wiſdom, which they have diſcovered at all Times in Support of the Rights and Liberties of the *American* Colonies; and do heartily concur with them in their ſaid judicious and ſpirited Reſolves.

*Reſolved*, That a ſtanding Committee of Correſpondence and Enquiry be appointed, to conſiſt of Fifteen Members, any Eight of whom to be a Quorum, whoſe Buſineſs it ſhall be to obtain the moſt early and authentic Intelligence of all ſuch Acts and Reſolutions

tions of the *British* Parliament, or Proceedings of Administration, as may relate to, or affect, the *British* Colonies in *America*; and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence and Communication with our Sister Colonies respecting these important Considerations; and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House. 1773. *September* 21.

*Resolved*, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee that they do, without Delay, inform themselves particularly of the Principles and Authority on which was constituted a Court of Enquiry, held in *Rhode-Island*, said to be vested with Powers to transport Persons accused of Offences, committed in *America*, to Places beyond the Seas, to be tried.

*Resolved*, That the said Committee be further instructed, to prepare and report to this House a Draught of a very respectful Answer to the Letters received from the Speaker of the Honourable House of Burgesses of *Virginia*, and the Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives of the Colony of *Rhode-Island*; also a circular Letter to the Speakers of the several other Houses of Assembly on this Continent, inclosing the aforesaid Resolves, and requesting them to lay the same before their respective Assemblies, in Confidence that they will readily and chearfully comply with the wise and salutary Resolves of the House of Burgesses in *Virginia*.

Then the House immediately made Choice of the following Gentlemen to be the Committee of Correspondence and Communication with the other Colonies, *viz.*

Mr. *Speaker*, Mr. *Samuel Adams*, Honourable *John Hancock*, Esq; Mr. *William Phillips*, Captain *William Heath*, Honourable *Joseph Hawley*, Esq; Honourable *James Warren*, Esq; *Richard Derby*, jun. Esq; Mr. *Elbridge Gerry*, *Jerathmeel Bowers*, Esq; *Jedediah Foster*, Esq; *Daniel Leonard*, Esq; Captain *Thomas Gardner*, Captain *Jonathan Greenleaf* and *James Prescot*, Esqrs.

*A true Copy*,

SAMUEL ADAMS, *Clerk*."

## *LETTER from the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of* Connecticut.

SIR, *Fairfield, in Connecticut, 24th June*, 1773.

I Have it in Command, to transmit to you the inclosed Resolutions of the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Connecticut*, by which you will see that they have fully adopted the Measures proposed by the patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*; and request you to lay the same before the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Pennsylvania*, that they may, if they see fit, adopt similar Measures, and appoint a Committee of Correspondence, who shall communicate from Time to Time with the Committee appointed by the House of Representatives of the Colony of *Connecticut*, on such Matters as may by them be judged to affect the common Interests of the *British* Colonies on the Continent of *America*. I have the Honour to be, with great Truth and Regard, SIR, Letter from the Speaker of the Assembly of *Connecticut*.

*Your most obedient humble Servant*,

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of* Pennsylvania.

EBENEZER SILLIMAN, *Speaker*."

*In the* HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES *of the Colony of* Connecticut.

*Friday, 21st of May, 13th* GEO. 3. 1773.

MR. Speaker having laid before the House a Letter from the Speaker of, and certain Resolutions entered into by, the House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*, on the Twelfth of *March* last, and this House taking into Consideration the Contents of the said Letter, the aforesaid Resolutions, and the Reasons on which they are grounded, are of Opinion, that they are weighty and important in their Nature and Design, calculated and tending to produce happy and salutary Effects in securing and supporting the antient, legal and constitutional Rights of this, and the Colonies in general, do therefore approve of and adopt the Measure, and thereupon Resolves of the Assembly of *Connecticut*.

*Resolve*, That a standing Committee of Correspondence and Enquiry be appointed, to consist of Nine Persons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Ebenezer Silliman*, Esq; *William Williams*, *Benjamin Payne*, *Samuel H. Parsons*, *Nathaniel Wales*, *Silas Dean*, *Samuel Bishop*, *Joseph Trumbull*, and *Eraſtus Wolcott*, Esquires, whose Business it shall be to obtain all such Intelligence, and to keep up and maintain a Correspondence with our Sister Colonies, respecting the important Considerations mentioned and expressed in the aforesaid Resolutions of the patriotic House of Burgesses of the Colony of *Virginia*, and the Result of such their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this House.

*Resolved*, That the Speaker of this House do transmit to the Speakers of the different Assemblies of the *British* Colonies on this Continent Copies of these Resolutions, and request that they would come into similar Measures, and communicate from Time to

1773. *September* 21. Time with the ſaid Committee on all Matters wherein the common Welfare and Safety of the Colonies are concerned.

The foregoing Reſolutions being ſeverally read a third time, were, on the Queſtion put, agreed to by the Houſe.

*A true Copy, extracted from the Journal,*
Atteſt. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, *Clerk D. R.*"

*LETTER from the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Deputies for the Colony of* Rhode-Iſland.

SIR, *New-Port, May* 15, 1773.

A Letter from the Speaker of the Houſe of Deputies of *Rhode-Iſland.*

HAVING received a Letter from the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of *Virginia*, incloſing the Reſolutions of that patriotic and illuſtrious Aſſembly of the Twelfth of *March* laſt, and alſo a Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence and Enquiry by them appointed, I took the earlieſt Opportunity of laying them before the Houſe of Deputies of this Colony, who immediately entered into the Conſideration of them, and, perſuaded that nothing leſs than a firm and cloſe Union of the Colonies in the moſt ſpirited, prudent and conſiſtent Meaſures, can defeat the Deſigns of thoſe who are aiming to deprive them of their ineſtimable Rights and Privileges, paſſed, *Nemine Contradicente*, the Reſolutions of which I have the Honour to incloſe you a Copy.

I requeſt the Favour of you to lay them before your Houſe of Repreſentatives as ſoon as poſſible. I am, with great Reſpect,

*Your moſt obedient Servant,*

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives for the Province of* Pennſylvania.

METCALF BOWLER."

*In the HOUSE of* DEPUTIES, *May* 7, 1773.

*Reſolved,*

Reſolves of the Houſe of Deputies of *Rhode-Iſland.*

THAT a ſtanding Committee of Correſpondence and Enquiry be appointed, to conſiſt of Seven Perſons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Stephen Hopkins*, Eſq; *Metcalf Bowler*, *Moſes Brown*, *John Cole*, *William Bradford*, *Henry Ward*, and *Henry Merchant*, Eſquires, any Four of whom to be a Committee, whoſe Buſineſs it ſhall be to obtain the moſt early and authentic Intelligence of all ſuch Acts and Reſolutions of the *Britiſh* Parliament, or Proceedings of Adminiſtration, as may relate to, or affect, the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*, and to keep up and maintain a Correſpondence and Communication with our Siſter Colonies reſpecting theſe important Conſiderations, and the Reſult of ſuch Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before this Houſe.

*Voted per Order,* J. LYNDON, *Clerk.*"

*In the HOUSE of* DEPUTIES, *May* 7, 1773.

WHEREAS this Houſe hath appointed a Committee of Correſpondence with Committees of the other Colonies, *&c.* it is therefore reſolved by this Houſe, that his Honour the Governor be requeſted to deliver ſaid Committee a Copy of his Commiſſion, as one of the Judges of the Court of Enquiry conſtituted from home, and ſaid to be held in this Colony, and of all ſuch other Papers, which were laid before ſaid Court, as may be conſiſtent with his Honour as Governor of this Colony.

*Voted per Order,* J. LYNDON, *Clerk.*

*In the HOUSE of* DEPUTIES, *May* 7, 1773.

*Reſolved,*

THAT the Speaker of this Houſe be requeſted to write to the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes in *Virginia*, and to all other Speakers of Aſſemblies in *North-America*, informing them of the Proceedings of this Houſe relating to the Preſervation of the Rights of the Colonies.

*Voted per Order,* J. LYNDON, *Clerk.*"

The afore-written is a true Copy of three Votes of the Houſe of Deputies, or Lower Houſe of Aſſembly, of the Colony of *Rhode-Iſland.*

Teſt. JOSIAS LYNDON, *Clerk.*"

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; dated *London*, *January* 6, 1773, incloſing a Liſt of Thirty Acts paſſed in *Pennſylvania*, *March* and *September*, 1772, which were preſented to the Privy Council on the 22d of *December* laſt by Mr. *Wilmot*, Agent to the Honourable the Proprietaries of this Province.

A Petition from the Grand Jury and a Number of the Freeholders of the County of *Northampton*, for an additional Repreſentative in Aſſembly, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions

Petitions from *John Morris*, *James Trueman*, *Richard Maſon*, *Joſhua Humphreys*, *James Pellor*, *William Greenway*, *Matthew Clarkſon*, *John Sibbald*, *John Read*, *Nathaniel Allen*, *John Howard*, *Benjamin Mifflin*, *John Armit* and *James Dickinſon* were preſented to the Houſe and read, each praying to be appointed the Officer for culling Staves, &c. and for inſpecting and meaſuring Boards and Timber exported from this Province. 1773. September 21.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Petitions from *Samuel Sweet* and *Thomas Bamford*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaſter* Counties, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, were preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Benjamin Pearſon*, of the Town of *Reading*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Duty of Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors in the County of *Berks*, in the Room of *Jaſper Scull*, deceaſed.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed by Law to ſuperintend the Printing the ſeveral Sums of *Twenty-five Thouſand Pounds* ſtruck in Purſuance of the Act of Aſſembly, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" paſſed the 21ſt of *March*, 1772; and the *Twelve Thouſand Pounds* ſtruck in Purſuance of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" paſſed the 21ſt of *February*, 1773, this Day, by the Hands of Mr. *Hillegas*, produced to the Houſe the Receipts of *Owen Jones*, Eſq; Provincial Treaſurer, for the above Sums to him delivered by the ſaid Committees, together with Fifteen unſigned ſupernumerary Sheets, and Fifty-ſix Bills of *Forty Shillings* each, of the *Twenty-five*, and Two Sheets of the *Twelve Thouſand Pounds*, which were examined and counted at the Table by the Speaker, and then burned by Order, in the Preſence of the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" read the 16th, and referred on the 20th of *February* laſt to further Conſideration of the Houſe at their preſent Sitting, was this Day again preſented at the Table by a Member; with a Plan of the ſaid Borough, but the ſaid Bill being of conſiderable Length, and the Houſe deſirous of riſing in a few Days, the ſame is recommended over to the Attention of the next Aſſembly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of Incidental Expences for the current Year, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *September 22.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſuming the Conſideration of the Petitions of *Samuel Sweet* and *Thomas Bamford*, Priſoners in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaſter* Counties, for Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons;

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Hockley* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the ſaid Priſoners.

The Committee appointed to eſſay a Draught of a Bill for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of public Debts, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Two Petitions from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia* were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing a Fund to defray the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks," paſſed the 21ſt of *February*, 1772, having occaſioned great Uneaſineſs in the Minds of the People, the Petitioners apprehend it will not anſwer the good Purpoſes intended by the Legiſlature, and therefore pray a Bill may be prepared and paſſed by the Houſe for repealing the ſaid Act. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*A Meſſage by Mr.* SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, in order to re-
"ceive the Houſe with their Addreſs."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on his Honour; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and preſented their Addreſs, to which his Honour had been pleaſed to return the following kind Anſwer, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

1773.

*September* 22. The Governor's Anſwer to the Addreſs of the Houſe.

'*GENTLEMEN*,

'I Accept with particular Pleaſure your kind Congratulations, and the Aſſurances you 'are pleaſed to give me, that you will ſupport the Honour and Dignity of my Go- 'vernment; for which I moſt heartily return you my warmeſt Thanks.

'As it was ever my ſincere Inclination to cultivate Harmony between the two Branches 'of the Legiſlature during my former Adminiſtration, ſo you may be aſſured it ſhall be 'my future Care, while I have the Honour to preſide in the Government of this Pro- 'vince, to cheriſh the ſame good Diſpoſitions, as the ſureſt Means of contributing to 'the Happineſs and Proſperity of the People committed to my Care, with which I am 'thoroughly ſenſible the Intereſt of my Family is inſeparably connected.

'The Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province may therefore rely on the Sin- 'cerity of my Profeſſions, when I aſſure them, that while my Duty calls upon me to 'ſupport the juſt Prerogatives of the Crown, and the Rights of the Proprietaries, I ſhall 'be happy in promoting the Welfare of the People, and protecting them in the Enjoy- 'ment of their invaluable Liberties and Privileges."

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Eſq; late Governor of this Province, with a Copy of the Reſolve of Yeſterday, voting him the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, and deliver the Certificate of the Houſe for the ſaid Sum.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Money of other Colonies.

The Houſe then taking into their Conſideration the ill Conſequences that may and do attend the further Circulation of the Bills of Credit of this Province under the Denomination of *Three Pounds* and *Thirty Shillings*, dated the Firſt Day of *March*, 1769, many of which have been counterfeited, and are now paſſing among the Inhabitants;

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do forthwith publiſh an Advertiſement in the ſeveral *Engliſh* and *German* News-Papers, enjoining all and every Perſon and Perſons whomſoever, poſſeſſed of the ſaid true Bills, and alſo of the Bills under the Denominations of *Twelve* and *Eight Shillings*, of the ſaid Date, to bring in the ſame, without Delay, to the ſaid Treaſurer, that they may be exchanged and ſunk according to the Directions of the Act of General Aſſembly in ſuch Caſe provided, there being a Sum of Money now in his Hands for exchanging thereof; and further to advertiſe the ſaid Perſons, that unleſs they comply with this Notice they will be in Danger of loſing an Opportunity of receiving the Value of ſuch Bills.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *Samuel Sweet* and *Thomas Bamford*, languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaſter* Counties, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 23. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Honourable *Richard Penn*, Eſq; late Governor of this Province, and preſent him with the Certificate of the Houſe for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that Mr. *Penn* was pleaſed to ſay, "he returned many Thanks to the Houſe, and was "glad to find his Endeavours had anſwered their Expectation."

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and* "*Payment of the public Debts*," being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed at the laſt Sitting to examine into the different Modes of aſſeſſing Property in the ſeveral Counties of this Province for ſinking the Sums granted to his Majeſty's Uſe during the late War, preſented to the Houſe a Report thereon in Writing, together with ſundry Extracts of Aſſeſsments annexed to the ſame, and the ſaid Report being read by Order, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. THE Committee appointed to enquire into the preſent State and Mode of levying the Provincial Taxes, report,

That they have carefully examined many Returns of Aſſeſsments made in the ſeveral Counties, and find various Modes of Taxation, adopted by the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of different Counties.

That the City and County of *Philadelphia* have generally laid their Aſſeſsments agreeable to Law; Stock and other perſonal Eſtate being therein rated as the Act of Aſſembly directs;

directs; and all Land, so far as your Committee can determine, being charged nearly at its Value. 1773. September 23.

That the Counties of *Bucks* and *Chester* have generally pursued the same Mode of Taxation, making fair and true Charges of all Stock and Servants returned, (except female Negroes in *Chester* County, who are rated at one Half the Sum the Law directs) and assessing their Lands nearly as that of *Philadelphia* County, Situation and other Circumstances being considered.

That the Counties of *Lancaster*, *Berks* and *York* have, in *some Instances*, made proper Assessments of Land and Stock, but, *in others*, they have so far neglected or disregarded the Law, as to have charged Lands and *personal Estates* not higher than the Stock itself would amount to, if rated as the Act of Assembly directs.

That *Northampton* County hath been very attentive to the Law in their Rates of Stock and Servants, but in the Assessment of real Estates in that County, they have charged Land at an Average with the Payment of *only Three Shillings per Hundred Acres*; all unimproved Lands of *Non-residents*, which are charged with the Payment of *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence per Hundred Acres*, excepted.

That the County of *Cumberland* have paid a proper Regard to the Law in their Assessment of Stock and Servants; yet in the Rates of their Land they fall so remarkably short of some other Counties, that, at an Average, it does not pay more than *Seven-pence per Hundred Acres*, Lands of Non-residents, as above, excepted.

In Confirmation of which your Committee beg Leave to refer to Extracts of Assessments hereunto annexed.

*Submitted to the House by*

*Philadelphia*, *September* 18, 1773.

JAMES WEBB, JOHN POPE, WILLIAM EDMONDS, GEORGE GRAY, THOMAS MIFFLIN, JOSEPH ELLICOT, ISAAC PEARSON."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief* "*of* Samuel Sweet, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of* Philadelphia, *and* "Thomas Bamford, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of* Lancaster, *with* "*respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Money of other Colonies, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was, by special Order, again read, debated by Paragraphs, and ordered to be transcribed.

A Petition from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that, upon Enquiry into the Circumstances of the *French* People residing on the Commons, known by the Name of the *Neutrals*, it appears to the Petitioners that a further Sum will be wanted to support them through the ensuing Season, the Money formerly voted by the House being expended and the Overseers in Advance for their Maintainance since the 25th of *March* last, and praying the House would make such Provision in the Case as may seem to them expedient.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *George Bray*, a languishing Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House taking into their Consideration sundry Letters received by the Judges of the Supreme Court of this Province from *David Ogden*, Esq; one of the Judges of the Province of *New-Jersey*, and several Affidavits taken before the said *David Ogden*, Esq; respecting the Persons who have lately counterfeited the Bills of Credit of this Province;

*Resolved*, That the Governor be requested to issue his Proclamation, offering the Reward of *Three Hundred Pounds*, for apprehending a certain *Joseph Richardson*, and the like Sum for apprehending a certain *Samuel Ford*, two Persons charged in the said Affidavits with counterfeiting the said Bills, and for delivering their Bodies to the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, in the Gaol of the said County.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 24.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Extract of a Letter to the Reverend *Richard Peters* from Mrs. *Patient Wright*, in *London*, dated the 24th of *June*, 1773, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

I Send you by Captain *Sutton* the Busto of the Proprietor *Thomas Penn*, Esq;—It is a Present from Lady *Juliana*, his Wife, to the People of *Pennsylvania*, to be lodged in the public Library.—Lady *Juliana* ordered me to send it to you, and to inform you she

1773. September 24. thought it a moſt excellent Performance, and that it was admired by the King and Queen and moſt of the Nobility in *England.* If any Accident ſhould happen in the Paſſage, or it may want any Thing done to the Drapery, be pleaſed to apply to my Siſter *Rachel Wells*, who has Orders from me and Lady *Juliana* to inſpect it, and to keep the Key of the Caſe, until ſhe hears further from us, as a few Alterations are intended to make it keep for Poſterity, in Memory of the *Penn* Family, and of Mrs. *Wright's* Ingenuity."

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, and, after ſome Debate,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid to the ſaid Overſeers, for Support of a Number of aged infirm Perſons and ſeveral Children among the *French* Neutrals in and about this City.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn by Order at the Table, the ſame was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Shoemaker*.

A Petition from *John Biddle*, of the Town of *Reading*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Berks*, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and* "*Payment of the public Debts*," and, "*An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Money* "*of other Colonies*," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Samuel Sweet, *a languiſhing Priſoner* "*in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* Thomas Bamford, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol* "*of* Lancaſter *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Chreiſt* wait on the Governor therewith, and alſo deliver the two Bills paſſed in the Forenoon, for his Conſideration and Aſſent.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Letters received by their Speaker from the ſeveral Aſſemblies of *Virginia*, *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Iſland*, with their reſpective Reſolutions appointing Committees of Correſpondence to collect and communicate to each other the earlieſt Intelligence of every Meaſure tending to infringe or reſtrict the general Rights of the Coloniſts, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Shoemaker*, Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Biddle*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to eſſay and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Letters, to be laid before the Houſe To-morrow.

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September 25.* The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a verbal Meſſage, requeſting a Liſt of the Certificates, Draughts and Orders, made payable out of the Supply Bill now before him.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Anſwer to the Letters from the Speakers of the ſeveral Aſſemblies of *Virginia*, the *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Iſland*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, Mr. Speaker was deſired to tranſmit a Copy thereof to each of the Colonies above-mentioned. And the ſaid Anſwer follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Anſwer to the Letters from the Speakers of the Aſſemblies of *Virginia*, &c.

SIR, *Philadelphia, September* 25, 1773.

I Embraced the earlieſt Opportunity to communicate your Favour of the 19th of *March*, with the Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Colony of *Virginia*, to the Aſſembly of this Province, and I have it in Command from them to aſſure your Honourable Houſe, that they eſteem it a Matter of the greateſt Importance to co-operate with the Repreſentatives of the other Colonies in every wiſe and prudent Meaſure which may be propoſed for the Preſervation and Security of their general Rights and Liberties; and that it is highly expedient and neceſſary a Correſpondence ſhould be maintained between the Aſſemblies of the ſeveral Colonies:——But as the preſent Aſſembly muſt, in a few Days, be diſſolved, by Virtue of the Charter of the Province, and any Meaſures they might adopt at this Time, rendered, by the Diſſolution, ineffectual, they have earneſtly recommended the Subject Matter of the Letter and Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of *Virginia* to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly. In the Name and by Order of the Houſe, I have the Honour to be, with great Reſpect, SIR,

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Colony of* Virginia.

*Your moſt obedient Servant,*
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

A Liſt

A List of the Certificates, Draughts and Orders, made payable out of the Supply Bill, being prepared, agreeable to his Honour's Request; 1773. September 25.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Pope* wait on the Governor, and deliver the same.

The Committee appointed at the last Sitting of the House, to hear sundry Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, for and against an Alteration of the Act of 1 Geo. 3. for regulating and improving the said Meadows, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Committee.

THAT having viewed the said Meadows, and heard the Allegations of the Parties, the Committee are of Opinion, that, although the Allotment of Banks, &c. when first made, might have been agreeable to Law and Justice, they are this Time, from a Change of Circumstances, unequal, and some Alteration is therefore necessary in the Law above recited.

*Submitted to the House by*

*Philadelphia*, *September* 25, 1773.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, WILLIAM RODMAN, ISAAC PEARSON, CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Incidental List, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would consider it.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the different Modes of assessing Property in the several Counties of this Province, and after some Debate thereon, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the said Report shall be earnestly recommended to the serious Consideration of the succeeding Assembly?— *It was carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.*

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| Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Pearson*, | Mr. *Ferree*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Ross*, |
| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Krewsen*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Webb*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Minshall*, | Mr. *Ewing*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Hockley*, | Mr. *Pope*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Ellicot*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Biddle*, |
| Mr. *Shoemaker*, | Mr. *Shepherd*, | Mr. *Allen*. | Mr. *Chreist*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | | Mr. *Edmonds*. |

Adjournment *September* 27. *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Accounts, agreeable to their Appointment, presented at the Table a Report in Writing on the State of the Public Accounts for the past Year, which was read through by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

## *REPORT* of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1773.

*Pursuant to the Appointment of the HOUSE, We have inspected and examined the several Public Accounts mentioned in this Report; and have burnt, sunk and destroyed the different Parcels of Bills of Credit as mentioned and specified in the same: The State of all which is as follows*, viz.

WE FIND, THAT

Report of the Committee of the Assembly on the State of the Public Accounts.

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, hath received since last Year's Settlement, sundry Principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages, (put under his Care by the said Trustees, on the 21st of October, 1767,) for which he Credits the Province,

By Cash received of sundry Persons from September the 9th, 1772, to September 15, 1773, for Quotas due on the several Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, Five Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Fifteen Shillings, —— £ 533 15 0

And he Charges,

To Bills of Credit, paid into the Hands of the Committee of Assembly, and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law, —— £ 533 15 0

### On Account of Interest on the said Mortgages, he Credits

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account settled last Year, —— | £ 2,653 19 2 | |
| By Cash received of sundry Persons since last Settlement for Interest due on their several Mortgages taken, —— | 211 3 9 | |
| | | £ 2,865 2 11 |
| And he Charges, | | |
| To an Allowance of £ 75 per Annum, for his Services for four Years, terminating the 21st of October, 1771, agreeable to a Vote of the House of September 25, 1771, —— | £ 300 0 0 | |
| To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preston Moore, being Interest Money, —— | 2,565 2 11 | |
| | | £ 2,865 2 11 |

Which Sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds Two Shillings and Eleven-pence, remaining in the Hands of the said Samuel Preston Moore, we have counted.

Quotas

1773. *September* 27.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Quotas remaining, as per Report of the Committee laſt Year, | | £ 3,171 | 14 0 |
| Of which Samuel Preſton Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee ſince that Time, and by them hath been burnt and deſtroyed as above-mentioned, | | 533 | 15 0 |
| Quotas remaining due and to become due on Eighty-eight Mortgages, | £ | 2,637 | 19 0 |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the ſeveral* COUNTIES *for the* PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

### *Philadelphia* County, for the Provincial Tax, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treaſurer, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected of the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee, September 9, 1772, | £ | 4,045 | 0 0¾ |
| To Drawback on Collector's Fees on Tax not received, | | 3 | 12 8 |
| To a Fine received by the Treaſurer from a Collector, for Neglect of Duty, | | 2 | 0 0 |
| To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for, | | 3 | 0 11½ |
| | £ | 4,053 | 13 8¼ |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By ſundry Charges on ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ | 145 | 5 6 |
| By Caſh paid Commiſſioners Orders, viz. | | | |
| One Commiſſioner's Fees, | £ 7 5 8 | | |
| Clerk's Fees, Stationary, &c. | 10 19 5 | | |
| James Watkins, Collector, for a Tax wrong charged, | 0 15 0 | | |
| David Potts, Ward Aſſeſſor's Fees, | 1 10 0 | | |
| | £ 20 10 1 | | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | |
| 1772. Oct. 9. Nine Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds 15*ſ.* ¾d. | £ 992 15 0¾ | | |
| Nov. 18. One Thouſand and Sixty Pounds 14*ſ* 2½d. | 1,060 14 2½ | | |
| Dec. 29. Eight Hundred and Forty-one Pounds 16*ſ* 7 | 841 16 7 | | |
| 1773. Feb. 10. Four Hundred and Eighty-ſeven Pounds 8*ſ* 10½d. | 487 8 10½ | | |
| July 16. Three Hundred and Seven Pounds 3*ſ* 3½d. | 307 3 3½ | | |
| | £ 3,689 18 6¾ | | |
| | £ 3,710 | 8 | 1¼ |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſion on £ 3,710 8 1¼, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | 37 | 2 1 |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding in the Hands of a Collector, againſt whoſe Effects Execution is iſſued, | | 160 | 18 0 |
| | £ | 4,053 | 13 8¼ |

### On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of ſaid Tax, | £ | 11,590 | 16 6 |
| To Caſh received of a Collector, being ſo much collected by him after Settlement of his Duplicate, | | 0 | 7 0 |
| | £ | 11,591 | 3 6 |

CONTRA Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting ſaid Tax, as ſettled by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 304 1 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 282 3 0½ | | |
| | £ | 586 | 4 6½ |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 32 17 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors dito, | 113 5 0 | | |
| Townſhip and Ward Aſſeſſors ditto, | 128 9 6 | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 84 18 6 | | |
| Stationary, and ſundry Diſburſements, | 7 13 0 | | |
| | £ 367 3 0 | | |
| 1773. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | |
| June 16. Thirteen hundred & twenty-five Pounds 3½d. | £ 1,325 0 3½ | | |
| July 16. Eight Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds 2*ſ* 1, | 853 2 1 | | |
| 29. Fifteen hundred & Seventy-nine Pounds 7*ſ* 5¼ | 1,579 7 5¼ | | |
| Aug. 10. Eleven Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 4*ſ.* ½, | 1,115 4 0½ | | |
| Sept. 7. Nine Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds 9*ſ* 1½ | 978 9 1½ | | |
| | £ 5,851 2 11¾ | | |
| | 6,218 | 5 | 11¾ |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 6,218 5 11¾, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | 62 | 3 7½ |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | 4,724 | 9 4¼ |
| | £ | 11,591 | 3 6 |

### *Bucks* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Joſeph Chapman*, Treaſurer, Dr.

### On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | £ | 803 | 16 0½ |
| Debit carried forward, | £ | 803 | 16 0½ |

*Bucks* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Continued. 1773. September 27.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

Debit brought forward, £ 803 16 0½

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 28 8 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 18 19 2 | | |
| | | £ 47 7 2 | |
| Commissioners Fees, | £ 1 7 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees, | 7 10 0 | | |
| | £ 8 17 0 | | |

1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 2. Three hundred & thirty-four Pounds 10/10 | £ 334 10 10 | | |
| July 7. Two Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, | — 217 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 1. One Hundred and Eighty Pounds 6/7¾, (at twice) | — 180 6 7¾ | | |
| | | 731 17 5¾ | |
| | | 740 14 5¾ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 740 14 5¾, at 20/. per Cent, | | 7 8 1¾ | |
| | | £ 795 9 9½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 8 6 3 | |
| | | | £ 803 16 0½ |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, £ 2,464 18 0

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 7 4 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 47 8 5 | | |
| | | £ 54 12 5 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 31 11 6 | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 35 10 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 56 2 6 | | |
| Clerks ditto, &c. | 36 11 0 | | |
| | £ 159 15 0 | | |

1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| June 2. Three Hundred and Twenty Pounds 1/5, | £ 320 1 5 | | |
| 19. Eight Hundred Pounds 2/3, | — 800 2 3 | | |
| Sept. 1. Six Hundred and Seventeen Pounds, | — 617 0 0 | | |
| | | 1,737 3 8 | |
| | | 1,896 18 8 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,896 18 8, at 20/. per Cent, | | £ 18 19 4½ | |
| Mileage, | | 0 13 0 | |
| | | 19 12 4½ | |
| | | £ 1,971 3 5½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 493 14 6½ | |
| | | | £ 2,464 18 0 |

*Chester* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny Tax*.

TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, £ 2,651 4 10

CONTRA Cr.

By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | £ 72 1 6 | |
| County Commissioners, Assessors and Clerks Fees, | £ 12 7 6 | | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | 24 13 0 | | |
| | £ 37 0 6 | | |

By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1772. Nov. 26. Nine Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds 10/7, | £ 993 10 7 | | |
| 1773. Jan. 26. Five Hundred and Two Pounds, | — 502 0 0 | | |
| May 27. Six Hundred and Thirty Pounds 14/11 | 630 14 11 | | |
| Sept. 3. Two Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds 1/5½ | — — 255 1 5½ | | |
| | | 2,381 6 11½ | |
| | | 2,418 7 5½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 2,418 7 5½, at 20/. per Cent, | | 24 3 8 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 136 12 2½ | |
| | | | £ 2,651 4 10 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO the whole Amount of said Tax, £ 3,956 15 3



Debit carried forward, £ 3,956 15 3

1773. *September* 27.

*Cheſter* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treaſurer, Continued.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

Debit brought forward, £ 3,956 15 3

| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting ſaid Tax, as ſettled by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 80 0 5 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 98 13 4½ | | | |
| | | | £ 178 13 9½ | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 29 9 6 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 54 15 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 88 12 6 | | | |
| Clerks Fees, | 36 1 6 | | | |
| | £ 208 18 6 | | | |
| 1773. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| Sept. 3. Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-eight Pounds 10/5½, | 1,788 10 5½ | | | |
| | | £ 1,997 8 11½ | | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,997 8 11½, at 20/. per Cent, | | 19 19 5¾ | | |
| Mileage, | | 0 12 0 | | |
| | | | 2,018 0 5¼ | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | 1,760 1 0¼ | |
| | | | | £ 3,956 15 3 |

*Lancaſter* County, for the Provincial Taxes, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Michael Diffenderfer*, Treaſurer.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected of ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | £ 883 2 9 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| 1773. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | |
| Sept. 3. Eight Hundred and Seventy-four Pounds Seven Shillings 10½d. | £ 874 7 10½ | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 874 7 10½, at 20/. per Cent, | 8 14 10½ | |
| | | £ 883 2 9 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Chriſtian Wirtz*, Treaſurer, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of ſaid Tax, | | £ 3,578 2 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 185 6 6 | |
| Collectors Fees, | 84 14 0 | |
| | £ 270 0 6 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 52 13 0 | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 73 10 0 | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 120 15 0 | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. | 24 10 0 | |
| | £ 271 8 0 | |
| 1773. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | |
| June 22. Eight Hundred & One Pounds & Three-pence, | £ 801 0 3 | |
| Aug. 18. Two Hundred and Nine Pounds 17/9 | 209 17 9 | |
| Sept. 4. Seven Hundred Pounds, | 700 0 0 | |
| | £ 1,710 18 0 | |
| | | 1,982 6 0 |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,982 6 0, at 20/. per Cent, | £ 19 16 4½ | |
| Mileage, | 1 13 0 | |
| | | 21 9 5½ |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | 1,304 6 0½ |
| | | £ 3,578 2 0 |

*York* County, for the Provincial Taxes.

On Account of the Tenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance due from the Eſtate of John Blackburn, deceaſed, late Treaſurer, as reported by the Committee 1771 and 1772, Of which no Part hath been paid. | £ 455 14 7¼ |

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Robert M'Pherſon*, Treaſurer, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as ſettled by the Committee in 1770, and again reported in 1771 and 1772, | £ 233 0 0 |
| Debit carried forward, | £ 233 0 0 |

# JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor.

## York County, for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.

1773. September 27.

### On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Debit brought forward, | £ 233 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, exclusive of those formerly allowed, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, | £ 32 12 0 | | |
| Taxes arising on the Lands of Non-residents on the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, exclusive of those formerly adjusted by County Commissioners, and for which the said Commissioners are to account, | 18 17 6 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 181 10 6 | | |
| | | | £ 233 0 0 |

### On Account of Taxes due from the Estates of Non-residents, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee in 1770, and again reported in 1771 and 1772, | £ 321 14 0 | |
| To Amount of Taxes on the Lands of Non-residents on the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, passed by the County Commissioners to the Credit of Robert M'Pherson, late Treasurer, to be accounted for as above-mentioned, | 18 17 6 | |
| | | £ 340 11 6½ |

### On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Michael Swoope*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee September, 1772, | | £ 21 5 0½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | |
| 1773. May 20. Twenty-one Pounds and Ten-pence, | £ 21 0 10 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 21 0 10, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 0 4 2½ | |
| | | £ 21 5 0½ |

NOTE. The Balance on the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax was wholly paid last Year.

### On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected of said Tax, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 603 8 6 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled as allowed by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, | £ 18 2 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 37 14 3 | | |
| | | £ 55 16 3 | |
| Commissioners Fees, | £ 14 17 0 | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 7 10 0 | | |
| A Commissioner's Order, for distributing Duplicates, | 0 15 0 | | |
| | £ 23 2 0 | | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| Feb. 11. One Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds 7/7 | £ 136 7 7 | | |
| May 20. Three Hundred Pounds | 300 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 13. Eighty-two Pounds Fourteen Shillings 6d. | 82 14 6 | | |
| | 519 2 1 | | |
| | | 542 4 1 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 542 4 1, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | 5 8 2 | |
| | | | £ 603 8 6 |

### On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of said Tax, | | | £ 1,587 19 11 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | £ 45 2 6 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 28 12 0 | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 27 0 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 92 10 0 | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 27 10 0 | | |
| | £ 175 12 0 | | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| May 20. One Hundred and Fifty-three Pounds 5*s.* | £ 153 5 0 | | |
| Sept. 13. Six Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds 8/9, | 639 8 9 | | |
| | 792 13 9 | | |
| | | 968 5 9 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 968 5 9, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 9 13 7 | | |
| Mileage, | 2 4 6 | | |
| | | 11 18 1 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 562 13 7 | |
| | | | £ 1,587 19 11 |

*Cumberland*

1773. *September 27.* *Cumberland* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer.

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 429 3 9 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | | | |
| Sept. 20. Three Pounds Thirteen Shillings 5½. | | | £ 3 13 5½ | | |
| By County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 3 13 5½, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | 0 0 9 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 425 9 6¾ | | |
| | | | | | £ 429 3 9 |

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 501 16 3 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| 1771. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| Sept. 27. Sixty-two Pounds Twelve Shillings, not made known to the Committee at Settlement with John Montgomery, Esq; | | | | | |
| 1773. last Year, | £ 62 12 0 | | | | |
| Sept. 20. Six Pounds, | 6 0 0 | | | | |
| | | | £ 68 12 0 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 68 12 0, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | 0 13 8½ | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 432 10 6½ | | |
| | | | | | £ 501 16 3 |

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 443 3 10 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | | | |
| Sept. 20. Forty-one Pounds Twelve Shillings and one Half-penny, | | | £ 41 12 0½ | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 41 12 0½, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | 0 8 4 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 401 3 6 | | |
| | | | | | £ 443 3 10 |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, settled by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 809 19 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| July 26. One Hundred and Ninety-eight Pounds 5/11, | £ 198 5 11 | | | | |
| Sept. 20. One Hundred and Seventy Pounds 15/11, | 170 15 11 | | | | |
| | | | £ 369 1 10 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 369 1 10, at 20*s.* per Cent. | | | 3 13 10 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 437 3 11 | | |
| | | | | | £ 809 19 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of said Tax, | | | | | £ 1,133 7 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | £ 7 14 11 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 10 1 5½ | | | |
| | | | £ 7 16 4½ | | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 35 16 0 | | | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 25 15 0 | | | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 89 0 0 | | | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 25 0 0 | | | | |
| Stationary, &c. | 15 0 0 | | | | |
| | | £ 190 11 0 | | | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | | | |
| Sept. 20. One Hundred and Nineteen Pounds 6/3, | | 119 6 3 | | | |
| | | £ 309 17 3 | | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 309 17 3, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 3 2 0 | | | | |
| Mileage, | 3 0 0 | | | | |
| | | 6 2 0 | | | |
| | | | 315 19 3 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 809 11 7½ | | |
| | | | | | £ 1,133 7 |

*Berk*

*Berks* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer. 1773. *September* 27.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 80 15 9½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| Aug. 31. Seventy-nine Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Nine-pence, | £ 79 19 9 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 79 19 9, at 20*s.* per Cent, | 0 16 0½ | | |
| | | £ 80 15 9½ | |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of said Tax, | | | £ 1,259 6 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 38 12 3 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 30 10 4 | | |
| | £ 69 2 7 | | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 30 0 0 | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 24 5 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 49 0 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees and sundry Disbursements, | 30 10 0 | | |
| | £ 133 15 0 | | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | | |
| August 31. Nine Hundred and Forty-three Pounds | 943 0 0 | | |
| | | 1,076 15 0 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,076 15 0, at 20*s.* per Cent. | £ 10 15 4 | | |
| Mileage | 1 9 0 | | |
| | | 12 4 4 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 101 4 1 | |
| | | | £ 1,259 6 0 |

*Northampton* County, for the Provincial Tax, *Herman Schnyder*, Treasurer.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of said Tax | | | £ 965 4 10 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting said Tax, as settled by County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Collectors Fees | | £ 24 2 7½ | |
| County Commissioners Fees | £ 29 6 6 | | |
| County Assessors ditto | 21 19 3 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto | 53 7 6 | | |
| Clerks ditto | 35 7 6 | | |
| | £ 140 0 9 | | |
| 1773. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| April 20, 21 & 22. Four Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds | £ 439 0 0 | | |
| September 1. Three Hundred and Eleven Pounds 16*s.* | 311 16 0 | | |
| 8. Thirty-nine Pounds 9*s.* (at twice) | 39 9 5 | | |
| | 790 5 5 | | |
| | | 930 6 2 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 930 6 2, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 9 6 0½ | | |
| Mileage | 1 10 0 | | |
| | | 10 16 0½ | |
| | | | £ 965 4 10 |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the EXCISE on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS *in the several Counties*, viz.

The Estate of *Joseph Stretch*, deceased, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 407 15 8½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Debts due from divers Persons, who are become Insolvent, as per List rendered, | | £ 63 5 0 | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | 22 15 4 | |
| Commissions on £ 22 15 4, at 5 per Cent, | | 1 2 9 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 320 12 7½ | |
| | | | £ 407 15 8½ |

1773. *State of the Accounts of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors in the several Counties, Continued.*

*September 27.* *William Crispin*, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee September 9, 1772, | £ | 208 14 1 | |
| To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, | | 5,662 16 4 | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum | | 430 0 8 | |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures | | 28 3 6 | |
| | | | £ 6,329 14 7 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, | £ | 5,510 9 3 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, | | 275 10 5 | |
| Balance due, said to be outstanding | | 543 14 11 | |
| | | | £ 6,329 14 7 |

*John Woolston*, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, | £ | 464 0 0 | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum | | 84 0 0 | |
| To a Moiety of Fines | | 4 10 0 | |
| | | | £ 552 10 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ | 497 5 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | | 55 5 0 | |
| | | | £ 552 10 0 |

*Charles Humphreys*, Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, | £ | 1,136 8 0 | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum | | 94 9 0 | |
| To a Moiety of a Fine | | 2 10 0 | |
| | | | £ 1,233 7 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By an Allowance for an Insolvent | £ | 4 14 0 | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, | | 1,106 5 9 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | | 122 7 3 | |
| | | | £ 1,233 7 0 |

*Sebastian Graaff*, Collector for *Lancaster* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | £ | 338 5 1 | |
| To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 10, 1773, | | 1,078 2 2 | |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum | | 101 5 10 | |
| | | | £ 1,517 13 1 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ | 1,055 14 0 | |
| By sundry Persons, either Insolvents or Run-away, &c. | | 24 15 4 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | | 105 11 4 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding | | 331 12 5 | |
| | | | £ 1,517 13 1 |

*Jacob Billmeyer*, jun. late Collector for *York* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | £ | 119 6 6 | |
| To Amount of Excise from the 1st of August, 1772, to the Time Henry Miller undertook the Office | | 39 15 5 | |
| | | | £ 159 1 11 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By an Allowance made for George Eichelberger, for whose Excise he over charged himself last Year | £ | 5 17 8 | |
| By an Allowance for James M'Mullin, who could not be found | | 3 0 0 | |
| Ditto for Alexander Hays, who absconded | | 3 0 0 | |
| Ditto for Moritz Hartman, Insolvent, | | 1 4 0 | |
| Ditto for John Heifer, who is settled under a Maryland Patent, | | 3 0 0 | |
| Ditto for John Brown, ditto ditto | | 3 0 0 | |
| | £ | 19 1 8 | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | | 127 6 6 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | | 12 13 9 | |
| | | | £ 159 1 11 |

*Henry Miller*, present Collector for *York* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise to August 1, 1773, exclusive of what was received by Jacob Billmeyer, jun. late Collector | | £ 318 15 11 |
| | Debit carried forward, | £ 318 15 11 |

*State of the Accounts of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors in the several Counties, Continued.* 1773. September 27.

*Henry Miller*, present Collector for *York* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | £ 318 15 11 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ 197 19 11 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 19 16 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | 101 0 0 | |
| | | £ 318 15 11 |

NOTE. Several Persons who are settled on Lands patented in the Province of Maryland, though within the County of York, we are informed have refused to pay the Excise and Provincial Taxes.

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THOMAS BEARD, Collector of Excise for the County of Cumberland, hath not appeared, nor sent any Accounts of Excise since the Settlement in the Year 1769: But we find by the Reports of the Committees of Accounts since that Time, that he hath paid into the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, before the Settlement of the public Accounts in the Year 1772, the Sum of £ 204 12 3
And we find he hath paid him since that Time 27 0 0
£ 231 12 3

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The Estate of *Jasper Scull*, deceased, late Collector for the County of *Berks*, Dr.

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|---|---|
| TO Balance, as settled by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part is paid. | £ 135 10 2 |

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*John Biddle*, present Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from the 14th of August, 1772, to the 14th of August, 1773, including what was received thereof by Jasper Scull, late Collector, | £ 603 0 0 | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | 77 8 6 | |
| | | £ 680 8 6 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ 532 15 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 53 5 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | 94 8 0 | |
| | | £ 680 8 6 |

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*Jesse Jones*, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | £ 18 17 3 | |
| To Amount of Excise from July 1, 1772, to July 1, 1773, | 279 6 6 | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum | 24 15 0 | |
| | | £ 322 18 9 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ 270 10 9 | |
| By his Commissions at 10 per Cent | 27 1 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | 25 7 0 | |
| | | £ 322 18 9 |

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*Thomas Urie*, Collector for the County of *Bedford*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum from April, 1771, to April, 1772, | | £ 15 15 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, | £ 11 11 10 | |
| By an outstanding Debt, due from Jane Wood, | 3 0 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent, | 1 3 2 | |
| | | £ 15 15 0 |

NOTE. No Account of Excise has been rendered for the County of Bedford for this Year, nor do we find any Money paid on Account thereof to the Provincial Treasurer.

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THOMAS LEMON, Collector of Excise for the County of Northumberland, hath not appeared, nor sent any Account for this Year, nor do we find that he has paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer.

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JAMES KINKEAD, Collector of Excise for the County of Westmoreland, hath not appeared, nor sent any Account for this Year, nor paid any Money to the Provincial Treasurer.

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STATE

STATE of other ACCOUNTS, viz.

1773. September 27. *Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Building and Supporting a Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | |
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| TO Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia from Auguſt 31, 1772, to Auguſt 31, 1773, | | | £ 1,767 19 2 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | £ 1,661 17 8½ | | |
| Commiſſions, at 6 per Cent, | 106 1 5½ | | |
| | | £ 1,767 19 2 | |

*Thomas Coombe*, Collector of the Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as ſettled by the Committee September 16, 1771, | £ 17 10 6 | | |
| To Amount of Duties received on Slaves imported into this Province before laſt Settlement, being Part of the £ 570, then outſtanding, | 252 10 0 | | |
| To Amount of Duties received on Slaves imported into this Province ſince September, 1771, | 87 10 0 | | |
| | | £ 357 10 6 | |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | £ 331 7 6 | | |
| Commiſſions on £ 331 7 6, at 5 per Cent, | 16 11 5 | | |
| Balance due | 9 11 7 | | |
| | | £ 357 10 6 | |

NOTE. The outſtanding Debts of the Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves imported into this Province ſince laſt Settlement £ 90 0 0

And of the £ 570, reported by the Committee to be outſtanding the 21ſt of September, 1771, there remains to be accounted for the Sum of 317 10 0

£ 407 10 0

In which Sum the Drawback on Slaves exported and inſolvent Debts are included.

*Joſeph Fox*, Barrack-Maſter in *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1772. Dec. 2. TO Enſign M'Kenſey, for his Bill on Captain Steward of the 68th Regiment, for Deficiencies, | £ 8 2 3 | | |
| To Caſh received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, at ſundry Times, | 1,388 18 2 | | |
| | | £ 1,397 0 5 | |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Amount of his Account for Neceſſaries ſupplied the Soldiers quartered in this City, in Firewood, Candles, Small-beer, &c. from September 12, 1772, to September 16, 1773, | | £ 1,397 0 5 | |

*William Bowſman*, Barrack-Maſter in *Lancaſter*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer | | £ 64 7 2 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Amount of his Account for Repairs and Neceſſaries ſupplied the Soldiers quartered in Lancaſter, in Firewood, Candles, Small-beer, &c. from September 14, 1772, to September 15, 1773, | | £ 64 7 2 |

The Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia*, appointed by Acts of Aſſembly paſſed in 1766 and 1767, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, charged in his Account, ſettled by the Committee September, 1771, as reported laſt Year, | | £ 276 18 4 | |
| To ditto, for ſeveral Branches, granted to Pilots, from June 2, 1766, to February 26, 1767, | | 42 10 0 | |
| To ditto, received for ſeveral Branches to Pilots ſince that Time | | 68 10 0 | |
| To Amount of Pilotage, being Forfeitures to the Office | | 20 19 3 | |
| | | | £ 408 17 7 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| 1766. By ſundry Expences of printing, &c. &c. | | £ 28 5 0 | |
| By Wardens Wages, viz. | | | |
| Peter Reeve, Preſident, 49 Days, at 7/6, | £ 18 7 6 | | |
| Oſwell Eve, 45 Days, at 5/. | 11 5 0 | | |
| Ditto, as Preſident, 8 Days, at 7/6, | 3 0 0 | | |
| Robert Morris, 34 Days, at 5/. | 8 10 0 | | |
| Abel James, 32 Days, at 5/. | 8 0 0 | | |
| John Nixon, 32 Days, at 5/. | 8 0 0 | | |
| Thomas Penroſe, 35 Days, at 5/. | 8 15 0 | | |
| Michael Hulings, 32 Days, at 5/. | 8 0 0 | | |
| | | 73 17 6 | |
| Credit carried forward, | | £ 102 2 6 | |

*State of other Accounts, Continued.* 1773. *September* 27.

## The Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia*, appointed by Act of Assembly passed in 1766 and 1767, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Debit brought forward, | £ 408 17 7 |
| | | | | Credit brought forward, | £ 102 2 6 |
| 1767. | By an Allowance to Joseph Saunders, for Hire of a Room and one Year's Clerk's Wages, | | | | 50 0 0 |
| | By Wardens Wages from June, 1767, to January 15, 1771, viz. | | | | |
| | Peter Reeve, President, | 48 Days, at 7/6, | £ 18 0 0 | | |
| | Robert Morris, | 40 Days, at 5/. | 10 0 0 | | |
| | Thomas Penrose, | 39 Days, at 5/. | 9 15 0 | | |
| | Abel James, | 35 Days, at 5/. | 8 15 0 | | |
| | Michael Hulings, | 35 Days, at 5/. | 8 15 0 | | |
| | Ditto, as President, | 5 Days, at 7/6, | 1 17 6 | | |
| | John Nixon, | 29 Days, at 5/. | 8 0 0 | | |
| | Oswell Eve, | 21 Days, at 5/. | 5 5 0 | | |
| | | | | 69 12 6 | |
| | By sundry Expences for printing, &c. | | | 7 19 3 | |
| | By an Allowance to Thomas Coombe, for Hire of a Room and Clerkship from June the 16th, 1767, to January 16, 1771, at £ 50 per Annum, is 3 Years and 7 Months | | | 179 3 4 | |
| | | | | | £ 408 17 7 |

## Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO | Balance remaining in their Hands on a Settlement with the Committee, September 10, 1772, | £ 571 1 6 | |
| To | Cash received from the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, for Branches to several Pilots, | 57 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 628 1 6 |

CONTRA Cr.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By | Cash paid the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia for their Services and Disbursements, not included in last Year's Settlement, viz. | | | | |
| 1771. | March 28. Paid James Nevel, for printing Certificates, | £ 1 13 4 | | | |
| | Paid for Wafers | 0 4 0 | | | |
| | Paid for a Transcript of the Law | 1 0 0 | | | |
| | May 2. Paid Joseph Crukshank for Blank Bonds | 1 5 0 | | | |
| | July 29. Paid Robert Kennedy for glazing Maps | 0 10 0 | | | |
| | Oct. 21. Paid for a Copy of the Light-house Law, passed Oct. 1, 1771, | 1 0 0 | | | |
| 1772. | May 16. Paid James Nevel, for Parchment and printing Certificates, | 1 7 6 | | | |
| | | | | £ 6 19 10 | |
| | Paid Wardens Wages, viz. | | | | |
| | Peter Reeve, President, | 58 Days, at 7/6, | £ 21 15 0 | | |
| | Robert Morris, | 13 Days, at 5/. | 3 5 0 | | |
| | Michael Hulings, | 39 Days, at 5/. | 9 15 0 | | |
| | John Nixon, | 25 Days, at 5/. | 6 5 0 | | |
| | Robert Whyte, | 60 Days, at 5/. | 15 0 0 | | |
| | John M. Nesbitt, | 30 Days, at 5/. | 7 10 0 | | |
| | Thomas Penrose, | 26 Days, at 5/. | 6 10 0 | | |
| | | | | 70 0 0 | |
| | Paid Thomas Coombe, for the Rent of a Room, Fire, Quills, Ink, &c. Clerkship from January 16, 1771, to March, 1773, being two Years and two Months, at £ 50 per Annum, | | | 108 6 8 | |
| | By Commissions allowed the Commissioners of the Light-house on £ 2,420. Disbursements by them made from Nov. 10, 1770, to Sept. 10, 1772, at 5 per Cent, | | | 121 0 0 | |
| 1772. | Cash paid, viz. | | | | |
| Sept. | 1. Arthur Donaldson for Boards | £ 3 6 1½ | | | |
| Oct. | 12. Nehemiah Fields, for John Hitchcock and Family's Passage, &c. | 3 0 0 | | | |
| Dec. | 3. John Hitchcock, on Account of Wages, | 22 5 8 | | | |
| | 4. Joseph Anthony, for 17 Barrels of Oil, | 107 18 0 | | | |
| | 5. Jacob Myers, for Anchors for the Buoys, | 9 4 7 | | | |
| | 6. Joseph Gamble, for laying ditto | 5 0 0 | | | |
| | 7. George Morrison, for Cotton Wick, | 4 11 0 | | | |
| | 8. Matt. Young, for painting Buoys, | 0 5 6 | | | |
| | James Stewart, for taking up a Buoy and Chain, | 3 0 0 | | | |
| | 9. Luke Morris for one Year's Storage for Buoys, | 12 0 0 | | | |
| | 10. Ditto for Repairs for Buoys in 1772, | 17 7 9 | | | |
| | | | | 187 18 7½ | |
| | By Cash paid Interest of the following Certificates, viz. | | | | |
| | William Morrel, one Year's | £ 30 0 0 | | | |
| | Joseph Fox, ditto | 9 0 0 | | | |
| | Joseph Richardson, ditto on £ 250, | 15 0 0 | | | |
| | Joseph Potts 60, | 3 12 0 | | | |
| | Reeve and Liddon 200, | 12 0 0 | | | |
| | James Hamilton 200, | 12 0 0 | | | |
| | | | | 81 12 0 | |
| | Balance remaining in the Hands of the Commissioners, to be by them accounted for, | | | 52 4 4½ | |
| | | | | | £ 628 1 6 |

*State of other Accounts, Continued.*

*Samuel Penroſe,* Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1773. Sept. 6. | TO Balance due the Province, as ſettled by the Truſtees of the Province Iſland, September 15, 1772, | | | | £ | 275 5 7 | |
| | To one Year's Rent of ſaid Iſland | | | | | 401 0 0 | |
| | To one Year's Intereſt on £ 570, being the Amount of the new Improvement made on ſaid Iſland, as per Contract, | | | | | 34 4 0 | |
| | | | | | | | £ 710 9 7 |
| | CONTRA | | | | | | Cr. |
| | By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Eſq; Provincial Treaſurer, at ſundry Times, | | | | £ | 458 5 5 | |
| | Balance due to the Province | | | | | 252 4 2 | |
| | | | | | | | £ 710 9 7 |

The Eſtate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as ſettled by the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, excluſive of their Tax on their Lands in the Counties of Bucks, Cheſter, Cumberland and Bedford, as reported laſt Year, — | | | | £ | 565 5 4 |
| To Amount of their Tax in the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, as follows, viz. | | | | | |
| Bucks County | | £ | 30 12 0 | | |
| Cheſter County not brought in. | | | | | |
| Cumberland County | | | 168 10 5 | | |
| | | | | | 199 2 5 |
| Bedford County, ſee below. | | | | | |
| To Amount of their Tax in the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, as follows, viz. | | | | | |
| Philadelphia County, | | £ | 144 6 0 | | |
| Bucks County | | | 30 12 0 | | |
| Cheſter County, not brought in. | | | | | |
| Lancaſter County | | | 127 11 9½ | | |
| York County | | | 53 2 11 | | |
| Cumberland County | | | 166 7 0 | | |
| Berks County | | | 139 13 6 | | |
| Northampton County | | | 124 7 11 | | |
| Bedford County, including the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, — | | | 238 10 0 | | |
| Northumberland County, not brought in. | | | | | 1,024 11 1½ |
| | | | | | £ 1,788 18 10½ |
| CONTRA | | | | | Cr. |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, | | | | £ | 867 0 0 |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | | 921 18 10½ |
| | | | | | £ 1,788 18 10½ |

The Truſtees of the State-Houſe, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Dr. John Morgan, for 48,600 old Bricks ſold him, at 14/6. per 1,000, | | | £ | 35 4 8 |
| Ditto received of Samuel Rhoads, for 1,000 ditto | | | | 0 14 6 |
| | | | | £ 35 19 2 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By Caſh paid Chriſtopher Cave, in full for Ironwork of two Pumps, placed Front of the State-Houſe, per Order of the Aſſembly, | | | £ | 5 6 0 |
| Ditto paid Elmſley and Morris, their Account for two Pumps, | | | | 13 9 4 |
| Ditto paid Thomas Morris, for Well Curbs, Cedar Poſts, &c. | | | | 1 10 1½ |
| Ditto paid for painting the Pumps | | | | 0 15 0 |
| Ditto paid Thomas Hallowell, in Part of his Account, for digging the Wells, laying Pavements, and for Bricks, &c. | | | | 14 18 8½ |
| | | | | £ 35 19 2 |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of* OWEN JONES, PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage, per Act of Aſſembly, paſſed 1758, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee, September 21, 1769, — — | | £ | 2 10 7½ |
| Which ſum of £ 2 10 7½ remains in his Hands. | | | |

On Account of the *Province Iſland*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Samuel Penroſe, being Rent for ſaid Iſland, at ſundry Times, — | | £ | 458 5 5 |
| | Debit carried forward, | £ | 458 5 5 |

# JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor.

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

1773. September 27.

## On Account of the *Province Island*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | £ 458 5 5 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Balance due to Owen Jones, as settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, | £ 2 17 3 | |
| By Cash paid Luke Morris, Thomas Wharton and Samuel Morris, jun. per Order of the Trustees, | 70 5 6½ | |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, | 3 13 1 | |
| Balance due to the Province | 381 9 6½ | |
| | | £ 458 5 5 |

## On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, | | £ 230 9 6 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered to the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 229 6 7 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 1 2 11 | |
| | | £ 230 9 6 |

## On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Use, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 20, 1771, Which Sum remains in his Hands. | £ 701 11 0 |

## On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships for Building and Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | £ 505 1 2½ | |
| To Cash received of Thomas Coombe in several Payments | 1,661 17 8½ | |
| | | £ 2,166 18 11 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Cash paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Commissioners of the Light-house, | £ 1,100 0 0 | |
| By ditto paid the Signers of the £ 12,000 Bills of Credit, issued per Act passed the 26th of February, 1773, | 36 0 0 | |
| By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, Isaac Pearson and Michael Hillegas, for their Attendance on the Press in printing the said £ 12,000, &c. | 9 10 0 | |
| | £ 1,145 10 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 5 14 6 | |
| Balance remaining in his Hands | 1,015 14 5 | |
| | | £ 2,166 18 11 |

## On Account of the Act for raising and applying the Sum of £ 3,000, towards removing *Indian* Discontents, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, Which Sum remains in his Hands. | £ 3 9 0 |

## On Account of Excise on Spirituous Liquors, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of the Estate of Joseph Stretch, deceased, | £ 22 15 4 | |
| Ditto of William Crispin, Collector for Philadelphia County | 5,510 9 3 | |
| John Woolston, — Bucks County | 497 5 0 | |
| Charles Humphreys, — Chester County | 1,106 5 9 | |
| Sebastian Graaff, — Lancaster County | 1,055 14 0 | |
| Jacob Billmeyer, late — York County | 127 6 6 | |
| Henry Miller, present — York County | 197 19 11 | |
| Jasper Scull, late — Berks County | 0 0 0 | |
| John Biddle, present — Berks County | 532 15 0 | |
| Thomas Beard, — Cumberland County | 27 0 0 | |
| Jesse Jones, — Northampton County | 270 10 9 | |
| Thomas Urie, — Bedford County | 11 11 10 | |
| Thomas Lemon, — Northumberland County | 0 0 0 | |
| | | £ 9,359 13 4 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 20,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed May 20, 1767, | £ 992 0 0 | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 16,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, | 4,806 4 0 | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 7,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 9, 1771, in the same Act mentioned, | 1,074 5 5 | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, being Part of the £ 25,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed March 21, 1772, | 2,041 10 0 | |
| | £ 8,913 19 5 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, | 445 13 11 | |
| | | £ 9,359 13 4 |

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1773. *September 27.*

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland, | | | £ 3 13 5½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 3 13 3½ | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 0 2 | | |
| | | | £ 3 13 5½ |

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Michael Swoope, for York County, | £ 21 0 10 | | |
| To dito of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, | 6 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ 27 0 10 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 26 19 6 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 1 4 | | |
| | | | £ 27 0 10 |

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, | | | £ 41 12 0½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 41 10 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 2 0½ | | |
| | | | £ 41 12 0½ |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | | £ 6,384 9 6 | |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County, | £ 3,689 18 0¼ | | |
| Joseph Chapman, | Bucks | 731 17 5¼ | | |
| James Gibbons, | Chester | 2,381 6 11½ | | |
| Michael Diffenderfer, | Lancaster | 874 7 10½ | | |
| Michael Swoope, | York | 519 2 1 | | |
| Christopher Whitman, | Berks | 79 19 9 | | |
| John Montgomery, | Cumberland | 369 1 10 | | |
| | | | 8,645 14 0 | |
| | | | | £ 15,030 3 6 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | £ 14,992 13 10 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 37 9 8 | |
| | | | | £ 15,030 3 6 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County, | | £ 5,851 2 11¾ | |
| Joseph Chapman, | Bucks | | 1,737 3 8 | |
| James Gibbons, | Chester | | 1,788 10 5½ | |
| Christian Wertz, | Lancaster | | 1,710 18 0 | |
| Michael Swoope, | York | | 792 13 9 | |
| Christopher Whitman, | Berks | | 943 0 0 | |
| John Montgomery, | Cumberland | | 119 6 3 | |
| Herman Schnyder, | Northampton | | 790 5 5 | |
| | | | | £ 13,733 0 6¼ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | £ 4,076 15 0½ | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 10 3 10 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | 9,646 1 7¾ | |
| | | | | £ 13,733 0 6¼ |

On Account of the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Edmund Physick | | | £ 867 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 864 17 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 2 3 0 | | |
| | | | £ 867 0 0 |

On Account of the Parliamentary Grants, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | £ 2,083 18 8¼ |
| | Debit carried forward, | £ 2,083 18 8¼ |

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1773. *September* 27.

## On Account of the Parliamentary Grants, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Debit brought forward, | | £ 2,083 18 8¼ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt | £ 2,078 14 9 | |
| Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 5 3 11¼ | |
| | | £ 2,083 18 8¼ |

## On Account of the Act for raising £ 16,000, for Support of Government, passed *February* 18, 1769, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | £ 671 18 3 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz. | | |
| Robert Erwin, | £ 30 0 0 | |
| Ditto | 7 4 4 | |
| Michael Coons | 3 0 0 | |
| Andrew M'Nair | 24 0 9 | |
| William Sheed | 1 0 0 | |
| William Parr, for recording Laws, &c. | 25 5 6 | |
| John Sellers, for viewing Susquehanna, &c. | 20 12 10 | |
| Abel Evans, Assistant Clerk, | 15 0 0 | |
| Lawrence Shiney | 0 17 4 | |
| Overseers of the Poor, for the French Neutrals, | 100 0 0 | |
| Joseph Shippen, Esq; for Proclamations, &c. | 15 18 10½ | |
| Ditto as Clerk of the Council, | 30 0 0 | |
| Ditto for Indian Expences, | 3 14 7½ | |
| Hall and Sellers, for Printing, | 233 10 6 | |
| David Hall, for Stationary, | 7 8 1½ | |
| Samuel Rhoads, Esq; for viewing Schuylkill, &c. | 18 8 4 | |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; for Fire-wood, | 13 8 9 | |
| Michael Hillegas, Esq; for Services on the Committee, | 11 0 0 | |
| Judges Expences on the Circuit, | 21 2 2 | |
| Samuel Rhoads, Esq; for Services on Committees, | 10 0 0 | |
| William Sheed, Serjeant at Arms, &c. | 14 15 0 | |
| Edward Duffield, for his Care of the Clock, &c. | 23 3 0 | |
| Abel James, for his Services on Committees, | 10 10 0 | |
| Benjamin Lightfoot, for viewing Schuylkill, | 28 7 5 | |
| Samuel Shoemaker, Esq; Part of his Certificate, the other Part paid out of the £ 25,000, | 0 3 11½ | |
| | £ 668 11 6 | |
| By his Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 3 6 9 | |
| | | £ 671 18 3 |

## On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, passed the 14th of *May*, 1762, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | £ 356 13 6 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Cash paid James and Drinker, on Account of an Indian Chief, per Order of the Speaker, Joseph Fox, and John Baynton, Esqrs. | £ 25 0 0 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 1 3 | |
| Balance due to the Province | 331 12 3 | |
| | | £ 356 13 6 |

## On Account of the Act for raising the Sum of £ 15,000, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, passed the 9th of *March*, 1771, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | £ 10,254 14 4½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Cash paid the following Certificates, viz. | | |
| William Dunwick — £ 84 1 0 | Brought forward, £ 3,623 15 0½ | |
| John Palmer — 800 0 0 | John Read — 10 0 0 | |
| John Bower — 0 15 0 | John Palmer — 294 9 11 | |
| John Palmer — 800 0 0 | Ditto — 800 0 0 | |
| Ditto — 800 0 0 | John Montresor — 144 16 1 | |
| William Dunwick — 69 9 6 | John Palmer — 800 0 0 | |
| Matthew Clarkson — 14 18 0 | John Read — 15 0 0 | |
| James and Drinker — 31 11 0½ | John Palmer — 800 0 0 | |
| Joseph Fox — 23 0 6 | John Morton, Esq; — 44 0 0 | |
| John Palmer — 1,000 0 0 | Wiliam Grantham — 44 13 9 | |
| | John Palmer — 800 0 0 | |
| Carried forward, £ 3,623 15 0½ | Samuel Penrose — 83 4 11 | |
| | £ 7,459 19 8½ | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 18 12 11½ | |
| Balance due to the Province | 2,776 1 8½ | |
| | | £ 10,254 14 4½ |

1773. *September* 27. *State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treaſurer, Continued.*

On Account of the Act for appropriating £ 5,000, to purchaſe Lots of Ground, adjoining the State-Houſe Lots, paſſed *May* 14, 1762, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as ſettled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | | | | £ 1,008 0 4 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the following Certificates, viz. | | | | | |
| Daniel Richards | £ 5 5 5 | | | | |
| James Cannon | 1 14 4 | | | | |
| John Power | 2 9 0 | | | | |
| | | | £ 9 8 9 | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | | | 0 0 11 | | |
| Balance due to the Province | | | 998 10 8 | | |
| | | | | | £ 1,008 0 4 |

On Account of the Act for raiſing £ 25,000, for the Support of Government, paſſed the 21ſt of *March*, 1772, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | | £ 11,592 19 6 | |
| To Caſh received of the Committee of Aſſembly, ſince the above Settlement, being the Remainder of the £ 25,000, ſtruck in Purſuance of the ſaid Act, | | | 3,905 18 0 | |
| | | | | £ 15,498 17 6 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the following Certificates, viz. | | | | |
| Samuel Shoemaker, Eſq; the Remainder of his Certificate, | £ | 1 6 0½ | | |
| Benjamin Franklin, Eſq; £ 500 Sterling, Exchange 57½ per Cent, | | 787 10 0 | | |
| David Rittenhouſe | | 18 15 0 | | |
| Andrew Allen, Eſq; Attorney General | | 75 0 0 | | |
| Thomas Willing, Eſq; one of the Judges, | | 150 0 0 | | |
| Joſeph King, Treaſurer to the Pennſylvania Hoſpital, the Allowance made by Law to ſome of the Signers of the Bills of Credit, emitted by this Law | | 104 16 1½ | | |
| Henry Miller, for Printing | | 53 5 0 | | |
| Ditto ditto | | 69 14 0 | | |
| Joſeph Galloway, Eſq; for Extra Services | | 75 0 0 | | |
| William Allen, Eſq; Chief Juſtice | | 200 0 0 | | |
| Henry William Stiegel | | 150 0 0 | | |
| William Bowſman, Eſq; Barrack-Maſter of Lancaſter, | | 20 0 0 | | |
| Iſacc Pearſon, Eſq; for Services on Committees | | 9 10 0 | | |
| Charles Moore, Eſq; Clerk of Aſſembly, | | 255 10 6 | | |
| John Lawrence, Eſq; one of the Judges, | | 150 0 0 | | |
| Joſeph Fox | | 11 0 0 | | |
| Joſeph Fox, Eſq; Barrack-Maſter of Philadelphia, | | 60 0 0 | | |
| Joſeph King, Treaſurer of the Pennſylvania Hoſpital, the Remainder of the Allowance made to the Signers of the Bills of Credit, emitted by this Law, | | 140 3 11 | | |
| Mary Norris, Adminiſtratrix of Charles Norris, deceaſed, | | 6 17 0 | | |
| Judges Expences on the Circuit | | 40 11 3 | | |
| Edmund Phyſick, Eſq; | | 18 3 0 | | |
| | | | £ 2,397 1 10 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 5 19 10 | |
| Balance due to the Province | | | 13,095 15 10 | |
| | | | | £ 15,498 17 6 |

On Account of the £ 4,000, granted to his Majeſty, for the Support of his Troops in Quarters in this Province, per Act paſſed the 21ſt of *March*, 1772, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee September 17, 1772, | | | £ 2,597 13 9½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Joſeph Fox, Eſq; at ſundry Times, | £ 1,388 18 2 | | |
| By ditto, paid William Bowſman, Eſq; ditto | 64 7 2 | | |
| | | £ 1,453 5 4 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 3 12 8 | |
| Balance due to the Province | | 1,140 15 9½ | |
| | | | £ 2,597 13 9½ |

On Account of the £ 12,000, ſtruck for the Uſe of the Light-houſe, building Piers, *&c.* per Act paſſed the 26th of *February*, 1773, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Bills of Credit, received of the Committee of Aſſembly, ſtruck in Purſuance of ſaid Act, | | | £ 12,000 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Peter Reeve, per two Orders of the Wardens of the Port, | | £ 7,000 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | | 35 0 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province | | 4,965 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 12,000 0 0 |

ON

# JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor.

## *State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

1773. *September 27.*

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, We find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the Sum of Thirty-five Thousand and Fifty-eight Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Five-pence Three Farthings, viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act passed 1758, | £ 2 10 | 7¼ |
| On Account of the Province Island, | 381 9 | 6½ |
| On Account of the £ 24,000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, | 701 11 | 0 |
| On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for Supporting the Light-house at Cape Henlopen, | 1,015 14 | 5 |
| On Account of the £ 3,000, appropriated for removing Indian Discontents, | 3 9 | 0 |
| On Account of the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be destroyed according to Law | 9,646 1 | 7¼ |
| On Account of the £ 15,000, granted for the Defence of the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed March 9, 1771, | 2,776 1 | 8½ |
| On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated for defraying Indian Treaties, per Act passed May 14, 1762, | 331 12 | 3 |
| On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-house Lot, per Act passed May 14, 1762, | 998 10 | 8 |
| On Account of the £ 25,000, granted for Support of Government, per Act passed March 21, 1772, | 13,095 15 | 10 |
| On Account of the £ 4,000, appropriated for Support of his Majesty's Troops in Quarters, &c. per Act passed March 21, 1772, | 1,140 15 | 9½ |
| On Account of the £ 12,000, issued per Act of Assembly passed the 26th of February last, | 4,965 0 | 0 |
| | £ 35,058 12 | 5¾ |

Which Sum of £ 35,058 12 5¾ we have carefully counted.

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WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £ 14,000, issued per Act of Assembly passed February 1769, the Sum of — £ 510 15 6

Which Sum we have burnt and destroyed according to Law.

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WE have likewise received of the Treasurer appointed by the Commissioners elected by Virtue of the Act passed in the 9th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, "An Act for Regulating, "Pitching, Paving and Cleansing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of "Philadelphia,"—the Sum of Two Hundred and Ten Pounds being Part of the Second Year's Payment of the Eight Thousand Pounds, Part of the Fifteen Thousand Pounds raised by Act of Assembly, passed the 9th of March, 1771, which Two Hundred and Ten Pounds, being of the Bills of Credit of the last mentioned Act, we have burnt and destroyed according to Law. £ 210 0 0

The remaining Sum of the Eight Hundred Pounds required to be sunk according to Law, is mostly collected, and remains in his Hands ready to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit.

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THE Amount of the Paper Bills of Credit, burnt and destroyed in the Presence of the Committee of Assembly this Year, is — £ 32,482 9 11

Viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of the Quotas received by Samuel Preston Moore on the Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the Trustees of the General Loan-Office | | £ 533 15 | 0 |
| On Account of the Provincial Taxes | £ 20,005 18 | 8 | |
| On Account of ditto, the Balance of the Parliamentary Grants, reported last Year in the Treasurer's Hands, | 2,078 14 | 9 | |
| On Account of Negro Duty | 229 6 | 7 | |
| | | 22,314 0 | 0 |
| On Excise, as follows, viz. | | | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly passed May 20, 1767, Part of the £ 20,000, | £ 992 0 | 0 | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, Part of the £ 16,000, | 4,806 4 | 0 | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly passed March 9, 1771, Part of the £ 7,000, in the said Act mentioned, | 1,074 5 | 5 | |
| Of the Bills of Credit, issued by Act of Assembly, passed the 21st of March, 1772, Part of the £ 25,000, | 2,041 10 | 0 | |
| | | 8,913 19 | 5 |
| On Account of the £ 14,000, issued by Act of Assemby, passed February 18, 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit of that Emission, | | 510 15 | 6 |
| On Account of the £ 8,000, Part of the £ 15,000, issued by Act of Assembly, passed the 9th of March, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission, received of the Treasurer appointed by the City Commissioners, as before-mentioned, | | 210 0 | 0 |
| | | £ 32,482 9 | 11 |

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## DEBTS OUTSTANDING, *due to the Province*, viz.

### On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FROM Philadelphia County | on the 15th Eighteen-penny Tax, | £ 160 18 | 0 | | |
| | on the 16th ditto | 4,724 9 | 4¼ | | |
| | | | | £ 4,885 7 | 4¼ |
| Bucks County | on the 15th ditto | £ 8 6 | 3 | | |
| | on the 16th ditto | 493 14 | 6½ | | |
| | | | | 502 0 | 9½ |
| Chester County | on the 15th ditto | £ 136 12 | 2½ | | |
| | on the 16th ditto | 1,760 1 | 0¼ | | |
| | | | | 1,896 13 | 2¾ |
| | | Carried forward, | | £ 7,284 1 | 4½ |

# VOTES *of the* ASSEMBLY.

1773. *September* 27.

## *Debts Outſtanding, due to the Province, Continued.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Brought forward, | £ | | 7,284 1 4½ |
| From Lancaſter County | on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | | | 1,304 6 0½ |
| York County | on the 10th ditto | £ | 455 14 7¼ | | |
| | on the 12th ditto | | 181 10 6 | | |
| | on the Eſtates of Non-reſidents, | | 340 11 6½ | | |
| | on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, | | 562 13 7 | | |
| | | | | | 1,540 10 2¾ |
| Cumberland County | on the 10th, 11th and 12th ditto | £ | 425 10 4 | | |
| | on the 13th ditto | | 432 10 6½ | | |
| | on the 14th ditto | | 401 3 6 | | |
| | on the 15th ditto | | 437 3 11 | | |
| | on the 16th ditto | | 809 11 7½ | | |
| | | | | | 2,505 19 11 |
| Berks County | on the 16th ditto | | | | 101 4 1 |
| The Honourable the Proprietaries, | exclusive of their Taxes in ſeveral of the Counties not brought in, | | | | 921 18 10½ |

## On Account of Exciſe, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| From the Eſtate of Joſeph Stretch, deceaſed, late Collector for Philadelphia County, | £ | 320 12 7½ | |
| William Criſpin, preſent Collector | | 543 14 11 | |
| Sebaſtian Graaff, Collector for Lancaſter, | | 331 12 5 | |
| Henry Miller, Collector for York, | | 101 0 0 | |
| Thomas Beard, Collector for Cumberland, remains unſettled. | | | |
| The Eſtate of Jaſper Scull, late Collector for Berks, the Balance as reported laſt Year, | | 135 10 2 | |
| John Biddle, preſent Collector for Berks, | | 94 8 0 | |
| Jeſſe Jones, Collector for Northampton, | | 25 7 0 | |
| | | | 1,552 5 1½ |

### ALSO,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas Coombe, Collector of the Duties on Negro and Mulatto Slaves, | £ | 9 11 7 | |
| Samuel Penroſe's Balance of Rent of the Province Iſland | | 252 4 2 | |
| The Commiſſioners appointed by Law for Supporting the Light-houſe at Cape Henlopen, | | 52 4 4½ | |
| | | | 314 0 1½ |

## Beſides the following Debts, reported laſt Year, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| From The Commiſſioners appointed by Law for Clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, | £ | 22 0 7½ | |
| The Eſtate of Richard Pearne, deceaſed, | | 1,818 5 11 | |
| The Commiſſioners of the Indian Trade, | | 3,056 5 3 | |
| | | | 4,896 11 9½ |
| | | | £ 20,420 17 6¼ |

WE find by the Report of the Committee of Accounts, the 17th Day of September, 1772, no regular Adjuſtment of the Provincial Tax for Bedford County was then brought in, or any Monies paid into the Provincial Treaſury on Account of ſaid Tax. Since which no Account of the Provincial Tax of ſaid County for the laſt or preſent Year (the Account of the Honourable the Proprietaries excepted) has been exhibited, or any Money paid on Account thereof.

The Treaſurer of the County of Northumberland hath not exhibited any Account of the Provincial Tax of that County, or paid any Money into the Provincial Treaſury on that Account.

*All which is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe, by*

*September* the 27th, 1773.

SAMUEL RHOADS,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
SAMUEL SHOEMAKER,
THOMAS MIFFLIN,
ISAAC PEARSON."

Adjournment

*September* 28. The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Krewſen* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor, and requeſt to know at what Time it will be convenient to his Honour to meet the Houſe in the Council-Chamber, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Aſſent, and that he would be pleaſed to appoint ſome Gentlemen of the Council to aſſiſt the Members of the Houſe in comparing the engroſſed Bills with their Originals.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Morton* do meet the Members of Council to collate the engroſſed Bills.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, for extending hither ſuch Parts of the Statutes of Bankruptcy paſſed in *England*, as are beſt adapted to the Circumſtances of this Province, was again taken into Conſideration, and is hereby particularly recommended to the ſerious Attention of the next Aſſembly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions from *John Cuthbert* and *Caleb Swazey*, praying the Aid of the Legiſlature to ſupply ſome Defects in their Titles to Lands, occaſioned from the Loſs of certain Deeds deſtroyed by Fire, and other Accidents, and ordered that the ſaid Petitions be earneſtly recommended to the Notice of the next Houſe.

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1773. *September* 28.

The Committee for Incidental Expences reported a List of the Accounts and Salaries of the past Year, which were taken into Consideration by the House, and a Motion being made for raising the Salaries of the Assistant Judges of the Supreme Court, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Allowance of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* to each of the said Judges shall be increased to *Two Hundred Pounds per Annum?*— *Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.*

| YEAS. | YEAS. | NAYS. | NAYS. |
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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Pope*, | Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *Chapman*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Allen*, | Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Ellicot*, |
| Mr. *Shoemaker*, | Mr. *Biddle*, | Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Ross*, | Mr. *Chreist*, | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *Hunter*. | Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Morton*, |
| Mr. *Ewing*, | | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, |
| | | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Minshall*, |
| | | Mr. *Krewsen*, | Mr. *Ferree*, |
| | | Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Edmonds*. |

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Half after Twelve o'Clock To-day, in order to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Assent, and would immediately appoint a Member of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Morton* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they are passed into Laws, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

The Members appointed to assist in collating the engrossed Bills, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "House, to enact into Laws the Bills to which he has given his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on his Honour, and presented three Bills, respectively entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of* "*the public Debts*;"—"*An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper Money of other Colo-*"*nies*;"—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Samuel Sweet, *a languishing Prisoner in the* "*Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* Thomas Bamford, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* "Lancaster *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*;"—to which several Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into Laws.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Northampton* County, for an additional Representative in Assembly; and, after some Debate, referred the said Petition to the Consideration of the succeeding House. *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *Matthew Clarkson*, *John Morris*, *James Trueman*, *Richard Mason* and *Joshua Humphreys* were again read, and being severally put to the Vote, it was resolved, by a great Majority, that the said *Joshua Humphreys* be, and he is hereby accordingly appointed the Officer for putting in Execution the Act, entituled, "*An Act* "*to prevent the Exportation of bad and unmerchantable Staves, Heading, Boards and* "*Timber*."

Upon a second Reading of the Petition from *John Biddle*, of the Town of *Reading*, and the Question put,

*Resolved*, That the said *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise for the County of *Berks*, till a new Nomination to the said Office be made by the next Assembly.

The Members appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Laws just passed, and to deposite the said Laws in the Rolls Office, reported the same had been done according to Order.

The House resumed the Consideration of the List of Incidental Expences, which being examined, and the Accounts, therein referred to, allowed by the House, Mr. Speaker, in the Chair, signed the several Orders and Certificates for Payment of the Wages of the Members and their Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers, and other contingent Charges of the past Year; a List whereof is hereunto annexed.

The House then adjourned to the Thirtieth Instant. Adjournment

1773. *September* 28. Incidental Expences.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1773.

| | | | |
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| To the Honourable *JOHN PENN*, Eſq; Governor, | £ 600 | 0 | 0 |
| To *RICHARD PENN*, Eſq; late Governor, — | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; his Salary as Agent for this Province in *Great-Britain*, £ 400 Sterling, Exchange 67½ *per Cent*, — | 670 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Allen*, Eſq; Chief-Juſtice of this Province, — — | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Eſq; one of the Aſſiſtant-Judges, —— | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; ditto, —— —— —— | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; for Extra Services to the Houſe — — | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Eſq; Attorney-General, —— —— | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Eſq; for his Services on the Committee of public Accounts, 22 Days, at 10*ſ. per Diem*, —— —— | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for ditto, 24 Days, at ditto, — — | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Shoemaker*, Eſq; for ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, —— | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Mifflin*, Eſq; for ditto, 11 Days, at ditto, — — | 5 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſq; for ditto, 24 Days, at ditto, —— | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Chapman*, Eſq; for ditto, 10 Days, at ditto, — — | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of the Houſe, and for tranſcribing and engroſſing Laws, Votes, Meſſages, *&c. &c. &c.* | 195 | 7 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Shippen*, Eſq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, —— | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To ditto, for Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, *&c.* and for Stationary for the Governor and Council, —— —— | 13 | 6 | 3 |
| To ditto, for Poſtage of public Letters, — — — | 3 | 18 | 5 |
| To ditto, for *Indian* Expences, —— —— | 25 | 15 | 9 |
| To *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; his Salary as Barrack-Maſter, — — | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Bowſman*, ditto as ditto at *Lancaſter*, —— | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Aſſiſtant-Clerk to the Houſe, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Eſtate of Mr. *David Hall*, deceaſed, for Stationary for the Houſe, | 4 | 10 | 0 |
| To Meſſrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c. &c.* | 62 | 7 | 6 |
| To Meſſrs. *Franklin* and *Hall*, for ſundry Sets of the three firſt Volumes of the Minutes of Aſſembly formerly publiſhed, —— —— | 179 | 11 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for his Account of *Indian* Expences, — | 82 | 5 | 8 |
| To *Edmund Phyſick*, Eſq; Keeper of the Great Seal — — | 10 | 7 | 0 |
| To Mr. *David Rittenhouſe*, for his Account of Services, —— | 41 | 15 | 11 |
| To *Abraham Bitting*, for his Trouble and Expences in purſuing Perſons ſuſpected of counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province, — | 15 | 4 | 2 |
| To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-houſe Clock, — | 20 | 15 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; for Poſtage of public Letters, — — | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| To the Managers of the Houſe of Employment, for the Maintenance of *Catharine Smith*, —— —— —— | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing the Votes and Proceedings of the Houſe, —— —— —— —— | 77 | 8 | 0 |
| To *William Parr*, Eſq; for Recording of Laws, — — | 13 | 10 | 4 |
| To Mr. *Robert Levers*, his Account of *Indian* Expences, —— | 10 | 9 | 9 |
| To the Eſtate of Doctor *Phineas Bond*, deceaſed, for his Account of Medicines and Attendance to the *French* Neutrals, — — | 175 | 4 | 0 |
| To *John Logan*, a *Six Nation Indian*, for his Loſs in the Province Service, | 18 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Andrew M'Nair*, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the Houſe, | 19 | 4 | 8 |
| To *William Sheed*, his Salary as Serjeant at Arms to the Houſe — | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To ditto, as Doorkeeper to the Council, —— —— | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| To *George Gray*, Eſq; for his Service on the Committee for inſpecting the Aſſeſsments from the different Counties of the Provincial Tax, | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Eilicott*, Eſq; for ditto on ditto, — — | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſq; for ditto on ditto, — — | 1 | 10 | 0 |
| To *James Webb*, Eſq; for ditto on ditto, —— —— | 6 | 10 | 0 |
| To *John Pope*, Eſq; for ditto on ditto, — — — | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Edmonds*, Eſq; for ditto on ditto, —— —— | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Sellers*, Eſq; for his Services in exploring and levelling for the Purpoſe of inland Navigation, —— —— | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Eſq; for ditto, and the Expences of the Company during the above Service, —— —— —— | 81 | 18 | 0 |
| To the Superintendants of the State-houſe, for ſinking Pumps, and for Fire-buckets for the Uſe of the ſaid Houſe, —— —— | 90 | 2 | 3 |
| Carried over, £ | 4,382 | 3 | 8 |

INCIDENTAL EXPENCES for the Year 1773, Continued.

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| Amount brought over, | £ 4,382 | 3 | 8 |
| To *Jacob Snair*, for his Account of *Indian* Expences, — | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for superintending the Transcript of the public Accounts, and for other Extra Services to the House, — | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| | £ 4,412 | 3 | 8 |

We, the Committee for Incidental Expences, have examined the Accounts abovementioned, and find them justly charged.

*Philadelphia*, *September* 28, 1773.

THOMAS MIFFLIN, JOHN MORTON,
WILLIAM RODMAN, GEORGE ROSS."

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## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1773, *P. M.*

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the several Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to serve in Assembly as Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, for the ensuing Year, *viz.* *October* 14. *Post Meridiem*

For the County of *Philadelphia*.
*Henry Pawling*,
*Michael Hillegas*,
*Joseph Parker*,
*Israel Jacobs*,
*George Gray*,
*Samuel Rhoads*,
*Jonathan Roberts*,
*Samuel Miles*.

For the City of *Philadelphia*.
*Thomas Mifflin*,
*Benjamin Franklin*.

For the County of *Bucks*.
*Joseph Ellicott*,
*John Foulke*,
*John Brown*,
*Henry Krewsen*,
*Peter Shepherd*,
*Joseph Galloway*.

For the County of *Bucks*.
*Benjamin Chapman*,
*William Rodman*.

For the County of *Chester*.
*Isaac Pearson*,
*Benjamin Bartholomew*,
*John Jacobs*,
*Charles Humphreys*,
*John Morton*,
*James Gibbons*,
*John Minshall*,
*Joseph Pennock*.

For the County of *Lancaster*.
*Joseph Ferree*,
*James Webb*,
*George Ross*,
*Matthias Slough*.

For the County of *York*.
*James Ewing*,
*John Pope*.

For the County of *Cumberland*.
*William Allen*,
*John Montgomery*.

For the County of *Berks*.
*Edward Biddle*,
*Henry Chreist*.

For the County of *Northampton*.
*William Edmonds*.

For the County of *Bedford*.
*George Woods*.

For the County of *Northumberland*.
*Samuel Hunter*.

For the County of *Westmoreland*.
*William Thompson*.

A Quorum of the Representatives being met, they proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; was chosen Speaker for the ensuing Year, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that, pursuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Representatives being met, have proceeded to chuse a Speaker for the ensuing Year, and request to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleased to receive the House, that they may present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return, and report they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would be in the Council-Chamber at Eleven o'Clock To-morrow, to receive the House with their Speaker.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *October* 15.

A MESSAGE *by* Mr. *Secretary*.

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, in order to receive the House with their "Speaker."

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1773. *October* 15. Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council-Chamber; and being returned, the Speaker, reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Houſe had waited on his Honour, and preſented their Speaker, of whom his Honour had been pleaſed to approve, and that he (the Speaker) had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the Houſe, claimed their uſual Privileges, *viz.*

*Firſt*, That the Members of the Houſe, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propoſitions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may at all ſeaſonable Times have free Acceſs to the Governor, the better to enable them to diſcharge the Buſineſs of the Public.

*Thirdly*, That their Perſons and Eſtates may be free from all Manner of Arreſts, Moleſtations and Injuries during the Time of accuſtomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleaſed to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the Houſe, until the ſame ſhall be paſſed into a Reſolve, nor give the leaſt Credit to ſuch Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Miſtakes may be excuſed and not imputed to the Houſe, but that he may have Liberty of reſorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and of reporting the ſame to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the juſt and indefeaſible Rights and Privileges of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charter of the ſaid Province, and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, "They were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the Houſe, in "which they might always rely on his Protection."

The Qualification by Law appointed to be taken by Members of Aſſembly, and the Teſt of Abjuration being prepared, were then taken and ſubſcribed, firſt by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards by the Members preſent in their Order.

The Houſe then proceeding as uſual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the enſuing Year,

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this Houſe for the enſuing Year. And he took and ſubſcribed the uſual Qualification accordingly.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed Aſſiſtant-Clerk to the Houſe for the enſuing Year. And he took and ſubſcribed the uſual Qualification accordingly.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Door-Keeper to this Houſe for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That *Owen Jones*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treaſurer of this Province for the enſuing Year.

Sundry Petitions from *Eliſha Jones*, *John Sellers*, *Jeſſe Bonſal*, *Thomas Welſh*, *Joel Baily*, *Thomas Tucker*, *Jonathan Coates*, *James Marſhall* and *Richard Thomas*, all of the County of *Cheſter*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, each praying to be appointed to the Office of Collector of Exciſe for the ſaid County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Benjamin Pearſon*, of the Town of *Reading*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Berks*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. *Reſolved*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Morton* with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correſpondence for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Biddle* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Aggrievances for the enſuing Year; and they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, as Occaſions require.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to audit and ſettle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other public Accounts for the enſuing Year, and that they have full Power and Authority to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe, in order that the ſaid Accounts be fully adjuſted and made ready to be laid before the Houſe on the firſt Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to reviſe and correct the Minutes of this Houſe for the enſuing Year before they are printed.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Minutes of the Proceedings of this Houſe be printed and publiſhed weekly, being firſt reviſed by the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Perſon, but ſuch as he ſhall appoint, do preſume to print the ſame.

*Reſolved*, That if any four Members, upon the Deciſion of a Queſtion, ſhall deſire

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to have the Yeas and Nays, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Minutes of the House, it shall be allowed. 1773. October 15.

*Resolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*.

*Resolved*, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master, for the ensuing Year, of the Barracks in the said Boro ugh.

*Resolved*, That *William Crispin*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Excise in the County of *Bucks* for the ensuing Year.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions of *Elisha Jones*, *John Sellers*, *Jesse Bonsal*, *Thomas Welsh*, *Joel Baily* and *Thomas Tucker* were again read, and being severally put to the Vote, it was, by a great Majority,

*Resolved*, That the said *Thomas Tucker*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Chester* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Sebastian Graaff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Lancaster* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Henry Miller* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *York* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Berks* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Jesse Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Northampton* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Thomas Urie* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Bedford* for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *James Kincaid* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Westmoreland* for the ensuing Year.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; on public Affairs, dated *London*, the Third of *August* last, which was read by Order.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down printed Copies of three Acts of Parliament lately passed, relating to the *American* Colonies, also the Reports of the Lords of the Committee of his Majesty's Privy Council on two Acts of General Assembly of this Province, passed *March* 21, 1772, which have been disallowed by the Crown, together with the Instruments under the Privy Seal for Repealing the same, which were read by Order, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

*At the* COURT *at* St. James's, *the 7th Day of* April, 1773.

PRESENT,

The KING's MOST EXCELLENT *MAJESTY*,

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| Lord PRESIDENT, | Earl of ROCHFORD, |
| Earl of SUFFOLK, | Earl of DARTMOUTH, |
| Earl of SANDWICH, | Lord MANSFIELD. |

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Representation from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs upon considering Thirty Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *March* and *September*, 1772; which Report is dated this Day, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

"Your Majesty having been pleased by your Order in Council of the 15th of *January* last, to refer to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations Thirty Acts passed in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in *March* and *September*, 1772, with Directions to them to make their Report thereupon to this Committee, which Acts are entituled, as follows, *viz.*

1. "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.*" ——Passed the 21st of *March*, 1772.

2. "*An Act for rendering Justices of the Peace more safe in the Execution of their Of-*"*fice, and for indemnifying Constables, and others, acting in Obedience to their Warrants.*" ——Passed ditto.

3. "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Stevens, *with respect to the Imprisonment of his* "*Person.*"——Passed ditto.

4. "*An Act for erecting a Part of the Counties of* Lancaster, Cumberland, Berks, "Northampton *and* Bedford *into a separate County.*"—Passed ditto.

5. "*An Act for the Sale of Goods distrained for Rent, and to secure such Goods to the* "*Persons distraining the same, for the better Security of Rents, and for other Purposes* "*therein mentioned.*"——Passed ditto.

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6. "*An Act for the Relief of* William Faries, John Gillard, Charles Hicks *and* John Reynolds, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia, *and* William Bennet *and* "Fælix M'Cowan, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* York *County, with reſpect to the* "*Impriſonment of their Perſons.*"——Paſſed ditto.

7. "*An Act for raiſing a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and* "*County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks."—Paſſed ditto.

8. "*An Act for regulating Chimney Sweepers within the City of* Philadelphia, *the* "*Diſtrict of* Southwark, *and the Townſhip of the* Northern Liberties."—Paſſed ditto.

9. "*An Act to enable the Commiſſioners therein named to ſettle the Accounts of the Ma-* "*nagers of a Lottery ſet up and drawn for repairing the Meeting-houſe, and Building, or* "*repairing the Houſe for the Reſidence of the Miniſter of the* Preſbyterian *Congregation of* "New-Town, *in the County of* Bucks, *and to ſue for, and recover ſuch Sums of Money as* "*remain due and unpaid on Account of the ſaid Lottery.*"—Paſſed ditto.

10. "*An Act for the ſafe keeping and preſerving the Records and other public Papers of* "*the County of* Bucks."—Paſſed ditto.

11. "*An Act for the Recovery of divers Sums of Money from the Perſons therein named.*" —Paſſed ditto.

12. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice,* "*and more certain Adminiſtration thereof.*"——Paſſed ditto.

13. "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads* "*and Highways within this Province.*"—Paſſed ditto.

14. "*An Act for the more eaſy Recovery of Legacies.*"—Paſſed ditto.

15. "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of a certain Tract of Meadow-Land,* "*ſituate in the Borough of* Cheſter, *in the County of* Cheſter, *to keep their Dams, Banks,* "*Sluices and Floodgates in good Repair.*"——Paſſed ditto.

16. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, making the Exciſe* "*on Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in the Col-* "*lecting and Paying the ſaid Exciſe.*"—Paſſed ditto.

17. "*An Act for explaining and better aſcertaining the Boundary-Lines of the County* "*of* Bedford."——Paſſed ditto.

18. "*An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuſes in the Manufacturing of Leather.*"—— Paſſed ditto.

19. "*An Act for veſting a certain Tract of Four Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land,* "*ſituate in* Frederick *Townſhip, in the County of* Philadelphia, *commonly called the* Per-"kiomen *Copper-Mine Tract, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein men-* "*tioned.*"—Paſſed ditto.

20. "*An Act for the Relief of ſuch Perſons as conſcientiouſly ſcruple the taking of an* "*Oath in the common Form.*"—Paſſed ditto.

21. "*An Act for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of* Four Thouſand Pounds, *for the* "*Purpoſes therein mentioned.*"—Paſſed ditto.

22. "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act againſt Adultery and Fornica-* "*tion.*"—Paſſed ditto.

23. "*An Act to diſſolve the Marriage of* George Keehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, "*Barber, with* Elizabeth *his Wife, late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry* "*again.*"——Paſſed ditto.

24. "*An Act for confirming the Eſtates of* John Pawling, Joſeph Pawling, Abraham "Sahler, Peter Reimer, Bernard Kepler *and* Andrew Heizer *in and to certain Lands in* "*the County of* Philadelphia."—Paſſed ditto.

25. "*An Act to enable the Owners of the Lands, called the* Pidgeon Swamp, *in the* "*Townſhip of* Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to dig, maintain and keep open a Ditch* "*through the ſaid Swamp, and to raiſe Money to defray the Expence thereof.*"—Paſſed ditto.

26. "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Samuel Phipps *in and to certain Lands in* "*the Townſhip of* Goſhen, *in the County of* Cheſter."——Paſſed ditto.

27. "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold* "*Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province.*" ——Paſſed ditto.

28. "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Adam Simon Kuhn *in and to a certain Lot* "*of Ground, with the Buildings thereon, in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *one of the Title-* "*Deeds whereof is loſt.*"—Paſſed ditto.

29. "*An Act for Prevention of Frauds and Perjuries.*"——Paſſed ditto.

30. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the* "*public Debts.*"———Paſſed the 19th of *September*, 1772.

"The ſaid Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, purſuant to your Majeſty's afore-mentioned Order in Council, have made the following Report to this Committee;

"That as theſe Laws are in their general Objects and Proviſions confined to ſuch Matters as relate merely to the internal Police and Government of the Colony, and do not

not affect the Trade and Commerce of *Great-Britain*, or the Interests or Authority of the Crown, the said Lords Commissioners see no Reason why they may not be recommended to your Majesty for Approbation; but at the same Time observe, that the Act, No. 30, for the Support of Government, the Acts No. 3 and 6, for the Relief of insolvent Debtors, and the Act, No. 27, for naturalizing *William Hembell*, do contain the like Clauses and Provisions with Acts passed for similar Purposes, stated in Reports of the said Lords Commissioners of the 20th of *July*, 1770, and the 13th of *April*, 1772, to which they refer, and submit what Advice may be proper to be given to your Majesty thereupon. 1773. October 15.

That they have also had under Consideration the Act, No. 23, for dissolving the Marriage of *George Keehmle*, which appear to require particular Attention;——that the dissolving Marriages by Acts of Legislature, though not altogether without Example, is a Power which has been rarely and recently assumed in your Majesty's Colonies in *America*; that the first Instance they find of such a Power in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, was in the Case of an Act passed in the Year 1769, for dissolving the Marriage of *Curtis Grubb* with *Ann*, his Wife, and to enable him to marry again;——that as this Act appeared to be of a new and extraordinary Nature, and as they conceived, that it is of very great Importance that Care should be taken that the Assemblies in your Majesty's Colonies do not assume the Exercise of Powers beyond what the Nature and Principles of the Constitution admit, the said Lords Commissioners thought fit to make a special Reference of this Act to Mr. *Jackson*, one of your Majesty's Counsel at Law, who had reported, that he was inclined to be of Opinion, the same was not repugnant to the Laws of *England*, but as near as might be, agreeable to the same, the Situation and Circumstances of that Province as well as of the other Colonies considered, because the Laws of this Kingdom gave Validity to Marriages celebrated according to the Rites and Ceremonies established by the respective Laws not only of the Colonies, Parcel of the Dominions of *Great-Britain*, but by the Laws of foreign States; and that it seems as reasonable, and as little inconvenient to give Faith to the Dissolution of that Contract under an equivalent Sanction;——that it is true, that although he conceived an Act of Assembly establishing a Mode of celebrating Marriage different from the legal Forms of this Kingdom, would, if not disallowed by his Majesty, be good in Point of Law, yet he could not but presume, that such Act would be disallowed, in Case there did not appear sufficient Ground for the Alteration established, and therefore if he had not thought the Power of Dissolution very expedient in general, and the particular Case a proper one for the Exercise of that Power, he should have thought the Act ought to have been disallowed, but he observed it was evident that the Marriage of Persons residing in the Colonies can hardly be dissolved unless by their own respective Assemblies, and it certainly appeared that in the present Case the Assembly had properly exercised the Power, which he was inclined to think they ought to be entrusted with, but inasmuch as the Exercise of this Power might frequently affect other Parts of your Majesty's Dominions out of the Limits of the Province, and very important Consequences might therefore be drawn from the Allowance of such an Act, he begged Leave to advise that the said Act be referred to the Consideration of his Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General;—that in Consequence of this Report, the said Lords Commissioners lost no Time in referring the said Act to your Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General for their Opinion in Point of Law, whether the Legislature of the Province of *Pennsylvania* had any Authority to pass a Law of sufficient Force and Validity to bind the Parties in the Case to which the said Law referred; but as they have not made any Return to that Referrence, and as the Legislature of *Pennsylvania* have again, in the present Instance, passed another Act for the like Purpose, it became their Duty no longer to withhold the submitting this Matter to Consideration, to the End that if it shall be thought that Acts of Divorce in the Plantations, more especially in Cases where there does not appear to have been any Suit instituted in any Ecclesiastical Court, nor any Verdict previously obtained in a Court of Common Law, are either improper or unconstitutional, your Majesty may be advised to give such Directions as shall have the Effect to prevent the Laws passed by the Legislature of *Pennsylvania*, becoming a Precedent and Example for the Exercise of the like Powers in other Colonies.

"The Lords of the Committee, upon Consideration thereof, do agree humbly to represent to your Majesty as their Opinion, that with respect to the afore-mentioned Act, No. 23, entituled, "*An Act to dissolve the Marriage of* George Keehmle, *of the City of* "Philadelphia, *Barber*, *with* Elizabeth *his Wife*, *late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable* "*him to marry again*," it may be advisable for your Majesty to adjudge and declare, under your Privy Seal, the said Act to be void;—that with respect to the Act, No. 27, entituled, "*An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor*, *to* "*hold Lands*, *and to invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Pro-* "*vince*," the Lords of the Committee have thought proper to reserve the Consideration thereof to a further Time. And as to all the rest of the said Acts, that it may be advisable

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viſeable for your Majeſty to permit and allow them to continue in Force according to their own Limitation.

" His Majeſty taking the ſaid Report into Conſideration, is pleaſed, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and having adjudged and declared void the aforementioned Act, No. 23, " *for diſſolving the Marriage of* George Keehmle," his Majeſty hath thought proper to direct the Lord Privy Seal to prepare and paſs, under the Privy Seal, a proper Inſtrument ſignifying ſuch his Majeſty's Adjudication and Declaration of the ſaid Act to be void: And as to all the Reſt of the ſaid Acts, except the ſaid Act, No. 27, (the further Conſideration whereof is reſerved) his Majeſty is hereby pleaſed to permit, and allow them to continue in Force, according to their own Limitation; and the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, their Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, and the Aſſembly of the ſaid Province, and likewiſe all others, whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themſelves accordingly.

STEPH. COTTRELL."

GEORGE the THIRD, *by the Grace of* GOD, *of* Great-Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith, and ſo forth,*

*To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come,* GREETING.

WHEREAS in Purſuace of the Powers granted to the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennſylvania* by Letters Patent under the Great Seal, in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, the Lieutenant Governor under the Proprietaries and Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province in General Aſſembly, did, in *March* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, paſs an Act, which hath been tranſmitted to our Privy Council, and is entituled as follows, *viz.* " *An Act to diſſolve the Marriage* " *of* George Keehmle, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Barber, with* Elizabeth, *his Wife,* " *late* Elizabeth Miller, *and to enable him to marry again;*"——NOW KNOW YE, That We having taken the ſaid Act into our Royal Conſideration, together with a Report made thereupon by the Lords of the Committee of our Privy Council for Plantation Affairs, do, by and with the Advice of our ſaid Privy Council, hereby adjudge and declare void all the ſaid Act, which ſaid Act is declared void by theſe Preſents. And theſe our Letters Patent ſhall be your ſufficient Warrant and Diſcharge in this Behalf.

*Given under our Privy Seal, at our Palace of* Weſtminſter, *the Twenty-ſeventh Day of* April, *in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.*

Examined, PURBECK LANGHAM."

*At the* COURT *at* ST. JAMES'S, *the 19th Day of* May, 1773.

PRESENT,

The KING'S MOST EXCELLENT *MAJESTY,*

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| LORD PRESIDENT, | EARL of BRISTOL, |
| DUKE of QUEENSBURY, | EARL of POMFRET, |
| DUKE of ANCASTER, | VISCOUNT FALMOUTH, |
| LORD CHAMBERLAIN, | LORD EDGCUMBE, |
| EARL of DENBIGH, | LORD HYDE, |
| EARL of SANDWICH, | JAMES STUART MACKENSEY, Eſq; |

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board a Repreſentation from the Right Honourable the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, upon an Act paſſed in the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in *March* 1772, for naturalizing *William Hembell*, which Repreſentation is dated this Day, and is in the Words following, *viz.*

" Your Majeſty having been pleaſed, by your Order in Council of the 15th of *January* laſt, to refer to the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations ſeveral Acts paſſed in the Province of *Pennſylvania*, and amongſt others an Act paſſed there in *March*, 1772, entituled, " *An Act to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, " *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to inveſt him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject* " *of this Province*,"—the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, purſuant to your Majeſty's aforementioned Order of Reference, have reported to this Committee that this Act contains the like Clauſes and Proviſions with an Act paſſed for ſimilar Purpoſes ſtated in a Report of the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners of the 13th of *April*, 1772, to which they refer and ſubmit what Advice may be proper to be given to your Majeſty thereupon. And the Lords of the Committee having thought proper to refer this Matter to your Majeſty's Attorney and Solicitor General to conſider thereof, and report to this Committee their Opinion, whether the Exerciſe of ſuch Powers by the Legiſlature of the Province of *Pennſylvania* be not repugnant to the Act of Parliament paſſed in the 13th Year of King *George* the Second, entituled, " *An Act for naturalizing ſuch foreign* " *Proteſtants, and others therein mentioned, as are ſettled or ſhall ſettle in any of his Ma-*

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"jesty's *Colonies in* America," and to the several Acts of Parliament passed in this Kingdom for regulating the Plantation Trade:—Your Majesty's said Attorney and Solicitor General have accordingly reported to this Committee, that there is nothing in the Act which is repugnant to the Act of the 13th of King *George* the Second, but they are of Opinion, that the Privileges which this Act offers to confer, are considerably more extensive than any Provincial Assembly hath Authority to give;—that it hath been doubted whether the Parliament of *Ireland*, which is a Kingdom, and of great Antiquity, could naturalize to any Effect, and proved irrefragably that it could not give, as this Act imports, all the Privileges of a natural-born Subject in any other Place than that Island—the Doubt was conceived upon this, that the King cannot naturalize; and their Power is derived from his Majesty's Charter; and it had never been used before the 10th of King *Charles* the First; which Objections apply much more distinctly, in Point of Fact and History, to the *American* Colonies;—but supposing they are thought competent to naturalize to Effects merely local, and which do not interfere with the Laws of *Great-Britain*, the Act now under Consideration is exceptionable, because it purports to give all the Qualities of a natural-born Subject of *Great-Britain*, and particularly the Liberty of Trading contrary to the Plantation Act.

"The Lords of the Committee upon Consideration of what is above stated in the Report of your Majesty's Attorney and Solicitor General, do agree humbly to represent to your Majesty as their Opinion, that it may be adviseable for your Majesty to adjudge and declare, under your Privy Seal, the aforementioned Act for naturalizing *William Hembell* to be void.

"His Majesty taking the said Representation into Consideration, is pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council, to approve thereof, and having adjudged and declared void the aforementioned Act passed in *Pennsylvania*, in *March*, 1772, entituled, "*An Act* "*to enable* William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to* "*invest him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province*,"—his Majesty hath thought proper to direct the Lord Privy Seal to prepare and pass under the Privy Seal a proper Instrument signifying such his Majesty's Adjudication and Declaration of the said Act to be void.—And the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, their Lieutenant or Deputy Governor, and the Assembly of the said Province, and likewise all others, whom it may concern, are to take Notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

STEPH. COTTRELL."

GEORGE the THIRD, *by the Grace of* GOD, *of* Great-Britain, France, *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth,*

*To all to whom these Presents shall come,* GREETING,

WHEREAS, in Pursuance of the Powers granted to the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennsylvania* by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal, in the Reign of King *Charles* the Second, the Lieutenant Governor under the Proprietaries and Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province in General Assembly, did, in *March*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-two, pass an Act, which hath been transmitted to our Privy Council, and is entituled as follows, *viz.* "*An Act to enable* "William Hembell, *of the City of* Philadelphia, *Taylor, to hold Lands, and to invest* "*him with the Privileges of a natural-born Subject of this Province:*"—NOW KNOW YE, That We having taken the said Act into our Royal Consideration, together with a Representation made thereupon by the Lords of the Committee of our Privy Council for Plantation Affairs, do, by and with the Advice of our said Privy Council, hereby adjudge and declare void all the said Act, which said Act is declared void by these Presents. And these our Letters shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge in this Behalf.

*Given under our Privy Seal, at our Palace of* Westminster, *the* 8*th Day of* June, *in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign.*

Examined, J. BELSON, Dep."

Adjournment October 16.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Slough* and Mr. *Biddle* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him the House incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Twenty-ninth of *November* next, if his Honour hath no Objection thereto.

The House taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee on the unequal Assessment of Property in the several Counties of this Province, recommended over by the late Assembly,

*Resolved*, That this House will at their next Meeting take into serious Consideration the present Mode of assessing the Persons and Estates of the Inhabitants in the several

1773. Counties, and that they will at the ſame Time make ſuch Regulations therein as ſhall be agreeable to Juſtice and Equity.

*October* 16. The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered the Meſſage of the Houſe according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Objection to the Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Correſpondence be a Committee to correſpond with the other Committees appointed by the ſeveral Aſſemblies of the Colonies, and to lay before the Houſe ſuch Matters as they may receive from thoſe Committees.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee do inform the Committees of the Aſſemblies of the other Colonies of their Appointment.

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the 29th of *November* next, at Four o'Clock,

Adjournment *P. M.*

*November* 29. MR. Speaker, with One and Twenty Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment;

*Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Twelve o'Clock To-morrow.

*November* 30. The Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, agreeable to the Adjournment of Yeſterday; and a Quorum being ſtill wanting, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-

Adjournment morrow Morning.

*December* 1. A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Pope* and Mr. *Chreiſt*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Mifflin* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met in Purſuance of their laſt Adjournment, and ready to receive any Buſineſs his Honour may be pleaſed to lay before them.

A Petition from *Matthew Conard*, of the County of *Philadelpia*, Miller, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting and branding Flour exported from the ſaid County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe in the Forenoon, reported, they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Buſineſs at preſent to lay before them.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Report of a Committee referred over by the late Aſſembly, reſpecting the different Aſſeſsments of Property in the ſeveral Counties of this Province, together with the Reſolve of this Houſe of the Sixteenth of *October* laſt, relative to the Regulation of the ſaid Aſſeſsments; and, after ſome Time ſpent

Adjournment therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 2. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Roſs*, one of the Members for the County of *Lancaſter*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Remonſtrance from the Commiſſioners, Aſſeſſors and divers Freeholders of the County of *York*, reſpecting the Provincial Tax, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Chriſtopher Henſell*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the different Aſſeſsments of Property in the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to report the Quantity of each Species of Property, as well real as perſonal, returned each Year from the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and enjoined by Law to be rated for ſinking the Bills of Credit granted to the King's Uſe; or, at leaſt, ſuch of them as have been returned in the two or three firſt and laſt Years ſince the preſent Mode of Aſſeſsment has taken Place, (with the Sum total in Money that has been levied on the ſame each and every Year) or in any other intermediate Years, which they may think neceſſary for the better Information of the Houſe.

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 3. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed Yeſterday to examine the Returns of Property from the ſeveral Counties of this Province, with the Rates laid on the ſame from Year to Year, reported they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and requeſting that other Members may be joined with them for expediting the ſaid Buſineſs, it was

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Krewſen*,

Mr. *Krewsen*, Mr. *Shepherd*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Minshall*, Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Slough* be added to the said Committee. 1773. *December* 3.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 4.

A Petition from *Dennis Johnson*, of *Wrights-Town*, *Bucks* County, was presented to the House and read, praying the Aid of the Legislature, to supply a Defect in his Title to a certain Tract of Land, occasioned through the Want of a Deed lost with his Dwelling-house by Fire. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Trustees of the *Province Island* draw on the Provincial Treasurer for such Allowance as they may think necessary for the Support of *Dublin*, a Negro, belonging to the Province, and a few Necessaries for an ancient *Indian* Woman in *York* County, to be paid out of the Monies arising from the said Island.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 6. *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *James Read*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding Flour exported from the said City. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 7. *Post Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Account from *Edmund Physick*, Esq; Receiver General, for the Purchase-Money, and other Expences attending the taking up 182½ Acres of Land, given by the Government to *Nicholas Tetamy*, an *Indian*, in Consideration of his Father's Services to the Province, amounting to *Twenty-two Pounds Five Shillings* and *Four-pence*;—and an Order for Payment thereof being signed by the Speaker,

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 8.

The Sheriffs Returns of the respective Elections of *Samuel Hunter* and *William Thompson*, Esqrs. Representatives for the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*, being presented at the Table, were read by Order; and it appearing, that the Return from the County last-mentioned was not signed by the Sheriff, as is customary,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor with the same, and enquire whether it was delivered to his Honour, or the Secretary, by the Sheriff of *Westmoreland* himself, as a true Return of the Member chosen to serve for the said County in this House for the ensuing Year.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Message according to Order; that they had been also with the Secretary, who informed them the Return, in Question, was brought down and delivered into his Hands by the Sheriff of *Westmoreland* himself; that, not having observed the Omission discovered by the House, he had received and filed the same in his Office as an authentic Return of Mr. *Thompson's* Election.

The said Member and Mr. *Hunter* being then qualified as usual, took their Seats in the House.

Mr. *Montgomery*, one of the Members for the County of *Cumberland*, this Day appearing, was also qualified in the usual Form, and took his Seat accordingly.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 9. *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *Joseph Mather*, of the County of *Philadelphia*, Miller, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inspecting and branding of Flour exported from the said County. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment; and the Committee appointed to examine the Returns of Property from the several Counties, with the Assessments thereon, reporting they had not fully compleated that Service, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *December* 10. *Post Meridiem*

Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and (the Committee not being ready to report on the Business before them) adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* *December* 11.

Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 13. *Post Meridiem*

The Sheriff's Return of the Election of *George Woods*, Esq; Representative for the County of *Bedford*, being produced at the Table, was read by Order.

A Member, pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, presented at the Clerk's Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Ease of Jurors, and better regulating of Juries*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *December* 14.

Mr. *Woods*, the Member for *Bedford*, this Day appearing in the House, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

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1773. *December* 14. The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the Houſe a Petition to his Honour from the Grand-Jury and divers other Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, with a written Meſſage, which were read by Order, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

*To the Honourable* JOHN PENN, *Eſq; one of the Proprietaries, and Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *&c.*

The PETITION of divers of the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, in the ſaid Province,

*Humbly ſheweth,*

A Petition to the Governor from the Grand-Jury and other Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland.*

THAT your Petitioners being ſeated in Conſequence of regular Purchaſes from the Proprietaries of *Pennſylvania* in the ſaid County of *Northumberland*, within the known Limits and under the Protection of the Laws of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, have nevertheleſs been under the Neceſſity of combating and ſtruggling with many Difficulties and Embarraſsments of ſo alarming a Nature as ſcarce to be parallelled in the Hiſtory of any civilized Country;—that the Colony of *Connecticut* ſets up a Claim to the Lands ſeated, improved and rendered valuable by your Petitioners Labour,—happy might your Petitioners be, would thoſe Claimants bring their Pretenſions to ſome Tribunal, whoſe Deciſion would equally bind both Parties, but with them Violence uſurps the Place of Argument, and Force of legal Deciſion;—that about two Years ago a Number of your Petitioners were in an hoſtile Manner ouſted out of their Poſſeſſions at *Wyoming*, and cruelly ſtripped and plundered of their Effects; that, not content with the Acquiſition of *Wyoming*, and the Parts adjacent, ſundry Attempts have been made to extend their Conqueſts—A large Body of armed Men from *Connecticut* in *June* laſt attempted to diſpoſſeſs the Inhabitants of the Weſt Branch of *Suſquehanna*, and, though prevented, it was not without much Fatigue, Expence and great Danger of Bloodſhed;—theſe People, lawleſs among themſelves, afford an Aſylum and ſecure Retreat to diſorderly Perſons not only of this Government, but of all the neighbouring Provinces, by which Acceſſions, and the conſtant Countenance of the Colony of *Connecticut*, their Numbers have of late greatly increaſed;—that the Avowal of their Intentions is uniformly the ſame, eſpecially ſince the Account from *Connecticut* that " the Government has openly eſpouſed their " Cauſe, and taken them under their Protection."—Deplorable indeed muſt be the Situation of your Petitioners, if called on to defend by Force of Arms their infant Settlements againſt the Power of a whole Colony;—that the Conſequence muſt be Ruin to their Fortunes and Families in their preſent diſtracted Situation;—as common Subjects of the Province, and intitled to the Protection of the Laws, your Petitioners cannot help looking up to your Honour for the Aid of Government—they have hitherto maintained an unequal Conteſt—poſſeſſed of Property themſelves, they have been obliged with Arms in their Hands to defend it againſt thoſe who had no Property—ſubject themſelves to Law, they have had to contend with thoſe who refuſed Subjection to any Law, and have not been able to reduce them to Order, which is confeſſing a Weakneſs they can no longer conceal;—that the whole Poſſe of the County is not ſufficient to enforce the Laws at *Wyoming*, and as the Inhabitants have not hitherto been able to prevent the Continuance of the *Connecticut* Intruders in that Part of the Province contrary to Law, and the repeated Proclamations of Government, they fear their utmoſt Efforts will not be ſufficient to keep their Poſſeſſions without the Interpoſition and Protection of the Legiſlature, which therefore they implore, and from the known Clemency and Juſtice of the Adminiſtration, conſider themſelves as having Reaſon to expect.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*A* MESSAGE *from the Governor to the Aſſembly.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

' THE Diſtreſſes of the Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, expreſſed in
' their Petition, which will be delivered to you by the Secretary, appear to be of
' a very alarming Nature, and juſtly to call for the particular Attention of this Go-
' vernment.

' The inſolent Outrages of a Set of Men, who have long bid Defiance to the Laws
' of the Country, and have afforded Protection to Offenders of the moſt heinous Kind
' ought not certainly in a well regulated Society to be ſuffered to paſs with Impunity;
' but when theſe Men embody themſelves, ſally forth with Arms in their Hands, and
' in a warlike Manner attempt to diſpoſſeſs the peaceable Inhabitants of a County lately
' laid out and eſtabliſhed by Act of Aſſembly, within the known Bounds of the Pro-
' vince, it is a Procedure of ſo dangerous a Tendency as not only to threaten the De-
' ſtruction of that infant County, but ſtrikes at the Peace of the whole Province.

' I think it, therefore, incumbent on me, Gentlemen, to recommend this Matter
' to your moſt ſerious Conſideration, and to requeſt you will fall upon ſuch Meaſures
' as

'as will ſtrengthen the Hands of Government on this extraordinary and alarming Occaſion, repel the Violence of thoſe lawleſs Intruders, and afford the Petitioners that immediate Protection and Relief which their Neceſſities and Situation require. 1773. December 14.

*December* 14, 1773. JOHN PENN.'

The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Committee appointed to examine the Returns of Property, and report the Rates laid on the ſeveral Species thereof, in the different Counties of this Province, reported a State of the ſaid Aſſeſsments, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read by Order, was *Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *December* 15.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that as the Prevention of the many Dangers which may ariſe from the Importation of ſickly Perſons into this Province, hath frequently engaged the Care and Attention of the Legiſlature, divers Laws have been paſſed to effect ſo neceſſary a Purpoſe; but as after ſome Years Experience, they appear not fully to anſwer the End propoſed, and the Danger of infectious Diſtempers being ſpread is juſtly apprehended every Year to increaſe:——The Petitioners therefore requeſt that ſo intereſting a Subject may be again conſidered, and ſuch Alterations and Additions made to the Laws now in Force, as ſhall appear neceſſary, or that a new Law may be framed ſuitable to the preſent Circumſtances of the Trade and Welfare of the Province.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from the Speaker of the Honourable Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Counties of *New-Caſtle*, *Kent* and *Suſſex*, upon *Delaware*, dated the 25th of *October* laſt, incloſing, a Copy of certain Reſolutions entered into by the ſaid Houſe of Repreſentatives on the 23d of the ſame Month, which were read by Order, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

SIR, *New-Caſtle*, upon *Delaware*, *October* 25, 1773.

THE Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Counties of *New-Caſtle*, *Kent* and *Suſſex*, upon *Delaware*, have the Honour to incloſe you a Copy of certain Reſolutions entered into by them on *Saturday*, the 23d Inſtant. A Letter from the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of *New-Caſtle*, upon *Delaware*, &c.

The Cauſe which gave Riſe to theſe Reſolves, and the Reaſons on which they are founded, are ſo fully manifeſted, as well in the Reſolves themſelves, as in the Circular Letters to the Speakers of the ſeveral Houſes of Repreſentatives of the *Britiſh* Colonies on this Continent from the Honourable Aſſemblies of *Virginia*, *Rhode-Iſland* and *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, which this Houſe reſts aſſured you have received, that it ſeems unneceſſary to add any Thing further on that Head.

As a Plan for abridging the *American* Colonies of *Britiſh* Liberties ſeems not only to have been adviſed and adopted, but ſteadily purſued by the *Britiſh* Miniſtry, the Mode pointed out for uniting our Counſels for our mutual Safety, appeared to this Houſe to be wiſe and ſalutary, and was therefore chearfully embraced.

The very great Regard entertained for your Honourable Aſſembly, and an earneſt Deſire to be favoured with their Advice and Aſſiſtance in this general Cauſe, have induced this Houſe to requeſt that you will be pleaſed to lay their Reſolves, as early as you can, before the Repreſentatives for your Colony.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

CÆSAR RODNEY, *Speaker.*"

## COUNTIES ON *DELAWARE*,
## *In the* HOUSE of *REPRESENTATIVES.*

*Saturday*, *October* 23, 1773.

On Motion of Mr. *Read*,

*Ordered*,

THAT the ſeveral Letters from the reſpective Speakers of the Houſe of Burgeſſes in the Colony of *Virginia*, the Houſe of Deputies in the Colony of *Rhode-Iſland*, and the Houſe of Repreſentatives in the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, with the ſeveral Reſolves incloſed, be read the ſecond time.—— *Which was done accordingly.*

And the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration, reſolved itſelf into a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe.

Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kean* took the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair.

Mr. *M'Kean* reported from the Committee, that they had directed him to make the following Report of the Houſe, *viz.*

1773. *December* 15. Whereas the Speaker of the late Aſſembly preſented to the Houſe ſeveral Letters, which he received during the Receſs of the Houſe; one from the truly patriotic Houſe of Burgeſſes of his Majeſty's ancient Dominion of *Virginia*, incloſing a Copy of certain Reſolutions entered into by them on the Twelfth of *March* laſt; one from the Honourable Houſe of Deputies of the Colony of *Rhode-Iſland* and *Providence* Plantations, incloſing certain Reſolutions entered into by them on the Seventh of *May* laſt; and one from the free and ſpirited Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, incloſing certain Reſolutions entered into by them on the Twenty-eighth of *May* laſt, and requeſting that a Committee of this Houſe may be appointed to communicate from Time to Time with the correſponding Committees appointed by the ſaid Aſſemblies, and named in their ſaid reſpective Reſolves.

And whereas this Houſe is of Opinion, that the Meaſures adopted by the aforeſaid Aſſemblies, and propoſed to this, are very ſalutary and highly neceſſary at this Time, when the Rights and Liberties of all appear to be ſyſtematically invaded.

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe have a very grateful Senſe of the Obligations they are under to the Houſe of Burgeſſes in *Virginia*, for the Vigilance, Firmneſs and Wiſdom which they have diſcovered at all Times in Support of the Rights and Liberties of the *American* Colonies, and do heartily concur with them in their ſaid judicious and ſpirited Reſolves.

*Reſolved*, That a ſtanding Committee of Correſpondence and Enquiry be appointed, to conſiſt of Five Members, any Three of whom to be a Quorum, whoſe Buſineſs ſhall be to obtain the moſt early and authentic Intelligence of all ſuch Acts and Reſolutions of the *Britiſh* Parliament, or Proceedings of Adminiſtration, as may relate to, or affect, the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*; and to keep up and maintain a Correſpondence and Communication with our Siſter Colonies reſpecting theſe important Conſiderations; and the Reſult of ſuch their Proceedings from Time to Time to lay before the Houſe.

*Reſolved*, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that they do, without Delay, inform themſelves particularly of the Principles and Authority on which was conſtituted a Court of Enquiry held in *Rhode-Iſland*, ſaid to be veſted with Powers to tranſport Perſons accuſed of Offences committed in *America* to Places beyond the Seas, to be tried.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Committee be further inſtructed to prepare and report to this Houſe Draughts of very reſpectful Anſwers to the Letters above-mentioned; alſo a circular Letter to the Speakers of the ſeveral other Houſes of Aſſembly on this Continent, incloſing the aforeſaid Reſolves, and requeſting them to lay the ſame before their reſpective Aſſemblies, in Confidence that they will readily and chearfully comply with the well-concerted and wiſe Reſolves of the Houſe of Burgeſſes of *Virginia*.

To which ſaid Reſolves the Houſe agreed, *Nemine Contradicente*.

Then the Houſe immediately made Choice of the following Gentlemen to be the Committee of Correſpondence and Communication with the other Colonies, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, *George Read*, *Thomas M'Kean*, *John M'Kinly* and *Thomas Robinſon*, Eſquires.

*A true Copy.* DAVID THOMPSON, *Clerk to the Aſſembly*."

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the different Aſſeſsment of Property in the ſeveral Counties of this Province, which was again read by Order, and after ſome Debate thereon, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Debate of the Forenoon on the different Modes of aſſeſſing Property, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*December* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *John Burrows*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Mariner, indebted to ſundry Perſons in large Sums, which he is unable to pay, and therefore expects to be ſhortly confined in Gaol at the Suit of ſome of his Creditors, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying ſuch Relief from the Legiſlature as may prevent the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Aſſeſsments of Property, and after further Debate thereon, the following Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether the Townſhip Aſſeſſors ſhall, by the Bill now under Conſideration, be deprived of the Power to join with the County Aſſeſſors in rating the Property of the Inhabitants? *Carried in the Affirmative by a great Majority.*

YEAS.

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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Pennock*, | Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Ferree*, | Mr. *Gray*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Roberts*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Pope*, | Mr. *Chapman*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Allen*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Biddle*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Krewsen*, | Mr. *Edmonds*, | Mr. *Minshall*, |
| Mr. *Pearson*, | Mr. *Woods*, | Mr. *Webb*, |
| Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Hunter*, | Mr. *Ross*, |
| Mr. *Gibbons*. | Mr. *Thompson*. | Mr. *Slough*. |

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Subject before them in the Forenoon, *Post Meridiem*
and, after a Debate thereon, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and, after further Debate on the Sub- *December* 17.
ject of Taxation, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Debate of the Forenoon; and, after some Time spent there- *Post Meridiem*
in, the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether a Clause shall be inserted in the Bill to be brought in, enjoining that no Lands within this Province shall be rated at less than *Five Pounds* per Hundred Acres?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Krewsen*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Edmonds*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Pearson*, | Mr. *Woods*, |
| Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *Hunter*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Ross*, | Mr. *Thompson*. |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Pope*, | |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Gibbons*, | Mr. *Allen*, | |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Minshall*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, | |
| Mr. *Brown*. | Mr. *Pennock*. | Mr. *Biddle*. | |

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-"five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit in the Manner herein* "*after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on* "*all Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *December* 18.

A Petition from *David Rittenhouse* and *Thomas Potts*, in Behalf of themselves and the other Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for making the River *Schuylkill* navigable, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that their Predecessors, the Commissioners appointed by a former Law, were enabled to receive Subscriptions from all Persons disposed to encourage the useful Undertaking for which they were appointed, and in Pursuance of their Duty, procured large Sums of Money to be subscribed by sundry People, who now neglect and refuse to pay the present Commissioners the several Sums, which by their Subscriptions they had engaged to pay, disputing their Power to compel them thereto:——The Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief as to them shall seem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Commissioners for clearing and making the River *Schuylkill* more generally useful and navigable, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners, in order to carry on the Service for which they were appointed, have procured Subscriptions, which already amount to near *One Thousand Pounds*, payable on Condition that the said Sum shall be completed by further Contributions, which the Petitioners soon hope to obtain;——that from a Survey made of the River, from *Reading* to the Tide-Water, they have been enabled to make an Estimate of the Expence that will attend the Work, and apprehend that *One Thousand Pounds* in Addition to what Money is likely to be raised by Subscription will be sufficient for the Purpose;——they therefore pray that the Honourable House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such further Sum as shall enable them to complete the Undertaking.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Dennis Johnson*, with was again read by Order, and after some Debate thereon, the said Petition, with the Petitions from *Caleb Swazey* and *John Cuthbert*, of a similar Nature, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination and Enquiry.

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1773. *December* 18. The Petition of *Chriſtopher Henſell*, an inſolvent Debtor, was read the ſecond time, and referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of Grievances.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Biddle* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Adjournment *December* 20. The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Levi Hollingsworth*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting and branding Flour exported from the ſaid City. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for an Amendment of the Laws of this Province for preventing the Importation of ſickly Perſons, and, after ſome Debate, referred the ſaid Petition to further Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Daniel Andrews*, of *Amity* Townſhip, in the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he is ſeized and poſſeſſed of two Tracts of Land in the ſaid Townſhip, one of them containing One Hundred and Fifty, the other Twenty-two Acres, granted by Patent, *Anno* 1701, to *Andrew Rudman*, but ſeveral of the Title-Deeds, *to wit*, the Deed from *Rudman* to *Andrew Scandal*, the Deed from *Andrew Scandal* to *Benjamin Burden*, the Deed from *Benjamin Burden* to *Henry Bell*, and the Deed from *Henry Bell* to *Andrew Foulke*, are (through the Inattention paid by Perſons in the Country to ſuch Papers in thoſe early Days) either loſt or miſlaid:—That the Petitioner is therefore under the Neceſſity of praying the Aid of the Legiſlature to ſupply the ſaid Defect in his Title, by giving him Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion, and in Purſuance of the Recommendation from the late Aſſembly, the Houſe took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Adjournment Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 22. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of *Fifty-five Thouſand Pounds*, &c. reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thouſand Pounds, *and for ſtriking the ſame in Bills of Credit, in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Eſtates real and perſonal and Taxables within this Province*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe again took up the Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting the Danger of ſpreading infectious Diſeaſes by the Importation of ſickly Perſons; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Importation of ſickly Perſons, and the ſpreading of infectious Diſeaſes in this Province.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition (preſented to, and recommended over by, the late Aſſembly) of divers Merchants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for extending hither ſuch Parts of the Statutes of Bankruptcy paſſed in *England*, as are beſt adapted to the Circumſtances of this Province; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to oblige the Aſſignees of inſolvent Debtors to account, *&c. &c.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *John Burrows*, which was read, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 23. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Ellicott*, one of the Members for the County of *Bucks*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified in uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

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Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and "Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation.*"

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating "the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough "of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for "regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in "the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *December 24.*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to his Ma-"jesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit, "in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit, by a Tax on all Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province,*" and after some Time spent therein, the following Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether in rating the improved Parts of Plantations the Allowance of Wood-land, for Fuel and Fencing, shall not exceed the Proportion of Thirty to One Hundred Acres?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Pope*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Allen*, |
| Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Pearson*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Woods*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Minshall*, | Mr. *Hunter*, |
| Mr. *Ellicott*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *Thompson*. |
| Mr. *Foulke*. | Mr. *Gibbons*. | Mr. *Ross*. | |

The said Bill having been read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs the Question was put by the Speaker, Whether the same shall be transcribed for a third Reading?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Webb*, |
| Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Ross*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Pope*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Allen*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Woods*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Gibbons*, | Mr. *Hunter*, |
| Mr. *Ellicott*. | Mr. *Minshall*. | Mr. *Thompson*. |

The House then adjourned to *Wednesday* next, the 29th Instant, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *December 29. Post Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Nineteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *December 30.*

The Speaker, with Twenty-one Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of last Night; and a Quorum being still wanting, they adjourned to Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *December 31.*

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of Yesterday; and one being yet wanting to complete a Quorum,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do immediately give Notice by the Serjeant at Arms to Mr. *Gray* (the nearest absent Member) that his Attendance is required at Three o'Clock this Afternoon without Fail.

The Members present then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaster* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by Means of the many Dams erected on *Conestogoe* Creek, the Navigation is impeded, and the Fish altogether prevented from coming up the said Creek, to the great Loss of the Inhabitants near the same, which they conceive might be remedied by the Persons who have erected and own the said Dams, were they to make Slopes with Wood or Stone, from the said Dams for that

1773. *December* 31. Purpoſe:—But as the Petitioners have no Expectation of their doing ſo, unleſs required by Law, they pray the Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as they may judge proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Milnor*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Cooper, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed, by the Bill now under Conſideration, the Officer for inſpecting Herring intended for Exportation.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent the Importation of ſickly Perſons into this Province, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the Houſe ſundry Letters, and other Papers, lately paſſed between his Honour and *Eliphalet Dyer*, *William Samuel Johnſon* and *Jedediah Strong*, Eſquires, Commiſſioners from the Colony of *Connecticut*, empowered to negociate a Settlement of the Diſpute, which hath for ſome Time ſubſiſted, reſpecting the Boundaries of the Province of *Pennſylvania* and the ſaid Colony of *Connecticut*; which Papers having been ſeverally read by Order, were directed to lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 1. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

1774. A Petition from the Commiſſioners appointed by Law for regulating, pitching, paveing and cleanſing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that ſeveral Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the ſaid City remain yet unpaved;—that ſome of the Streets were paved before any Commiſſioners were appointed, or any public Proviſion made for that Purpoſe, and, through the Inexperience of the Pavers, were very badly regulated and paved, and at preſent are in ſuch Condition as to require to be in a great Part repaved;—that the principal Avenues from the paved Parts of the City to the great Roads into the Country are in the Fall and Spring of the Year very difficult to paſs, a great Interruption to Travellers, and a Detriment to Commerce;—that the Petitioners, in order to ſink the Sum of *Eight Thouſand Pounds* which was lent to the City of *Philadelphia*, have annually levied on the Inhabitants a Tax of *Three-pence* in the Pound, and have likewiſe been obliged to lay a Tax of *Two-pence* in the Pound for the Purpoſe of cleaning and keeping in Repair ſuch Streets as are already paved, which Taxes, amounting to *Five-pence* in the Pound, when added to the many other heavy Aſſeſsments to which the Inhabitants of *Philadelphia* are now ſubjected, have prevented the Petitioners from increaſing the Paving Tax, ſo that they are deprived of the Means of paving ſuch Streets as require it, or to diſcharge the heavy Debts due to private Perſons for Money lent to former Commiſſioners for the Purpoſe of Paving;——that ſince the Act was paſſed, limiting the Breadth of Cart, Waggon and Dray Wheels, which belong to this City and Suburbs, the principal Damage the Pavements and Roads within the City have ſuſtained has been by the Narrow-wheel Waggons, which come from the Country with Loads diſproportioned to the Strength of the Pavements:—And as the Benefits, derived to the Inhabitants of the City and ſeveral Counties in this Province from having the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the ſaid City well paved and regulated, are in the Opinion of the Petitioners mutual, they apprehend ſome Provincial Allowance, to aſſiſt in paving and repairing ſuch Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Roads as require it, would be in the higheſt Degree juſt and reaſonable:—That the Petitioners therefore requeſt, that you will be pleaſed to grant a Sum of Money to be applied to the ſeveral Purpoſes expreſſed in the Act of the Ninth of *George* the Third, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleanſing the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, and for regulating, making and amending the Water-Courſes and common Sewers within the inhabited and ſettled Parts of the City of* Philadelphia, *for raiſing of Money to defray the Expences thereof, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," to enable the Petitioners the more effectually to anſwer the Intention of the ſaid Act. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 3. *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill *to oblige the Truſtees and Aſſignees of inſolvent Debtors to execute their Truſts*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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1774. January 4.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester*, residing near the River *Schuylkill*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Dams erected by the present Commissioners in many shoal Places in the said River, and nearly across the same, must in Freshes render the Navigation thereof extremely dangerous, as well as injure the Fording-Places, which are a great Convenience to Travellers, and will, beyond all Doubt, shortly put a total End to the Fisheries in the said River, to the great Loss of the poorer Sort of People;—that the Petitioners, with many others, were a few Years since at considerable Trouble and Expence in removing all Dams out of the said River; and therefore humbly pray, the Commissioners may not be allowed to erect any more therein, at least of the Sort they have already made, as such will certainly prove more injurious in every Respect, than those directed to be pulled down under former Acts of Assembly. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act for granting to "his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills "of Credit, in the Manner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the "said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all Estates real and personal and taxables within this Pro-"vince,*" having been transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and the Question being put by the Speaker, Whether the said Bill shall pass the House, and be sent to the Governor for his Concurrence? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Shepherd*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Ferree*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Ross*, |
| Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Pope*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Edmonds*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Gibbons*, | Mr. *Woods*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Minshall*, | Mr. *Hunter*. |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Pennock*. | |
| Mr. *Brown*, | | |

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, "Lanes, Alleys and Highways in the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein "mentioned*," being also transcribed, was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Governor with the said two Bills, and deliver the same for his Consideration and Assent.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to oblige the "Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts*," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House proceeded in the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to oblige "the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to execute their Trusts*," which being gone through, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the same into his immediate Consideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising of County Rates and Levies.*"

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *January 5.*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising County Rates and Levies*," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent in-"fectious Diseases being brought into this Province*," which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *Robert Thompson*, of *Solesbury* Township, in the County of *Bucks*, Miller, was presented to the House and read, praying an Alteration in certain Courses of an old Road running through his Plantation between the Mansion-house and Barn, to the great Inconvenience and Prejudice of the Petitioner.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

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1774.
*January* 5. Adjournment *January* 6.

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes* "*being brought into this Province,*" which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into this Pro-* "*vince,*" which being debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter*, reſpecting an Alteration of the Dams erected in *Conneſtogoe* Creek, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for removing the Inconveniences complained of by the Petitioners.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Report of a Committee, recommended over by the late Houſe, on the Petitions of divers Owners of *Schuylkill Point Meadows*, for and againſt an Alteration of the Act of Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the Firſt Year of the preſent Reign, for regulating and improving the ſaid Meadows, and after a Debate of ſome Continuance,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to hear the ſaid Owners in Support of their reſpective Petitions, and report thereon to the Houſe.

Adjournment

The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 7.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter*, reſpecting the Encroachment of a public Road (lately laid out by Order of the Governor and Council) on a Burying-Ground near the Village of *Straſburg*, in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Robert Bell*, Bookſeller of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Act of Aſſembly of this Province inſtituting a public Vendue in the ſaid City for the Sale of Goods, has been conſtrued to extend to prohibit the Selling of Books by public Auction within the City aforeſaid, and praying Relief in the Premiſes. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *Robert Thompſon*, of the County of *Bucks*, and after ſome Debate thereon, ordered the ſame to lie on the Table.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *Chriſtopher Henſell*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, was referred for Examination, reported, "That the ſaid *Henſell* has been confined in Gaol Fifteen Months;—that he "has given regular Notice to his Creditors of his Application to the Houſe for Relief, "and as he is in a very diſtreſſed Situation, and does not appear to have any Means of "paying his Debts, they recommend his Caſe to the Conſideration of the Houſe."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of ſaid *Henſell*, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act for raiſing County Rates and Levies,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for altering and regulating the Dams erected in *Conneſtogoe* Creek, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Dennis Johnſon* was read the ſecond time, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination, with Orders, that the Petitioner be directed to adverti ſe in the Public News-Papers for Six Months at leaſt, his Application to the Legiſlature for ſupplying the Defect in his Title by the Loſs of the Deed mentioned in the ſaid Petition.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Commiſſioners for paving the Streets of the City of *Philadelphia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, ordered the ſame to lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Daniel Andrews*, of the County of *Lancaſter*, being again read by Order,

Order, was referred to the Committee of Grievances to enquire into the Facts set forth in the said Petition, and report thereon to the House.

1774. *January* 7. Adjournment *January* 8.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors to* "*execute their Trusts;*" and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for raising* "*of County Rates and Levies,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, respectively entituled, "*An Act* "*to amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for granting to his Majesty the Sum of* Fifty-five "Thousand Pounds, *and for striking the same in Bills of Credit in the Manner herein after* "*directed, and for providing a Fund for sinking the said Bills of Credit by a Tax on all* "*Estates real and personal, and Taxables within this Province;*" and, "*An Act for re-* "*gulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and Highways in* "*the Borough of* Lancaster, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" with a Paper of Amendments to each; which being read, and considered, were agreed to by the House, and the said Bills ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

Then the House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *January* 10. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Hunter*, Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for recording Warrants, Surveys, Deeds and Conveyances.

Adjournment *January* 11.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills passed on *Saturday* last, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

A Petition from the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment, Overseers of the Poor, and others, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Mode of removing poor Persons by Virtue of the Act of General Assembly passed *March* 9, 1771, for the Relief of the Poor, is extreme difficult and burthensome, arising from the Remoteness of Townships in this Province, to which they are sometimes directed to be removed;—that the daily Increase of idle Vagrants and Beggars, who infest the City and Townships, is become a great Nuisance, which loudly calls for the serious Attention of the Legislature;—that the Petitioners conceive a Law would be very useful to oblige the Constables of the City and Townships, under a sufficient Penalty, (without which it would not avail) to apprehend all such strolling Vagabonds, and to convey them forthwith to some Magistrate, who should be enjoined to examine them on their legal Qualifications respecting their Place of Residence or Settlement, and if not in this City or Township, where they were so apprehended, to cause them to be removed by Warrant directed to the Constable of the next Township, and so from Township to Township till they arrive at their proper Place of Residence; and if at any Time hereafter, being so removed, they should return again to the Place from which they were removed, that, the Constable as aforesaid being enjoined to carry them before a Magistrate, the said Magistrate should have Power, and be required, to order them such corporal Punishment as the Nature of the Case appears to require, and then to be conveyed out again as aforesaid, the Punishment being increased on a Repetition of the Offence;—that the Petitioners are informed some of the neighbouring Governments have enacted Laws to this Effect;—that as Numbers of strolling Poor frequently come to this City and the Townships throughout the Province, who stand in Need of Support, and whose Places of legal Residence cannot be found, the Petitioners apprehend the Maintenance of such Persons should be a Provincial Expence;—that the Petitioners beg Leave further to represent, that there is no Law of this Province by which Provision is made for the Maintenance of Children born of white Women, but begotten by Negroes, or Mulattoes, who are Slaves, through the Want whereof great Expences have arisen to the Public without Redress;—that the Petitioners pray the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and grant such Relief and Assistance therein, as they in their Wisdom may think necessary.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Remonstrance and Petition from a great Majority of the Inhabitants settled in the back Parts of the County of *Lancaster*, and also the Inhabitants of that Part of *Berks* County adjacent thereto, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the remote Situation of the Petitioners, and others, in those Parts of the said Counties, from

1774. January 11. the Seats of Judicature and public Offices, occaſion them to labour under great Hardſhips, and to be put to very great Expences and Loſs of Time in long Journies, either as Parties in Cauſes, Jurymen, or Witneſſes, or proving Wills, obtaining Letters Teſtamentary or Adminiſtration, ſettling the Accounts with the Regiſter and Orphans Court, *&c.*—that the ſober and orderly Part of the Inhabitants are, by their Diſtance from the Seats of Juſtice, rendered very inſecure from diſorderly and wicked Perſons, who generally reſort to the more remote Parts of the ſaid Counties, being thereby more diſtant from the Officers of Juſtice, and more eaſily eſcaping after perpetrating Crimes and Offences againſt the good Laws of the Land;—that, to remove theſe Grievances, and for putting the Laws in Execution, and that with the leaſt Trouble and Expence to all Perſons concerned, the Petitioners, confiding in the known Juſtice of the Repreſentatives of this Province, humbly ſolicit and entreat the Honourable Houſe to paſs a Bill for erecting a Part of *Lancaſter* and *Berks* Counties into a ſeparate County.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Arthur Donaldſon* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he has viewed with Concern as well the Situation of the Docks of the City of *Philadelphia* filled with Dirt and Rubbiſh, to the great Inconvenience and Injury of the Navigation, as the Neceſſity thence ariſing of extending the Wharfs farther into the River, which in the Apprehenſion of many judicious Perſons (if continued) may in Time be the Means of throwing the Channel of the River, and of Courſe the Port, into the Hands of a neighbouring Province; and being convinced that a Method might be fallen upon to cleanſe and deepen the Docks, which would render them a ſufficient Harbour for the Trade of the Port, at a much eaſier Rate, and in a more expeditious Manner than any hitherto invented or practiſed, he has, with conſiderable Pains and Expence, conſtructed a Machine to anſwer thoſe beneficial Purpoſes;—that the Petitioner beſides is well perſuaded that it will alſo be equally uſeful in cleanſing and deepening the Piers, opening the ſhallow and too contracted Mouths and Channels of Rivers, and in raiſing Stones and Sand for Buildings, and in a Variety of other Works of public Utility;——that on Application to the *American Philoſophical Society*, they have been pleaſed to appoint a large Committee to examine the Machine, and ſee it perform;——that it has met with the entire Approbation of that reſpectable Body;—thus encouraged by the Deciſion of the Society in his Favour, the Petitioner humbly preſumes to lay the Model before the Honourable Houſe at any Time appointed for that Purpoſe, (when a Committee of the Society will alſo attend) and inform them, that the Expence of erecting and compleating it with proper Flats to carry off the Mud and Rubbiſh, will be ſuch, that (under the preſent Circumſtances of the Water Eſtates and Intereſts) he cannot undertake to carry the ſalutary Deſign into Execution without public Encouragement:—That the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes under their Conſideration, and grant him ſuch Encouragement as the public Uſefulneſs of the Machine ſhall in their Judgment be found to merit. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into this Pro-*
"*vince*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulating*
"*the Fiſhery in the River* Conneſtogoe, *in the County of* Lancaſter;" which being read through the ſecond Time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That ſuch Members as do not appear at the Place of Meeting within Half an Hour after the Time of Adjournment in the Fore- and Afternoon, ſhall pay *Two Shillings*; but if a Quorum be not preſent at the ſame Time, then each abſent Member ſhall pay *Four Shillings*, and *Eighteen-pence* for every Hour's Abſence after, unleſs he can ſhew Cauſe, to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, which ſhall be determined by an immediate Vote.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed and empowered to demand and collect the Fines ariſing upon any Breach of the above Rules, for the Uſe of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

The Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter*, reſpecting an Encroachment of the public Road on a Burying-Ground in the Village of *Straſburg*, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

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Post Meridiem

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Robert Bell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Bookseller, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Bartholomew* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Pedlars and Vendues*, &c."

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *Caleb Swazey* and *Daniel Andrews* were referred for Enquiry, reported, "They had examined the said Petitions "with the Vouchers relative to the Loss of the Title-Deeds mentioned therein, and are "satisfied as well of the Truth of the Facts set forth by the Petitioners, as that they "have given public Notice of their Application to the House for Relief; and no Person "having appeared to object to the Matters contained in their Petitions, the Committee "submit to the House to determine the Relief they pray for."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill or Bills for the Purpose expressed in their Petitions.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 12.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair, in Behalf of *Caleb Swazey*, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* John Steel, *of* "Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land*, "*in the Township of* Middleton, *and the County aforesaid, several of the Title-Deeds* "*whereof are lost*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of the Fourteenth of *December* last, which was again read by Order, and after a Debate of some Continuance, referred the same to further Consideration.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

January 13.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herrings for Exportation, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming* "*the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain* "*Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *in the County aforesaid*, "*several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost*," which being read through the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for repealing a Part of an Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating Pedlars and Vendues*, &c." reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Message, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to essay and bring in a Draught of Resolves on the Subject of the said Message.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Post Meridiem

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves on the Subject of the Governor's Message, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, and considered, was agreed to by the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee to the Governor's Message.

THE House taking into their Consideration the Governor's Message, and the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, with other Papers relating to the late Transactions between this Government and the Colony of *Connecticut*, respecting the Claim of the latter to Lands within the Limits and Boundaries of the Royal Grant, came to the following Resolutions, *viz.*

*Resolved*, That a Number of Persons, emigrating from the Colony of *Connecticut*, under a Pretence of Right to Lands within the Limits and Boundaries of the Royal Grant to the Proprietaries of this Province, without prosecuting their Claim before his Majesty in Council, the only proper Place of Decision, have, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, taken Possession of a Tract of Country within the said known Limits and Boundaries, and have held and still retain their said Possession in an hostile Manner, to the great Disturbance of the Peace of the Province.

*Resolved*, That the said Emigrants, together with a Number of ill-disposed Persons, with whom they have confederated, have, in Defiance of the Laws of the Country and

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1774. *January* 13. executive Powers of this Government, afforded Protection to Offenders of the moſt atrocious Kind, and have, moreover, embodied themſelves, and in an hoſtile Manner attempted to diſpoſſeſs the peaceable Inhabitants ſettled far within the Limits of this Government.

*Reſolved*, That the Governor be earneſtly requeſted to give ſpecial Directions to all the Magiſtrates, Sheriffs, and other Officers concerned in the Adminiſtration of Juſtice, to be vigilant and active in the Diſcharge of their Duty within their ſeveral Juriſdictions, and to exert themſelves in quieting and ſuppreſſing all Acts of Violence, and every illegal Attempt to diſpoſſeſs the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province.

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will concur with the Governor in every reaſonable Meaſure to ſtrengthen the Hands of Government, in preſerving the Peace, and ſuppreſſing all Riots and Tumults, and illegal Attempts whatſoever to diſturb the Inhabitants of this Province in their peaceable Poſſeſſions; and therefore

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters.

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners praying for an Amendment of the Act, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Owners and Poſſeſſors of* Schuylkill Point Meadow-"Land, *in the County of* Philadelphia, *to keep the Banks, Dams, Sluices and Floodgates* "*in Repair, and to raiſe a Fund to defray the Expence thereof*," reported, "That, after "a full Hearing of the Parties, and taking the ſaid Act into their Conſideration, they "are of Opinion, that the Law does not require any Alteration or Amendment; but that "it is full and complete in itſelf to remedy the Inconveniences complained of, as it "empowers the Managers to make and repair the Extra-Work of the expoſed Parts of "the Banks at a public Expence."

Adjournment The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 14. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fiſhery in the River* Conneſtogoe, "*in the County of* Lancaſter, and, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* John Steel, *of* "Carliſle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of* "*Land, in the Townſhip of* Middleton, *in the County aforeſaid, ſeveral of the Title-Deeds* "*whereof are loſt*," being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompſon* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented at the Table, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent* "*Frauds in the Packing and Preſerving Shad and Herring for Exportation*," which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Petition from *William* and *Thomas Bradford*, *William Hall*, *John Dunlap*, *John Sparhawk*, *Robert Aitken*, *Robert Magill*, and *William Tricket*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Bookſellers, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners being informed a Bill is now before the Honourable Houſe for allowing the Sale of Books by Auction in the ſaid City, they pray Leave to be heard before the ſame is paſſed into a Law, as they humbly conceive a Licence for the above Purpoſe may prove greatly injurious to the Trade of the City in that Article; and further pray, that they may be permitted to have a Copy of ſuch Petitions as have been preſented to the Houſe on that Subject; and be allowed a reaſonable Time to reply thereto.

Upon Conſideration of the above Petition,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners, upon Application to the Clerk, and paying him for his Trouble, be furniſhed with a Copy of the Petition of *Robert Bell*, Bookſeller, and alſo a Copy of the Bill now under Conſideration of the Houſe, for allowing the Sale of Books by public Auction within the City of *Philadelphia*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to hear the ſaid

said Petitioners, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition, and report thereon to the House.

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Mr. *Rhoads*, by Direction of the Managers of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital, laid before the House a State of the Accounts of the said Hospital for the present Year, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

ABSTRACT *of the Accounts of the* Pennsylvania Hospital, *adjusted by the Managers, being a Summary of the Receipts and Payments for the Year, ending the Third Day of the* Fifth Month, 1773.

State of the Accounts of the *Pennsylvania* Hospital.

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| BALANCE due to the Hospital on the Settlement of last Year's Accounts, viz. | | | |
| In the Hands of the late Treasurer Thomas Wharton, | £ 41 13 4½ | | |
| of the late Matron S. Harlan, | 45 6 6 | | |
| | | £ 86 19 10½ | |
| **Receipts this Year, *viz.*** | | | |
| One Contributor's Note paid off, | | 10 0 0 | |
| Five new Contributions from private Persons, | £ 50 8 0 | | |
| Twenty-one ditto, by Signing Paper Currency, | 245 0 0½ | | |
| | | 295 8 0½ | |
| Legacies by Will, | | 554 8 7½ | |
| Annuities: The Proprietaries, one Year, | £ 40 0 0 | | |
| William Allen, Esq; his, one Year, | 12 0 0 | | |
| Estate of John Jones, one Year's Ground-rent of Ja. Black, | 18 18 0 | | |
| Estate of Mary Andrews, Ground-rent received, | 12 10 0 | | |
| Joseph Mountz, two Year's, | 12 0 0 | | |
| William Young, one Year's, | 1 10 0 | | |
| | | 96 18 0 | |
| Interest from Borrowers of Money lent, | £ 323 13 8½ | | |
| from sundry Contributors, Interest of their respective Notes, | 21 14 0 | | |
| | | 345 7 8½ | |
| Rent of Pasture Lots, | | 20 0 0 | |
| Principal Sums paid in, and Money borrowed, | | 1,387 15 0 | |
| For Bills of Exchange, drawn by the Managers on their Agents in London, on Account of the Money arising from the unclaimed Shares of the Pennsylvania Land Company, Thirty-two Sets, amounting to £ 7,390 Sterling, for which received in Current Money, | | 11,990 5 0 | |
| Board of Bay Patients, | | 309 10 0 | |
| From 11 Students, for the Privilege of Attending the Practice of the Physicians in the Hospital, at £ 5, | | 55 0 0 | |
| From 3 Students, for the Privilege of Attending Doctor Bond's Clinical Lectures, | | 3 0 0 | |
| For Viewing the Anatomical Paintings and Casts, | | 12 0 0 | |
| From the Charity Boxes, viz. | | | |
| The Provincial Assembly's, | £ 3 8 10¾ | | |
| William Allen, Esq; his | 7 0 1 | | |
| John Reynell's, | 1 6 1 | | |
| Fines of a Jury, &c. | 5 0 0 | | |
| In the Hall of the Hospital, | 27 4 4 | | |
| | | 43 19 4¾ | |
| For sundry small Articles sold, | | 15 5 3½ | |
| | | £ 15,225 16 11½ | |
| Balance due to the Treasurer Joseph King, | | 37 10 6 | |
| | | £ 15,263 7 5½ | |
| **Payments this Year, *viz.*** | | | |
| Disbursements on the Building, | | £ 12 6 5 | |
| Beds, Bedding, Kitchen Furniture, &c. | | 123 17 3½ | |
| Drugs and Medicines, &c. | | 99 12 4½ | |
| Wages to the Apothecary, Matron, Nurses, Servants, &c. | | 333 18 10 | |
| Surgical Instruments bought of William Logan, | | 123 15 0 | |
| Lots bought, paid Thomas Forrest, for one undivided fourth Part of the Square next Eastward of the Hospital, | | 300 0 0 | |
| Money borrowed paid off, and Interest of Part thereof, | | 612 8 0 | |
| Money lent on Interest, | | 11,827 10 0 | |
| Incidental Charges, fencing a Lot, | £ 9 11 6 | | |
| Sundry other Charges, | 7 10 6½ | | |
| | | 17 2 0½ | |
| Firewood and Coal, | | 218 12 11 | |
| Common Houshold Expences, viz. | | | |
| Flour and Middlings, | £ 542 15 1¼ | | |
| Butcher's Meat, | 391 0 11½ | | |
| Milk, | 160 19 4 | | |
| Melasses, | 70 7 11 | | |
| Rice, | 25 15 10 | | |
| Candles and Soap, | 45 7 11 | | |
| Sugar, | 62 12 10½ | | |
| Tea, Coffee and Chocolate, | 20 4 10 | | |
| Butter, Fowls, Potatoes, Turnips, Apples and sundry small Articles bought in Market, &c. | 238 15 9¾ | | |
| | | 1,558 0 7 | |
| | | £ 15,227 3 5½ | |
| Balance in the Hands of the Steward John Saxton, | | 36 4 0 | |
| | | £ 15,263 7 5½ | |

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## CAPITAL STOCK *of the* PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL, *the Third of the* Fifth Month, 1773.

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| Bonds and Promiſſory Nots taken from ſundry Contributors, for their reſpective Subſcriptions, | £ | 1,927 13 4 |
| Subſcriptions, for which Notes are not yet obtained, | | 83 10 0 |
| Mortgages and Bonds for Money lent on Intereſt, | | 17,493 9 0 |

### Real Eſtate, per Deeds in the Cuſtody of the Treaſurer, *viz.*

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| A Lot of Ground in the Northern Liberties, on Germantown Road, the Gift of Matthias Keplin, | £ | 24 0 0 | |
| An Annuity of £ 6, per Annum iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Derby, the Gift of Iſaac Norris, Eſq; | | 100 0 0 | |
| Three Annuities, amounting to £ 10 1 4, per Annum, iſſuing out of three Houſes and Lots in Philadelphia, the Deviſe of Mary Andrews, | | 200 0 0 | |
| An Annuity of 14 Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of a Houſe and Lot in Cheſt-nut-ſtreet, Part of the Eſtate of John Jones, | | 378 0 0 | |
| Three Annuities amounting to 17 and an Half Piſtoles per Annum, iſſuing out of three Houſes and Lots in Southwark, bought by the Managers, | | 400 2 0 | |
| One half of the Square next Weſtward of the Hoſpital, with the Buildings thereon, | | 443 17 6 | |
| Three-fourths of the Square next Eaſtward of the Hoſpital, | | 907 0 0 | |
| | | | 2,452 19 6 |
| Doctor John Fothergill's Donation of Anatomical Paintings and Caſts, | | | 350 0 0 |
| | £ | | 22,307 11 10 |

And an Annuity of £ 6, per Annum, during the Life of Joſeph Mountz,
Beſides the Lot on which the Hoſpital is erected and the Improvements thereon.
From which is to be deducted £ 300, borrowed by the Managers of David Hall, and not yet repaid.

### LIST *of new Contributions for the Year ending the 3d of 5th* Month 1773.

| | | | |
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| John Dickinſon, Eſq; additional, | £ | 12 18 | 0 |
| Thomas Forreſt, | | 25 0 | 0 |
| Joſeph Dean, | | 6 15 | 0 |
| Iſaac Jones, Eſq; additional, | | 5 0 | 0 |
| Mary Thraſher, of Germantown, | | 0 15 | 0 |
| Joſeph Swift, additional, (by ſigning Paper Currency.) | | 11 14 | 4¾ |
| Samuel Hudſon, ditto, | | 11 14 | 4¾ |
| Cadwalader Morris, ditto, | | 11 14 | 5 |
| Joſeph Sims, ditto, | | 11 14 | 2 |
| Iſaac Cox, ditto, | | 11 11 | 9 |
| Benjamin Wynkoop, ditto, | | 11 11 | 9 |
| John Mifflin, ditto, | | 11 11 | 9 |
| Joel Evans, | | 11 11 | 9 |
| Adam Hubley, additional | | 11 11 | 9 |
| Clement Biddle, ditto, | | 12 4 | 2 |
| Anthony Morris, junior, | | 12 1 | 9 |
| Jeremiah Warder, jun. | | 12 1 | 9 |
| James Wharton, additional | | 11 11 | 9 |
| Joſeph Deane, ditto, | | 11 11 | 9 |
| Samuel Coates, ditto, | | 11 11 | 9 |
| Carried forward, | £ | 226 7 | 0½ |

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| Brought forward, | £ | 226 7 | 0½ |
| Joſeph Pemberton, additional (by ſigning Paper Currency.) | | 11 10 | 2 |
| Samuel Howel, jun. (by ſigning Paper Currency.) | | 11 10 | 2 |
| Thomas Fiſher, additional (by ſigning Paper Currency.) | | 11 10 | 2 |
| Thomas Coombe, ditto, (by ſigning Paper Currency.) | | 11 10 | 2 |
| Thomas Clifford, ditto, (by ſigning Paper Currency.) | | 11 10 | 2 |
| Samuel Pleaſants, ditto (by ſigning Paper Currency.) | | 11 10 | 2 |
| | £ | 295 8 | 0½ |

#### LEGACIES by WILL.

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| Iſaac Greenleafe, | £ | 100 0 | 0 |
| Chriſtopher Brown's, a farther Payment, | | 26 15 | 6 |
| Ann Strettell, | | 20 0 | 0 |
| Charles Creſs, | | 150 17 | 6¾ |
| Anna Operting, | | 63 5 | 7 |
| Michael Groſs, | | 13 10 | 0 |
| | £ | 374 8 | 7¾ |

Beſides Peter Turner's, £ 100 } entered the Liſt of Legacies
and William White's, 80 } laſt Year, but not paid till this.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Pennock*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to viſit the ſaid Hoſpital, and report the State and Oeconomy thereof to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded in the ſecond Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preſerving Shad and Herring for Exportation*," which being read through the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 15. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*January* 17. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 18. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from *Allan Meuroſs*, of the County of *Cheſter*, complaining againſt Juſtices *Parker* and *Hannum*, on account of an erroneous Judgment given by them againſt him, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to hear the Bookſellers of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Support of their Petition to the Houſe, made Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

PURSUANT

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PURSUANT to the Order of the House, We, your Committee have heard the Petitioners against the Bill for admitting the Sale of Books by Auction in the City of *Philadelphia*, and are of Opinion, that they have not offered sufficient Reasons to prevent the said Bill's passing into a Law.

*Submitted to the House, by*

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JOHN POPE,
WILLIAM EDMONDS,
GEORGE WOODS,
SAMUEL HUNTER,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
JOHN BROWN,
JOHN JACOBS,
JOSEPH FERREE,"

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed, according to Order, was again read, signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your Honour,*

Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

WE have taken into our serious Consideration your Message of the 14th *ultimo* and the Petition from the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, with the Papers respecting the Claim of *Connecticut* Government to Part of *Pennsylvania*; and as we esteem a due Obedience to the Laws, and the Preservation of the public Peace, to be of the first Moment to the Happiness and Welfare of the People, we heartily concur in Sentiments with your Honour, that the violent Outrages committed within the known Limits of this Province by the Emigrants from the Colony of *Connecticut*, and the Protection they have given to the most atrocious Offenders, in open Defiance of the Laws of the County, call for the particular Attention of Government.

Since we find from repeated Experience, that the mild Laws of this Province have proved insufficient to restrain these lawless Disturbers of the Peace within any Bounds, we have thought it necessary to prepare and pass a Bill with more severe Penalties, which, we hope, will in future deter them from the Execution of their unwarrantable Designs, and restore the public Tranquillity.

The Hands of Government being thus strengthened, we have no Doubt, but your Honour will pursue the proper Measures to effect so desireable a Purpose, and yet, that we may not seem deficient in our Duty on so extraordinary and alarming an Occasion, which portends the greatest Mischiefs to the Province, and that these ill-disposed People may know that they are acting in Opposition to the Weight of the whole Government, we cannot avoid shewing our just Abhorrence of their Conduct by most earnestly entreating your Honour to give special Directions to the Magistrates, Sheriffs and other Officers concerned in the Administration of Justice, to be vigilant and active in the Discharge of their Duty within their respective Jurisdictions, and to exert themselves in suppressing all Acts of Violence, and every illegal Attempt to dispossess the peaceable Inhabitants of this Province, by putting the Laws in strict Execution.

From the Papers, communicated by the Secretary, we are sorry to find the Government of *Connecticut* has given Countenance to the lawless Possession of these Emigrants, by resolving to prosecute a Claim, not only to Lands they have lately seated themselves on, but to a great Part of the Province. We do not mean, nor is it our Duty, to decide on the Merits of the Dispute between them and the Proprietaries; and yet we cannot help thinking it very extraordinary, that after a total Silence with respect to any Claim, the most perfect Acquiescence with the Settlements made under the Royal Grant of this Province for the Space of near a Century, and their late Refusal when called upon by his Majesty in Council to prosecute such Claim, if any they had, we should now find them of a sudden, adopting so contrary a Measure: But what appears to us still more extraordinary, is their declining, in their late Negotiations with your Honour, after they have assumed the Claim, to prosecute it on the Merits before his Majesty in Council, the only proper Judicature, where this unhappy Controversy can be decided, as this Conduct carries with it the Appearance of a Design to delay a Matter, of which the Peace and Tranquillity of both Colonies require an immediate Determination, if not to continue their unjustifiable Proceedings, in Support of their Claim.

To prevent the mischievous Effects of this unkind and unneighbourly Disposition in the Government of *Connecticut*, we beg Leave earnestly to request, that your Honour will pursue every effectual Measure to call the Claimants before his Majesty in Council, and to bring their Claim to an immediate Decision.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*January* 18, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for* "*the more speedy and effectual punishing the Rioters,*" and, "*An Act to prevent Frauds* "*in the Packing and Preserving of Shad and Herring for Exportation,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and a Member presenting at the Table a Rider

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Rider to the laſt-mentioned Bill, the ſame was thrice read, agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be annexed accordingly.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Gray* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame, and deliver alſo the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Honour's Meſſage.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Matthew Tilghman*, Eſq; Speaker of the Honourable Houſe of Delegates of the Province of *Maryland*, incloſing certain Reſolutions of the ſaid Houſe paſſed on the 15th of *October* laſt, which were read by Order, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

SIR, *Maryland, December* 6, 1773.

Letter from the Speaker of the Houſe of the Province of *Maryland*.

HAVING received a Letter from the Houſe of Burgeſſes of the Colony of *Virginia*, incloſing the Reſolutions of that Houſe of the 12th of *March* laſt, Copies whereof, I preſume, have been tranſmitted alſo to you, I took the earlieſt Opportunity of laying them before the Houſe of Delegates of this Province, who, ſenſible of the great Utility of a perfect Union amongſt the Colonies, moſt readily adopted the Meaſure propoſed, and came to the Reſolutions, which I have now the Honour to incloſe, and which I have in Command to tranſmit to you.

I requeſt you will lay them before your Houſe of Repreſentatives at their next Meeting, and am, Sir, with great Reſpect,

*Your moſt obedient Servant,*

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of* Pennſylvania.

MATTHEW TILGHMAN."

By the LOWER HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

*Friday, October* 15, 1773.

THE Order of the Day being read, the Houſe took into Conſideration the ſeveral Letters, and other Papers communicated to this Houſe by the Honourable Speaker, and addreſſed to him by the Honourable the Speakers of the ſeveral Colonies of *Virginia*, *Maſſachuſetts-Bay*, *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Iſland*, and

*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That this Houſe moſt cordially accept the Invitation to a mutual Correſpondence and Intercourſe with our Siſter Colonies.

*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That a ſtanding Committee of Correſpondence and Enquiry be appointed, to conſiſt of Eleven Perſons, *to wit*, the Honourable *Matthew Tilghman*, Eſq; Speaker, *John Hall*, *Thomas Johnſon*, *William Paca*, *Samuel Chaſe*, *Edward Lloyd*, *Matthias Hammond*, *Joſias Beale*, *James Lloyd Chamberlaine*, *Brice Thomas Beale Worthington*, and *Joſeph Sim*, Eſquires, any Six of whom to be a Committee, whoſe Buſineſs it ſhall be to obtain the moſt early and authentic Intelligence of all ſuch Acts and Reſolutions of the *Britiſh* Parliament, or Proceedings of Adminiſtration, as may relate to, or affect, the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*, and to keep up and maintain a Correſpondence and Communication with our Siſter Colonies reſpecting thoſe important Conſiderations, and the Reſult of ſuch their Proceedings, from Time to Time, to lay before this Houſe.

*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That the Speaker of this Houſe tranſmit to the Speakers of the different Aſſemblies of the *Britiſh* Colonies on this Continent Copies of the above Reſolutions.

*Extract from the Journal of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly of the Province of* Maryland,
*per* JOHN DUCKETT, *Clk. L. H.*"

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker of this Houſe inform the ſeveral Colonies of the Reſolutions of this Houſe reſpecting the Appointment of a Committee of Communication with the Committees of the other Colonies.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Meſſage of the 14th *ultimo*, and the two Bills paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into his immediate Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for repealing* "*an Act, entituled*, "*An Act for regulating Pedlars, Vendues*, &c." which being read the ſecond time, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for repealing an Act, entituled*, "*An Act for regulating* "*Pedlars and Vendues*, &c." being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

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Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed this Afternoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Managers of the Almshouse and House of Employment, Overseers of the Poor, and others, and after some Debate thereon, ordered the same to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*January* 19.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Arthur Donaldson*, respecting a Machine lately contrived by him for cleansing of Docks, raising Sand and Stones for Buildings, *&c.* which was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner attend the House at Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning with the Model of his said Machine for their Inspection.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants for a new County to be taken from the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks*; and the Petition from *Allan Mewross*, of *Chester* County, complaining of the Proceedings of the Justices *Parker* and *Hannum*, in reversing the Judgment of another Magistrate, given in Favour of the Petitioner, were again read, and, upon Consideration thereof, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment
*Post Meridiem*

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the following Bills, entituled, "*An Act* "*for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, and for the more speedy and effectual pu-* "*nishing the Rioters*;" "*An Act to oblige the Trustees and Assignees of insolvent Debtors* "*to execute their Trusts*;" and, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Con- "nestogoe, *in the County of* Lancaster," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be engrossed.

Mr. Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in* "*the Packing and Preserving Shad and Herring for Exportation*," with some Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and an Answer to the same being drawn at the Table,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the said Answer to his Amendments, and return the Bill for his further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*January* 20.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

*Arthur Donaldson* attending, agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, with a Model of his Machine for cleansing and deepening Docks, raising Sand and Stones for Building, *&c.* and the same being viewed and examined by the Members generally,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Ellicott*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Woods*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to inspect the said Machine, see it perform, and report their Opinion of its Usefulness to the House at their next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to visit the *Pennsylvania* Hospital reported, "they had "agreeable to the Order of the House, visited the said Hospital, and find the several "Wards and Apartments thereof clean and in good Order, and are of Opinion, that "the regular Attendance of the Physicians and Managers and the whole Oeconomy of "the House are such as do Credit to all concerned in the Conduct and Support of so "noble an Institution."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the* "*Allowance to Members of Assembly for their Attendance on the public Service*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment
*Post Meridiem*

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Allowance to Members of Assembly for their* "*Attendance on the public Service*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Thompson* wait on the Governor therewith, for his

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The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor and delivered the Bill, with the Meſſage of the Houſe, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration, and give all the Diſpatch in his Power to the others lying before him.

Adjournment *January* 21. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, reſpectively entituled, "*An Act* "*to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into this Province,*;" "*An Act to increaſe* "*the Allowance to Members of Aſſembly for their Attendance on the public Service*;" and, "*An Act for repealing a Part of an Act, entituled,* "*An Act for regulating Pedlars,* "*Vendues,* &c." and acquainted the Houſe he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered,* That the ſaid Bills be immediately engroſſed.

With the above-mentioned Bills the Secretary alſo brought down three others, entituled, as follow, *viz.* "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preſerving of Shad* "*and Herring for Exportation*;" "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* John Steel, *of* "Carliſle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land,* "*in the Townſhip of* Middleton, *in the County aforeſaid, ſeveral of the Title-Deeds whereof* "*are loſt,*;" and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for raiſing of the County* "*Rates and Levies*;" and informed the Houſe that his Honour could not recede from his propoſed Amendments to the firſt of the ſaid three Bills, or give his Aſſent to either of the other two.

The Secretary likewiſe delivered at the Table a written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

A written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe. 'I AM to inform you, that the Commiſſioners appointed by an Act of General Aſſembly paſſed in the Eleventh Year of his preſent Majeſty, and impowered, with 'the Conſent and Approbation of the Governor, to apply and diſpoſe of the Sum of '*Fifteen Thouſand Pounds*, theretofore granted for and towards the building ſuch Forti-'fications as might be neceſſary for the Security of the City of *Philadelphia*, have lately 'laid before me their Accounts; by which it appears to me, that they have expended 'the whole Sum appropriated to that Uſe, in the Purchaſe of a ſmall Iſland about Eight 'Miles down the River, moſt conveniently ſituated for the Purpoſe intended, and in 'conſtructing a great Part of ſuch a Fortification, as by the Opinion and Advice of a ſkil-'ful Engineer, recommended by General *Gage*, was abſolutely neceſſary to anſwer the 'End propoſed.

'You will, on Enquiry, find that the Work, ſo far as it has been executed, is done 'in a maſterly Manner; and that Materials to a conſiderable Value are on the Spot, 'ready to continue it as ſoon as the Seaſon will admit.

'The Plan of the Fort, and the Commiſſioners Accompts, will be laid before you, 'by which you will perceive what remains to be done, in what Manner the Money has 'been diſpoſed of, and how much is yet in Arrear to the Workmen, *&c.* From hence 'you will be enabled to judge what further Sum will be wanting to complete a Work, 'which has for many Years been conſidered by the Legiſlature of this Province as an 'Object of the greateſt Importance for the Defence and Protection of this populous and 'flouriſhing City, againſt his Majeſty's Enemies in Time of War.

'I think it incumbent on me, Gentlemen, to recommend this Matter to your moſt 'ſerious Conſideration, and to requeſt that you will make the proper Proviſion for car-'rying on and completing this important Work in the moſt ſpeedy and effectual Man-'ner; in which you may be aſſured of my hearty Concurrence.

*January* 20, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*"

*Abſtract of an Account of* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds *granted for the Defence of the City of* Philadelphia, *and raiſed by Act of Aſſembly paſſed the* 9*th of* March, 1771, *as the ſame was laid out by the Governor and Commiſſioners,* viz.

TO ſundry Orders drawn at different times on the Provincial Treaſurer, as follows:

| | | | | | |
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| For Expences of Capt. *Montreſor*, and the Commiſſioners to *Deep Water Iſland*, at ſundry times, —— | £ | 26 | 2 | 5½ |
| To Capt. *Montreſor*, at twice, — — — | | 279 | 16 | 1 |
| To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; for *Deep Water Iſland*, — — | | 416 | 7 | 1 |
| To *Thomas Palmer* and *William Dunwick*, for cleaning and repairing the ſmall Arms of the Province, — — — | | 394 | 4 | 3 |
| Carried forward, | £ | 1,116 | 9 | 10½ |

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| | Brought forward, £ | 1,116 | 9 | 10½ | 1774. |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for Cash paid for Scantling, — — | | 18 | 1 | 2 | *January* 21. |
| To ditto, for Cash paid for clearing Cannon, *&c.* — — | | 23 | 0 | 6 | |
| To *William Rush*, for Smiths Work, — — — | | 1 | 8 | 5½ | |
| To *John Britton*, for Lumber, —— —— —— | | 63 | 16 | 3 | |
| To *Samuel Levis*, for Scantling, — — — — | | 7 | 2 | 3 | |
| To *Wetherell* and *Cresson*, for Lumber, —— —— | | 55 | 3 | 3½ | |
| To *William Pennell*, for ditto, — — — | | 34 | 6 | 7 | |
| To *John Morton*, Esq; and *William Grantham*, for Logs for the Fort and Wharff, —— —— —— —— | | 523 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *John Crozier* and *Edward Bonsall*, for Carpenters Work, building the House, *&c.* —— —— —— | | 145 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Elijah Dow*, for Smiths Work, — — — | | 40 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *John Ingles*, for Lines, *&c.* for Capt. *Montresor*, — — | | 4 | 7 | 8 | |
| To *John Bower*, for Porterage of Cannon, —— —— | | 0 | 15 | 0 | |
| To *Matthew Clarkson*, for Clerkship, *&c.* — — — | | 14 | 18 | 0 | |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, jun. for Nails and Glass, *&c.* — — | | 12 | 7 | 3 | |
| To *James* and *Drinker*, for Gun-powder for the Cannon, and for Nails, | | 31 | 11 | 0½ | |
| To *John Read*, for Wages, —— —— | | 25 | 0 | 0 | |
| To *Samuel Penrose*, for Provisions, — — — | | 83 | 4 | 11 | |
| To *Robert Erwin*, for Porterage of Cannon, — — | | 8 | 13 | 0 | |
| To *Owen Jones*, Provincial Treasurer, for his Commissions, — | | 36 | 14 | 7 | |
| To *John Palmer*, for Cash paid by him for Stone, Lime, Lumber, Provisions, Smiths Work in making and mending Tools for Masons and Labourers Work, mending and repairing the Banks of *Deep Water Island*, and building a Wharff on the same Island.—And also an Allowance for his Attendance, — — — | | 12,755 | 0 | 2 | |
| | £ | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | |

And there still remains to be paid to sundry Persons, as per Accounts laid before the Commissioners by *John Palmer*, the Sum of — — £ 903 11 4

But as some of those Accounts are not finally settled with the Persons, the real Sum may vary somewhat from the same.

The Allowance to the Seven Provincial Commissioners, at £ 15 each, — — — 105 0 0

£ 1,008 11 0

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JOHN PENN, JOSEPH FOX,
BENJAMIN CHEW, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, JOHN MORTON."

The House taking into their Consideration the Necessity of putting into good Repair the Hospital on the *Province Island*, for the Reception of the Sick,

*Ordered*, That the Trustees of the *Province Island* do with all convenient Speed employ Persons to make such Repairs as they shall think requisite for the better Accommodation of the Sick, provide necessary Bedding, and fence in the Ground allotted for the Hospital, also rebuild and extend the Wharff at the said Island, and draw on the Provincial Treasurer for so much Money as shall be sufficient to defray the Expence thereof, to be paid out of the Fund arising from the Rents of the said Island.

*Ordered*, That the said Trustees do view the Creek near the Mansion-house on the *Province-Island*, and enquire whether any, and what Method is most practicable to drain the same, and report thereon to the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message of this Morning, respecting the finishing the Fortification and Discharge of the Sum due to sundry Workmen employed in building the same; and after some Time spent therein, *Post Meridiem*

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners appointed by Law to build the said Fortification, by and with the Approbation of the Governor, may draw Orders on the Provincial Treasurer, for the Payment of the Sums of Money now due to the said Commissioners for their Trouble, to the Workmen who have been employed in building the said Fort, and to become due for covering the Walls and taking Care of the Materials, to be paid out of the Money struck and emitted by Virtue of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the "Support of the Government of this Province, and for making the Excise on Wine, Rum, "Brandy and other Spirits more equal, and preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the "said Excise.*"

*Resolved*,

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*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will prepare and paſs a Bill at their next Meeting to indemnify the Provincial Treaſurer for paying the ſaid Orders.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk make out a fair Copy of the above Reſolves, to be ſent to the Governor.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*January* 22.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read, and agreed to, was ſigned by the Speaker, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage from the Houſe.

OUR Sitting being protracted far beyond our Expectations, and many of our Members deſirous of returning to their Families, where their private Concerns call for their Attention, we are inclined to adjourn agreeable to our Meſſage of *Thurſday* laſt, which renders it impracticable to command, during this Sitting, Time ſufficient fully to deliberate on the Meaſure, recommended in your's of Yeſterday. Nevertheleſs, as we think it but juſt that the Money in Arrear to the Workmen, and others, concerned in building the Fortification, ſhould be immediately paid, and have not Time to prepare and paſs a Bill before our Adjournment, we have entered into the Reſolves herewith communicated, which, we hope, ſhould they meet with your Approbation, will anſwer that Purpoſe.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*January* 22, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* wait on the Governor with the above Meſſage, and the Copy of the Reſolves of Yeſterday, for his Conſideration, and acquaint him, that the Houſe inclining to adjourn to the Twelfth of *September* next, requeſt his Honour will appoint ſome Members of Council to aſſiſt in comparing the Bills that have been agreed on.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be now allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, for his Support.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, and ordered to be preſented to his Honour, when the Houſe ſhall attend him in the Council-Chamber with the Bills.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer to his Meſſage, and the Reſolves of Yeſterday, reported they had delivered the ſame, with the verbal Meſſage of the Houſe, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had no Objection to the Time of Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe; that he would appoint ſome Members of Council to collate the engroſſed Bills, and meet the Houſe in the Council-Chamber at One o'Clock, to enact the ſame into Laws.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* join with the Members of Council in comparing the engroſſed Bills with their Originals.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the ruinous Condition of the State-houſe Steeple, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendants of the ſaid Houſe confer with ſome ſkilful Architect, take his Opinion on the moſt proper Manner of rebuilding or repairing the ſaid Steeple, and lay a Plan thereof before the Houſe at their next Sitting.

The Members appointed to compare the engroſſed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the ſame according to Order, and found them to agree.

*Ordered*, That the ſame Members do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills after they ſhall be paſſed into Laws, and depoſite them in the Rolls Office.

*A* MESSAGE *by the Secretary.*

" SIR,

" The Governor attends his Appointment in the Council-Chamber, and requires the " Attendance of the Houſe to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills returned with his Aſſent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor in the Council-Chamber, and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour, and preſented Eight Bills, reſpectively entituled as follow, *viz.*

" *An Act for regulating the Buildings, keeping in Repair the Streets, Lanes, Alleys and*

" *Highways*

" *Highways in the Borough of* Lancaſter, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*;" " *An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* " *An Act for granting to his Majeſty the Sum of* " Fifty-five Thouſand Pounds, *and for ſtriking the ſame in Bills of Credit, in the Man-* " *ner herein after directed, and for providing a Fund for ſinking the ſaid Bills of Credit,* " *by a Tax on all Eſtates real and perſonal, and Taxables within this Province*;" " *An* " *Act to oblige the Truſtees and Aſſignees of inſolvent Debtors to execute their Truſts*;" " *An* " *Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into this Province*;" " *An Act for re-* " *gulating the Fiſhery in the River* Conneſtogoe, *in the County of* Lancaſter;" " *An Act* " *to prevent Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing* " *the Rioters*;" " *An Act for repealing a Part of an Act, entituled,* " *An Act for re-* " *gulating Pedlars and Vendues,* &c." and, " *An Act to increaſe the Allowance to Mem-* " *bers of Aſſembly for their Attendance on the public Service*;" to which ſeveral Bills his Honour had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into Laws. 1774. January 22.

Mr. Speaker alſo reported, that he had then, in Behalf of the Houſe, preſented to his Honour their Certificate for the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*; in Return to which he was pleaſed to ſay he was much obliged to the Houſe.

The Houſe then adjourned to *Monday*, the 12th of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

THE Repreſentatives of the Province having been, by Virtue of the Governor's Writs to the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties for that Purpoſe directed, ſummoned to meet him this Day in Aſſembly, a Quorum met accordingly. *July* 18. *Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Hillegas* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, purſuant to his Summons, they are ready to receive any Buſineſs he may be pleaſed to lay before them; and requeſt a Copy of the Writ by which they have been convened.

The Members return and report, they had waited on the Governor, and deliver their Meſſage according to Order, and that this Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would immediately furniſh the Houſe with a Copy of the Writ requeſted.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down the ſaid Writ accordingly, alſo a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with ſundry Letters and Petitions from different Parts of the Frontiers, concerning the preſent *Indian* Diſturbances, which were in Part read by Order, and the ſaid Meſſage follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'THE Importance of the Matter I have to lay before you, will, I am perſuaded, make it unneceſſary to apologize to you for calling you together at a Seaſon of the Year, of all others the moſt inconvenient for you to attend the public Buſineſs.

'I am to inform you, that in the latter End of *April* laſt about eleven *Delaware* and *Shawaneſe Indians* were barbarouſly murdered on the River *Ohio*, about ninety Miles below *Pittſburg*, by two Parties of White Men, ſaid to be *Virginians*. As we were at that Time in a State of perfect Amity with the Weſtern *Indians*, and it does not appear that thoſe who were killed by the above Parties had given them the leaſt Provocation, I am at a Loſs to conjecture what could be the Inducement to Acts ſo cruel and inhuman.

'As ſoon as this unfortunate Affair was known on the Frontiers of this Province, Meſſengers were diſpatched to aſſure the *Indians* that theſe Outrages had been committed by wicked People without the Knowledge or Countenance of any of the *Engliſh* Governments, and requeſting they might not be the Means of diſturbing the Friendſhip which ſubſiſted between us. This Step had ſo far a good Effect as to quiet them for the preſent, and prevent their coming to a Reſolution to enter into a general War with us: It did not, however, reſtrain the particular Friends and Relations of the Deceaſed, who, it ſeems, contrary to the Advice of their Chiefs, in a ſhort Time afterwards took their Revenge, by murdering a Number of *Virginians* ſettled to the Weſtward of the River *Monongahela*. Alarmed at this Proceeding, the Out-Settlers left their Habitations, and fled with their Families into the interior Parts, and the Panic ſoon became ſo univerſal that a great Part of the Weſtern Frontier of this Province was totally deſerted; and it is impoſſible to ſay when the Miſchief would have ſtopped, had not a Number of Rangers been raiſed by the Magiſtrates, and others, in the County of *Weſtmoreland*, who were ſtationed in proper Places to protect the Inhabitants, and act defenſively in Caſe of an Attack. This Meaſure I eſteemed a very ſalutary one, ſupplied the Men with Arms and Ammunition, and ordered them to be kept up till the Meeting of the Aſſembly, under a full Perſuaſion that you would chearfully defray the neceſſary Expence attending it.

'It would be too tedious to relate the ſeveral Occurrences which have happened from Time to Time ſince the firſt Act of Hoſtility committed, but I refer you for more

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'particular Information therein to the Letters and Papers I have ordered the Secretary 'to lay before you. You will thereby perceive that the *Delawares* and *Shawaneſe* have 'repeatedly made the ſtrongeſt Profeſſions of a pacific Diſpoſition, and their Deſire that 'Matters ſhould be accommodated; and, as an Earneſt of their Sincerity, they not only 'protected the Perſons and Goods of our Traders among them from the Violence of 'ſome of their young Warriors, but actually eſcorted many of them back to their 'Friends near *Pittſburg*, at the Riſk of their own Lives. Hence we had great Reaſon 'to believe, that by a juſt and diſcrete Conduct a Rupture with them might have been 'avoided: But I am ſorry to inform you that I have received Intelligence, that the very '*Indians*, who thus generouſly eſcorted our Traders home, were, contrary to all Faith, 'purſued on their Return, attacked, and one of them wounded, by a Party of *Virgi-* 'nians, ſent out for the Purpoſe by one *Connolly*, a Militia Captain, appointed by the 'Government of *Virginia* at *Pittſburg*, who has lately taken Poſſeſſion of that Place 'under Pretence of its being out of the Bounds of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, and 'within the Colony of *Virginia*. By this unhappy Step, there is great Reaſon to ap- 'prehend, it will be difficult to perſuade the *Indians* further to confide in any Overtures 'that can be made, or Aſſurances given them, and that we ſhall be involved in the Ca- 'lamities of an *Indian* War. Nothing in my Power has been neglected which I thought 'might have a Tendency to avert ſo great an Evil. I have wrote to Sir *William John-* 'ſon, requeſting he would intereſt himſelf on the Occaſion, and uſe his Influence with 'the *Six Nations*, to aſſiſt in healing the Breach with their Weſtern Brethren, and have 'diſpatched a Letter to Lord *Dunmore* repreſenting the Miſconduct of *Connolly*, and 'the dangerous Conſequences of his unjuſt and violent Proceedings; what will be the 'Event, Time only can diſcover; but in this dark and uncertain State of Things I 'think it my Duty moſt earneſtly to recommend it to you, to make timely and effectual 'Proviſion for the Security of our Frontier Settlements, that, in Caſe of a War with 'the Savages, they may have that immediate Protection and Aſſiſtance which they look 'for, and have a Right to expect from the Government under which they live; and 'that you will alſo provide for the Diſcharging ſuch Expences as have hitherto ariſen 'by my Orders for their Defence, in which I ſhall readily concur with you.

'Could you deviſe any other probable Method, by which this unhappy Difference 'with the *Indians* can be accommodated, it would give me infinite Satisfaction; and 'nothing could afford me more Pleaſure than the being inſtrumental in accompliſhing 'ſo deſirable an End.

*July* 18, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*'

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Meſſage, and the Papers attending it, be referred to further Conſideration To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Letters and Petitions ſent down with the Governor's Meſſage of laſt Night, which were ſeverally read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee of Correſpondence laid before the Houſe ſundry Letters and Copies of Reſolves from the Speakers of the Aſſemblies of *Maſſachuſetts Bay* and *Rhode-Iſland*; alſo a Letter from the Committee of Correſpondence for the Colony of *Virginia*, with an Anſwer to the ſaid Letters from the Committee of this Houſe, which were read by Order, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

*SIR*, *Province of Maſſachuſetts Bay, June* 17, 1774.

A Letter from the Speaker of *Maſſachuſetts Bay*, &c.

AGREEABLE to the Directions of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of this Province, I have the Honour to tranſmit to you a Copy of certain Reſolves they entered into in their preſent Seſſion, by which you will perceive that it is their Opinion that a Meeting of Committees from the ſeveral Colonies on this Continent is highly expedient and neceſſary, and that they propoſe that ſuch Meeting be at the City of *Philadelphia*, on the Firſt Day of *September* next. And that, for the Purpoſes mentioned in ſaid Reſolves, they have appointed a Committee of Five, on the Part of this Province, whom they have directed to repair to *Philadelphia* at the Time above-mentioned.—As this appears to be a Meaſure abſolutely neceſſary for the Eſtabliſhment of the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies upon a juſt and ſolid Foundation, and for the Reſtoration of Union and Harmony between both Countries, it is not doubted but it will be agreed to in your Colony; if it ſhould, it is deſired that as early Notice as poſſible might be tranſmitted to

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

*To the Honourable Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of* Pennſylvania. THOMAS CUSHING, *Speaker.*"

PROVINCE

PROVINCE of MASSACHUSETTS BAY, 1774.

*In the* HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES, *June* 17, 1774. *July* 19.

THIS Houſe having duly conſidered, and being deeply affected with, the unhappy Differences which have long ſubſiſted, and are increaſing, between *Great-Britain* and the *American* Colonies, do

*Reſolve*, That a Meeting of Committees from the ſeveral Colonies on this Continent is higly expedient and neceſſary, to conſult upon the preſent State of the Colonies, and the Miſeries to which they are and muſt be reduced by the Operation of certain Acts of Parliament reſpecting *America*; and to deliberate and determine upon wiſe and proper Meaſures, to be by them recommended to all the Colonies for the Recovery and Eſtabliſhment of their juſt Rights and Liberties, Civil and Religious, and the Reſtoration of Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, moſt ardently deſired by all good Men. Therefore

*Reſolved*, That the Honourable *James Bowdoin*, Eſquire, the Honourable *Thomas Cuſhing*, Eſq; Mr. *Samuel Adams*, *John Adams* and *Robert Treat Paine*, Eſqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee on the Part of this Province for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, any Three of whom to be a Quorum to meet ſuch Committees or Delegates from the other Colonies, as have been or may be appointed either by their reſpective Houſes of Burgeſſes or Repreſentatives, or by Convention, or by the Committees of Correſpondence, appointed by the reſpective Houſes of Aſſembly, in the City of *Philadelphia*, or any other Place that ſhall be judged moſt ſuitable by the Committee, on the Firſt Day of *September* next; and that the Speaker of the Houſe be directed, in a Letter to the Speakers of the Houſes of Burgeſſes or Repreſentatives in the ſeveral Colonies, to inform them of the Subſtance of theſe Reſolves.

*A true Copy*, Att. SAMUEL ADAMS, *Clerk*."

*SIR*, *Newport*, *June* 20, 1774.

AGREEABLE to the Directions of the General Aſſembly, I have the Honour to incloſe you a Copy of certain Reſolutions entered into by them, reſpecting the very alarming Situation of the Colonies.

I have alſo to inform you, that upon this Occaſion the Aſſembly have adjourned to the Fourth *Monday* in *Auguſt* next. I am, with very great Regard,

*SIR*, *Your moſt humble Servant*,

*To the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Province of* Pennſylvania. METCALF BOWLER, *Speaker*."

*At the General Aſſembly of the Governor and Company of the* Engliſh *Colony of* Rhode-Iſland *and* Providence *Plantations in* New-England, *in* America, *begun and holden by Adjournment at* Newport, *within and for the ſaid Colony, on the Second* Monday *in* June, *in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-four, and in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of his moſt ſacred Majeſty* GEORGE *the Third, by the Grace of* GOD, *King of* Great-Britain, *and ſo forth.*

THIS Aſſembly taking into their moſt ſerious Conſideration ſeveral Acts of the *Britiſh* Parliament for levying Taxes upon his Majeſty's Subjects in *America* without their Conſent, and particularly an Act lately paſſed for blocking up the Port of *Boſton*, which Act, even upon the Suppoſition that the People of *Boſton* had juſtly deſerved Puniſhment, is ſcarcely to be parallelled in Hiſtory, for the Severity of the Vengeance executed upon them; and alſo conſidering to what a deplorable State this and all the other Colonies are reduced, when, by an Act of Parliament, in which the Subjects in *America* have not a ſingle Voice, and without being heard, they may be diveſted of Property and deprived of Liberty, do, upon mature Deliberation,

*Reſolve*, *Firſt*, That it is the Opinion of this Aſſembly that a firm and inviolable Union of all the Colonies, in Counſels and Meaſures, is abſolutely neceſſary for the Preſervation of their Rights and Liberties; and that, for that Purpoſe, a Convention of Repreſentatives from all the Colonies ought to be holden, in ſome ſuitable Place, as ſoon as may be, in order to conſult upon proper Meaſures to obtain a Repeal of the ſaid Acts, and to eſtabliſh the Rights and Liberties of the Colonies upon a juſt and ſolid Foundation.

*Second*, That the Honourable *Stephen Hopkins* and the Honourable *Samuel Ward*, Eſquires, be, and they are hereby appointed by this Aſſembly to repreſent the People of this Colony in a general Congreſs of Repreſentatives from the other Colonies, at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be agreed upon by the major Part of the Committees appointed, or to be appointed by the Colonies in general.

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*Third*, That they conſult and adviſe with the Repreſentatives of the other Colonies, who ſhall meet in ſuch Congreſs, upon a loyal and dutiful Petition and Remonſtrance to be preſented to his Majeſty, as the united Voice of his faithful Subjects in *America*, ſetting forth their Grievances they labour under, and praying his gracious Interpoſition for their Relief. And that in Caſe a major Part of the Repreſentatives of all the Colonies ſhall agree upon ſuch Petition and Remonſtrance, they be empowered to ſign the ſame in Behalf of this Colony.

*Fourth*, That they alſo conſult upon all ſuch reaſonable and lawful Meaſures as may be expedient for the Colonies, in an united Manner, to purſue in order to procure a Redreſs of their Grievances, and to aſcertain and eſtabliſh their Rights and Liberties.

*Fifth*, That they alſo endeavour to procure a regular Annual Convention of Repreſentatives from all the Colonies, to conſider of proper Means for the Preſervation of the Rights and Liberties of all the Colonies.

*Sixth*, That the Speaker of the Lower Houſe tranſmit, as ſoon as may be, Copies of theſe Reſolutions to the preſent or late Speakers of the reſpective Houſes of Repreſentatives of all the *Britiſh* Colonies upon the Continent.

*A true Copy duly examined,*

*Witneſs* HENRY WARD, *Secretary.*"

*GENTLEMEN,* *Williamsburg, Virginia, May* 28, 1774.

THE incloſed Papers will explain to you our preſent political State here, with reſpect to the unhappy Diſpute with our Mother Country. The Propriety of appointing Deputies from the ſeveral Colonies of *Britiſh America*, to meet annually in general Congreſs, appears to be a Meaſure extremely important and extenſively uſeful, as it tends ſo effectually to obtain the united Wiſdom of the Whole in every Caſe of general Concern. We are deſired to obtain your Sentiments on this Subject, which you will be pleaſed to furniſh us with. Being very deſirous of communicating to you the Opinion and Conduct of the late Repreſentatives on the preſent Poſture of *American* Affairs, as quickly as poſſible, we beg Leave to refer you to a future Letter, in which we ſhall more fully expreſs our Sentiments on thoſe Subjects. We are, with great Reſpect,

GENTLEMEN, *Your moſt obedient Servants,*

PEYTON RANDOLPH,
ROB. C. NICHOLAS,
DUDLEY DIGGES."

*To the Committee of Correſpondence for* Pennſylvania.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That on *Thurſday* next this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the Subject of the foregoing Letters and Reſolves.

*Reſolved*, upon Motion, That the Committees from the ſeveral Counties of this Province, now met on public Affairs in the City, be admitted, if they chuſe it, to hear the Debates of the Houſe on that Day.

A Petition from the County of *Northumberland* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners being ſituated on the Frontiers of the Province, in a County lately laid out, thinly inhabited, and having within the Limits of its Juriſdiction a great Body of Intruders from the Colony of *Connecticut*, who refuſe Subjection to this Government, they find themſelves unable to enforce the Laws, and bring Offenders to Juſtice, through the Want of a proper public Gaol;—that the unavoidable Expences of the County having hitherto required nearly the whole Amount of the County Levies, the Truſtees have not yet received any Money from that Source, for erecting the neceſſary public Buildings, nor is it likely a Sufficiency for this uſeful Purpoſe can be raiſed in that Way for Years to come;—that the Petitioners, calling to Mind the Indulgence of former Aſſemblies to other Counties of this Province in their Infancy, are encouraged to pray that ſo much of the Money in the Loan-Office, appropriated to the Uſe of the ſaid County, as will be ſufficient to build at leaſt a County Gaol, may be ordered to be paid into the Hands of the Truſtees appointed by Law to erect ſuch Building in the ſaid County, to be immediately applied to that neceſſary Work, and that the ſaid Money be charged to the County, and reimburſed in the uſual, or any other Way, which the Houſe may think proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Waters*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Bucks* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Member preſented to the Chair a Paper from the Provincial Committee met on public Buſineſs at the Carpenters Hall in this City, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*At*

*At a* PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE *composed of Deputies from the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the Counties of* Bucks, Chester, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Berks, Northampton, Northumberland *and* Bedford, *met at the* Carpenters Hall, *on* Tuesday, *July* 19, 1774. 1774. July 19.

THOMAS WILLING, Esquire, *Chairman.*

Upon Motion, *Agreed,*

THAT the Ninth Resolve agreed to unanimously by this Provincial Committee be copied, and sent to the Honourable House of Assembly, *viz.*

9. *Resolved unanimously,* That there is an absolute Necessity that a Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies be immediately assembled, to consult together and form a general Plan of Conduct to be observed by all the Colonies, for the Purposes of procuring Relief for our suffering Brethren, obtaining Redress of our Grievances, preventing future Dissentions, firmly establishing our Rights and restoring Harmony between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies on a constitutional Foundation.

*Agreed,* That *Isaac Howell, Joseph Hart, Francis Richardson, Emanuel Carpenter, Joseph Donaldson, Robert Magaw, Daniel Broadhead, John Okely* and *William Scull* be a Committee to wait upon the House with the above Resolve, and that they be instructed, to inform the House that the Committee are employed in finishing their Resolves, and drawing up their Sentiments on the present Situation of public Affairs, which, when compleated, will be laid before the Honourable House.

*Signed by Order of the Committee,*

THOMAS WILLING, *Chairman.*"

A Petition from *Thomas Prior,* the present Officer for inspecting Flour for Exportation, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may not be removed from the said Office. With the said Petition was also presented a Petition from a Number of the Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia,* recommending the said *Prior* as having given general Satisfaction in the said Office, and deserving to be continued therein.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Papers, signed by sundry Merchants of the City, were likewise delivered at the Table, recommending *James Read* and *Levi Hollingsworth,* formerly Petitioners to this House for the said Office, as proper Persons to execute the same.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Rhoads,* one of the Members of the Committee of Correspondence, laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin,* Esq; Agent for this Province in *London* dated the 2d of *February,* 1774, inclosing a List of Fifteen Acts of the Assembly of this Province, which were presented to his Majesty in Council on the 26th of *January* last, and are entituled as follow, *viz.*

1. " *An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes* " *therein mentioned.*"—Passed the 26th of *February,* 1773.

2. " *An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills* " *of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public Debts.*"—Passed ditto.

3. " *An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City* " *of* Philadelphia."—Passed ditto.

4. " *An Act for preserving the Navigation in* Shearman's *Creek, in the County of* Cum- " berland, *and to prevent the Destruction of Fish in the same.*"—Passed ditto.

5. " *An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* " *An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and* " *for other Purposes therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

6. " *An Act for the Relief of* William Ritchie, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* " Philadelphia, *and* John Milliron, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Lancaster *County,* " *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.*"—Passed ditto.

7. " *An Act to repeal the Act, entituled,* " *An Act to prevent Frauds and Abuses in* " *the manufacturing of Leather.*"—Passed ditto.

8. " *An Act for erecting a Part of the County of* Bedford *into a separate County.*"—Passed ditto.

9. " *An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land in the Township of* Middleton, *and* " *County of* Cumberland, *and a Lot in the Town of* Carlisle, *in the said County, in Trustees,* " *to be sold for the Purpose therein mentioned.*"—Passed ditto.

10. " *A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* " *An Act for making the River* Schuylkill " *navigable, and for the Preservation of the Fish in the said River.*"—Passed ditto.

11. " *An Act for making perpetual the Act, entituled,* " *An Act for laying a Duty on* " Negroes *and* Mulattoe *Slaves imported into this Province, and laying an additional Duty* " *on the said Slaves.*"—Passed ditto.

12. " *An Act for vacating a Part of a Road in the Township of the* Northern Liberties, " *and for confirming a new Road laid out and made instead thereof.*"—Passed ditto.

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13. "*An Act for making perpetual an Act, entituled,* "*An Act directing the Choice of* "*Inſpectors, and for holding the General Elections in this Province.*"—Paſſed ditto.

14. "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* William Martin *in and to a certain Tract of* "*Land in the Townſhip of* Charlestown, *in the County of* Cheſter."—Paſſed ditto.

15. "*An Act to enable the Perſons therein named to hold Lands, and to inveſt them with* "*the Privileges of natural-born Subjects of this Province.*"—Paſſed ditto.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* — The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage, which was again read by Order, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon* wait on the Governor, and requeſt he will be pleaſed to furniſh the Houſe with an Account of the Number of Men raiſed by the Magiſtrates for the Protection of the Frontier Inhabitants, and an Eſtimate of the Expence that hath accrued on that Meaſure to the preſent Time.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Hillegas* Mr. *Rhoads,* Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing an Act, entituled, "*An Act to* "*amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not* "*merchantable.*"

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*July* 20. — The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker and Mr. *Rhoads* laid before the Houſe two Letters from *Benjamin Franklin,* Eſq; dated *London,* the Sixth and Twenty-ſixth of *April* laſt, with ſome other Papers on public Affairs, which being ſeverally read, were *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the County of *Northumberland,* and, after ſome Debate thereon, it being moved by Mr. *Woods* and Mr. *Thompſon* that the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Bedford* and *Weſtmoreland* ſtand equally in Need of Aſſiſtance from the Legiſlature in erecting their public Buildings, and pray the ſame Indulgence, the Motion was agreed to by the Houſe.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Roſs,* Mr. *Montgomery,* Mr. *Biddle,* Mr. *Woods,* Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for lending the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* to the ſeveral and reſpective Counties of *Bedford, Northumberland* and *Weſtmoreland,* for building a Court-houſe and Priſon in each of the ſaid Counties.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported, they had delivered the ſame according to Order; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had already laid before the Houſe all the Papers he was poſſeſſed of relating to the Ranging Companies on the Frontiers, but would endeavour to procure, as ſoon as poſſible, the further Information requeſted by the Houſe, and lay it before ſuch Commiſſioners as may be appointed to pay the ſaid Companies.

Adjournment — The Houſe then proceeded in the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage, and, after

*Poſt Meridiem* — ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe again taking into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage, and the Papers ſent down with it,

*Reſolved,* That *Michael Hillegas, George Gray, Thomas Mifflin* and *Charles Humphreys,* Eſquires, or any Three of them, by and with the Conſent and Approbation of the Governor of this Province for the Time being, may draw Orders on the Provincial Treaſurer for any Sum not exceeding *Two Thouſand Pounds,* to be diſpoſed of in paying and victualling, until the Tenth Day of *Auguſt* next, a Number of Rangers lately raiſed by the Magiſtrates of *Weſtmoreland* County, for removing the Panic into which the Inhabitants of the ſaid County have been thrown by the late *Indian* Diſturbances, and for other incidental Expences; and alſo in maintaining the Peace and Friendſhip ſubſiſting between this Province and the *Indians*;—the ſaid Sum to be paid out of the Money ſtruck by Virtue of the Act, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of* "*this Province, making the Exciſe on Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits more equal,* "*and for preventing Frauds in collecting and paying the ſaid Exciſe.*"

*Reſolved,* That if, after the ſaid Tenth Day of *Auguſt,* it ſhall appear to the Governor and the ſaid *Michael Hillegas, George Gray, Thomas Mifflin* and *Charles Humphreys* neceſſary to employ any Number of the ſaid Rangers, this Houſe will paſs a Bill for paying and victualling them, until the Twentieth Day of *September* next, provided their Number ſhall not exceed Two Hundred.

*Reſolved,* That this Houſe will make Proviſion for paying the Reward of *One Hundred Pounds* to any Perſon who ſhall apprehend *James Cooper* and *John Kinkſon,* who it is ſaid, have barbarouſly murdered an *Indian* on the Frontiers of this Province, and deliver them into the Cuſtody of the Keeper of the Gaol within either of the Counties of *Lancaſter, York* or *Cumberland,* or the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* for either of them.

*Reſolved,* That this Houſe will, at their next Sitting, paſs a Bill and preſent the ſame to the Governor for indemnifying the Provincial Treaſurer for the Payment of the ſaid Monies.

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The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue an Act, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and "Flour not merchantable,*" reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for lending the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* to the several and respective Counties of *Bedford, Northumberland* and *Westmoreland,* for Building a Court-house and Prison in each of the said Counties, reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*July* 21.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the Act, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" and, "*An "Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective Coun-"ties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Westmoreland, *for building a Court-house and "Prison in each of the said Counties,*" being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, were ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

This Day the Provincial Committee, composed of Committees from the several Counties of the Province, waited on the House, and being admitted, their Chairman presented at the Table sundry Papers, containing a Number of Resolves on the present Grievances of the Colonies, and Instructions to their Representatives, recommending such Measures as appear to the said Committee most proper for obtaining Redress; and then withdrawing, the said Papers were severally read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Perusal of the Members.

The Order of *Tuesday* last being read,

*Resolved,* That this House will, To-morrow Morning, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the several Papers before them, received from the Speakers and Committees of Correspondence for *Massachusetts Bay, Rhode-Island* and *Virginia,* on the present State of the Colonies.

The Petition from *William Waters,* a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Bucks* County, being again read,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Brown,* Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Relief of the Petitioner, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment
*July* 22.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and the Order of Yesterday being read, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House upon the Subject of the several Letters and and Resolves received from the Colonies of *Massachusetts Bay, Rhode-Island* and *Virginia,* and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Rhoads* reported from the Committee, that they had considered the Business before them, and having come to a Resolve thereon, he was ordered to report the same whenever the House shall be pleased to receive it.

*Ordered,* That the Resolve of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Rhoads* then (according to Order) reported the said Resolve, which he first read in his Place, and then delivered at the Clerk's Table, where the same was again read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

THE Committee of the whole House taking into their most serious Consideration the unfortunate Differences which have long subsisted between *Great-Britain* and the *American* Colonies, and been greatly increased by the Operation and Effects of divers late Acts of the *British* Parliament,

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That there is an absolute Necessity that a Congress of Deputies from the several Colonies be held as soon as conveniently may be, to consult together upon the present unhappy State of the Colonies, and to form and adopt a Plan for the Purposes of obtaining Redress of *American* Grievances, ascertaining *American* Rights upon the most solid constitutional Principles, and for establishing that Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, which is indispensably necessary to the Welfare and Happiness of both."

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the "Act, entituled, An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" and, "*An Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective "Counties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Westmoreland, *for building a Court-house "and Prison in each of the said Counties,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered,*

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Thompſon* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſame into immediate Conſideration, and give them all the Diſpatch in his Power.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Reſolve from the Committee of the whole Houſe, and after ſome Debate thereon, adopting and confirming the ſame,

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That the Honourable *Joſeph Galloway*, Speaker, *Samuel Rhoads*, *Thomas Mifflin*, *Charles Humphreys*, *John Morton*, *George Roſs*, and *Edward Biddle*, Eſquires, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee on the Part of this Province for the Purpoſes aforeſaid, and that they, or any four of them, do meet ſuch Committees or Delegates from the other Colonies as have been, or may be, appointed, either by their reſpective Houſes of Repreſentatives, or by Convention, or by the Provincial or Colony Committees, at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be generally agreed on by ſuch Committees, and that the Speaker of this Houſe be directed in a Letter to the Speakers of the Houſes of Repreſentatives of the other Colonies to inform them of theſe Reſolves.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Pope* and Mr. *Allen* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Draughts of Inſtructions for the Deputies to the enſuing Congreſs, a Circular Letter to the Speakers of the ſeveral Colony Aſſemblies, and an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage on *Indian* Affairs.

Adjournment *July* 23.

The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue* "*an Act, entituled,* "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to prevent the* "*Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" and, "*An Act for lending the Sum* "*of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the ſeveral and reſpective Counties of* Bedford, Northum- "berland *and* Weſtmoreland, *for building a Court-houſe and Gaol in each of the ſaid* "*Counties,*" and acquainted the Houſe, that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from Major *Hamilton*, Commanding Officer at the Barracks of this City, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

A Letter from Major *Hamilton* to the Aſſembly.

SIR, *Philadelphia, July* 21, 1774.

I TAKE the Liberty to inform you, that his Majeſty's Troops under my Command ſtand much in Need of the Aid of the Legiſlature of this Province;—their Bedding, Utenſils and Apartments require Inſpection, and want Repairs. I have had the Pleaſure of knowing this Barrack theſe ſeven Years, and ſhall always be happy in declaring, that no Troops have been better ſupplied, nor any Applications from Commanding Officers more politely attended to, than here. From which I am encouraged to hope, that the Houſe of Aſſembly will, during this Sitting, order the neceſſary Inſpection, and afford ſuch a Supply as their Generoſity and Judgment ſhall dictate.

I have the Honour to be, SIR, with great Reſpect,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

ISAAC HAMILTON, *Major to his Majeſty's 18th or Royal* Iriſh *Regiment of Foot.*"

To the Honourable *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq;

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Letter,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* be a Committee to examine into the preſent Condition of the ſaid Barracks, and report thereon to the Houſe at their next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Inſtructions for the Deputies appointed to attend the enſuing Congreſs, a circular Letter to the Speakers of the ſeveral Aſſemblies of the Colonies, and an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage, reported, they had eſſayed a Draught for each of thoſe Purpoſes, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read by Order, were agreed to by the Houſe, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

## *INSTRUCTIONS to the* COMMITTEE *of* ASSEMBLY *appointed to attend the* GENERAL CONGRESS.

GENTLEMEN,

Inſtructions to the Committee of Aſſembly.

THE Truſt repoſed in you is of ſuch a Nature, and the Modes of executing it may be ſo diverſified in the Courſe of your Deliberations, that it is ſcarcely poſſible to give you particular Inſtructions reſpecting it. We ſhall therefore only in general direct, that

that you are to meet in Congreſs the Committees of the ſeveral *Britiſh* Colonies at ſuch Time and Place as ſhall be generally agreed on, to conſult together on the preſent critical and alarming Situation and State of the Colonies, and that you, with them, exert your utmoſt Endeavours to form and adopt a Plan, which ſhall afford the beſt Proſpect of obtaining a Redreſs of *American* Grievances, aſcertaining *American* Rights, and eſtabliſhing that Union and Harmony which is moſt eſſential to the Welfare and Happineſs of both Countries. And in doing this, you are ſtrictly charged to avoid every Thing indecent or diſreſpectful to the Mother State. You are alſo directed to make Report of your Proceedings to the next Aſſembly. 1774. July 23.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*Philadelphia, July* 23, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*LETTER to the Speakers of the ſeveral Aſſemblies of the Colonies.*

SIR, *Philadelphia, July* 23, 1774.

BY Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of *Pennſylvania*, I have the Honour to incloſe a Copy of certain Reſolves entered into by them, reſpecting the preſent alarming State of the Colonies, and appointing a Committee to meet the Committee of the other Colonies in Congreſs.

I am, with great Reſpect, SIR,

*To the Honourable the Speaker of Aſſembly of the Colony of* ——

*Your moſt obedient Servant,*
JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*ANSWER to the* GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

THE Houſe have taken into their ſerious Conſideration your Meſſage of the 18th Inſtant, reſpecting the Panic into which the Frontier Inhabitants have been thrown by the late Murders committed on ſome of the Weſtern *Indians*, and their Apprehenſions thence ariſing of an *Indian* War; and ſenſibly affected with the unhappy Situation of thoſe Inhabitants, after mature Deliberation on the Meaſures taken by the Magiſtrates, and approved by your Honour, we have reſolved to pay and victual the Troops raiſed for their Relief, until the Tenth Day of next Month; and if it ſhall then appear to the Governor and Commiſſioners that the Continuance of them is neceſſary, we have agreed to provide for ſuch a Number, not exceeding Two Hundred, as your Honour and the Commiſſioners ſhall think expedient, until the Twentieth Day of *September* next. Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage from the Aſſembly.

And as you are pleaſed to intimate, " that could we deviſe any other probable Method " than what was recommended in your Meſſage, by which the unhappy Differences " with the *Indians* can be accommodated, it would give you infinite Satisfaction," we beg Leave to recommend to your Conſideration the Propriety of taking the neceſſary Meaſures to renew the Peace and Friendſhip between this Province and the *Indians*, and to mediate the unhappy Differences between them and the Colony of *Virginia*, as it appears to us ſcarcely poſſible that they can ſubſiſt, without continuing the Frontiers of this Province in their preſent Fears and Diſtreſs.

The Houſe with Horror look upon the frequent Murders that have been of late committed on ſome of the Weſtern *Indians*, in and to the Weſtward of this Province, and think it their Duty to aid Government, in diſcouraging the Perpetration of ſuch atrocious Offences not only againſt the Authority of Government, but in open Violation of the Treaties ſubſiſting between this Province and thoſe *Indians*, and therefore have voted the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* as a Reward for apprehending *John Hinkſon* and *James Cooper*, who have lately, as is ſaid, cruelly put to Death *Joſeph Weepy*, a friendly *Indian*, within the Bounds of this Province.

The Reſolutions the Houſe have entered into on this Occaſion, we have herewith communicated.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*July* 23, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Hunter* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Anſwer to his Meſſage, and acquaint him, that the Houſe incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Nineteenth Day of *September* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto, and requeſt to know at what Time To-day he will be pleaſed to meet the Houſe to enact into Laws the Bills that have received his Aſſent.

The Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Objection to the Time of Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe, and would be in the Council-Chamber immediately to enact into Laws the two Bills that have been agreed on.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills after they are paſſed into Laws, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

*A* MESSAGE *by* Mr. *Secretary*.

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"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "House."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on the Governor, and presented two Bills, entituled, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to prevent the* "*Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable,*" and, "*An Act for lending the Sum* "*of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the several and respective Counties of* Bedford, Northum- "berland *and* Westmoreland, *for building a Court-house and Prison in each of the said* "*Counties,*" to which Bills his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent, by enacting the same into Laws.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Nineteenth Day of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*September* 19. *Post Meridiem* MR. Speaker, with Nineteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Adjournment

*September* 20. *Post Meridiem* A Quorum met.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House having met, in Pursuance of their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Mr. *Rhoads* delivered at the Table a Letter to the Committee of Correspondence from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; dated *London*, the 7th of *May* last, acquainting them with the Result of the Board of Trade on sundry Acts of the General Assembly of this Province, passed *February* the 26th, 1773, and that two other Acts, of the same Sitting, will probably be repealed for certain Reasons mentioned in the said Letter.

Pursuant to a Petition from the County of *Northampton* to the late Assembly, and by them recommended to this House, Mr. *Edmonds*, Member for the said County, presented at the Clerk's Table, a Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An* "*Act for erecting the North-West Part of* Bucks *into a separate County,*" which being read the first time, was *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Samuel Burman*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Ewing* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of Incidental Expences for the past Year, and report the same to the House.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee do also prepare and bring in a Bill to appropriate Money for the Payment of the said Expences.

Adjournment

*September* 21. *Post Meridiem* The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of Yesterday, reported, they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Business at present to lay before the House.

Mr. *Miles* presented at the Table sundry Accounts for the Board and Cure of *John Hendricks*, an *Indian*, (Son of the late King *Hendricks*) from a dangerous Wound of the Breast, received in his Return from *Philadelphia*, where he had been on public Business, amounting to £ 17 11 11, which was read by Order, and referred to the Committee for Incidental Expences, together with an Account of £ 7 10 0, for Provisions delivered to certain *Indians* assembled at Fort *Augusta*, in *September*, 1773, to hold a Treaty with the Government.

Adjournment

*September* 22. *Post Meridiem* The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting the North-West* "*Part of* Bucks *into a separate County,*" which being in Part read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Adjournment

*September* 23. *Post Meridiem* The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting the North-* "*West Part of* Bucks *into a separate County,*" which being read through the second time, and debated, the Question was put, Whether the said Bill shall be transcribed for a third Reading? *Carried in the Negative.*

Adjournment

*September* 24. The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Payment of Incidental Expences, reported a Draught for that Purpose, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of* "*the*

"*the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading. 1774.

*September* 24. Adjournment

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*September* 26. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

A written Message from the Governor to the House.

'AS it does not appear to me, that the Causes of the unhappy *Indian* Disturbances 'are yet at an End, but, on the contrary, that the Governor of *Virginia* is still 'prosecuting an Expedition against the *Shawanese*, I cannot avoid recommending to your 'Consideration the Expediency of keeping the Troops employed by this Government, 'or at least a Part of them, in Pay, till our Affairs upon the Frontiers may happily 'have a more favourable Aspect.

*September* 26, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*"

The Committee of Accounts, pursuant to their Appointment, presented at the Table a Report in Writing on the State of the public Accounts for the past Year, which being in Part read by Order,

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*September* 27. *Post Meridiem*

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Report of the Committee of Accounts, which was read through by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

## *REPORT* of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the *PUBLIC ACCOUNTS*, 1774.

*Pursuant to the Appointment of the* HOUSE, *We have inspected and examined the several public Accounts mentioned in this Report; and have burnt, sunk and destroyed the different Parcels of* Bills of Credit, *as mentioned and specified in the same: The* STATE *of all which is as follows,* viz.

### WE FIND, THAT

Report of the Committee of the Assembly on the State of the Public Accounts.

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, hath received since last Year's Settlement, sundry principal Sums, or Quotas, due on the Mortgages, [put under his Care by the said Trustees, on the 21st of October, 1767] for which he Credits the Province,

By Cash received of sundry Persons from September 18, 1773, to August 27, 1774, for Quotas due on the several Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thousand Pounds Act, One Thousand One Hundred Sixty-nine Pounds, —— —— —— £ 1,169 0 0

And he Charges,

To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Assembly, and by them burnt and destroyed according to Law, —— —— —— —— £ 1,169 0 0

On Account of Interest on the said Mortgages he Credits,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| By Balance in his Hands, per Account settled last Year, —— —— | £ 2,565 2 11 | |
| By Cash received of sundry Persons since last Settlement, for Interest due on their several Mortgages, —— —— —— —— | 524 15 7 | |
| | | £ 3,089 18 6 |

And he Charges,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To Cash paid Hall and Sellers, for advertising the delinquent Mortgagors, to pay off their old Mortgages, —— —— —— | £ 0 5 0 | |
| To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preston Moore of the Interest Money, which the Committee have counted, —— —— —— | 3,089 13 6 | |
| | | £ 3,089 18 6 |

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|---|---|---|
| Quotas remaining, as per Report of the Committee last Year on Eighty-eight Mortgages, | £ 2,637 19 0 | |
| Of which Samuel Preston Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee since that Time, and by them hath been burnt and destroyed as above-mentioned, being for Quotas received on the Discharge of Twenty-nine Mortgages, and on Account of divers others, —— —— —— —— | 1,169 0 0 | |
| By which the Quotas due and to become due on the remaining 59 Mortgages would be | £ 1,468 19 0 | |
| Yet by a List now taken by the Committee of the said Mortgages, which remain undischarged, we find the Amount of the Quotas to be only —— | 1,468 10 0 | |

The

1774. *September* 27. The Truſtees of the Loan-Office for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thouſand Pounds*, per Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 26th of *February*, 1773, have laid before the Committee the following State of that Loan, *viz.*

THAT they have, in Purſuance of the ſaid Act, let out on Mortgages as follows,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| In the City and County of Philadelphia | £ 22,672 0 0 | |
| County of Bucks | 13,812 0 0 | |
| County of Cheſter | 18,176 0 0 | |
| County of Lancaſter | 17,904 0 0 | |
| County of York | | |
| County of Cumberland | 8,424 0 0 | |
| County of Berks | 3,216 0 0 | |
| County of Northampton | 3,328 0 0 | |
| County of Bedford | 2,696 0 0 | |
| County of Northumberland | 3,968 0 0 | |
| County of Weſtmoreland | | £ 94,196 0 0 |

For which £ 94,196 0 0, the Truſtees have taken 620 Mortgages.

That they have in Purſuance of the Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 23d of July laſt, paid to the Treaſurer of the County of Bedford, towards enabling that County to erect a Court-houſe and Priſon, — £ 800 0 0

And to the Treaſurer of the County of Northumberland, for the like Purpoſe, — 800 0 0

1,600 0 0

£ 95,796 0 0

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STATE of the ACCOUNTS of the ſeveral COUNTIES for the PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

*Philadelphia* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected as ſettled with the Committee laſt Year, — | £ 160 18 0 | |
| To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not collected, | 0 17 $3\frac{1}{2}$ | £ 161 15 $3\frac{1}{2}$ |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Deficiencies, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, | £ 34 13 0 | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | |
| 1773. Oct. 5. One Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds 18/2. — | £ 125 18 2 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 125 18 2, at 20/. per Cent, — | 1 4 $1\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | 127 2 $3\frac{1}{2}$ | £ 161 15 $3\frac{1}{2}$ |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, — | £ 4,724 9 $4\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| To Caſh received of a Collector, being Tax by him collected after Settlement of his Duplicate | 0 3 0 | |
| To Drawback of Collectors Fees on Tax not collected | 3 0 $6\frac{3}{4}$ | £ 4,727 12 11 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges on the ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 121 3 0 | |
| Clerks Fees, Books, &c. | £ 15 14 6 | |
| Several Collectors for Tax twice charged, — | 1 4 0 | |
| Expences at twice | 5 0 4 | |
| | £ 21 18 10 | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry times Four Thouſand Five Hundred and Thirty-eight Pounds 18/11. — | 4,538 18 11 | |
| | 4,560 17 9 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 4,560 17 9, at 20/. per Cent, — | 45 12 2 | £ 4,727 12 11 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | £ 11,884 3 6 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 222 15 6 | |
| Collectors Fees | 291 10 $10\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| | £ 514 6 $4\frac{3}{4}$ | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, — — | £ 39 0 4 | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, — — | 79 10 0 | |
| Townſhip and Ward Aſſeſſors ditto — | 110 8 6 | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. — — | 106 4 11 | |
| | £ 335 3 9 | |
| 1774. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | |
| July 22. Twelve Hundred and Eighty-ſeven Pounds 18/11$\frac{1}{2}$ — — | £ 1,287 18 $11\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Aug. 19. Nine Hundred and Ninety Pounds 17/4. | 990 17 4 | |
| 25. Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds 16/7$\frac{1}{2}$ — — | 1,875 16 $7\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| Sept. 7. One Thouſand and Twenty-four Pounds 4/. | 1,024 4 0 | |
| | 5,178 16 11 | |
| | 5,514 0 8 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 5,514 0 8, at 20/. per Cent, — | 55 2 $9\frac{1}{2}$ | |
| | £ 6,083 9 $10\frac{1}{4}$ | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, — — | 5,800 13 $7\frac{3}{4}$ | £ 11,884 3 6 |

*Bucks*

*State of the Accounts of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.* 1774. September 27.

*Bucks* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 8 6 3 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents | £ 1 17 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees | 0 3 2 | | |
| | | £ 2 0 8 | |
| Township Assessors Fees | £ 1 5 0 | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Four-pence, | 4 19 4 | | |
| | | 6 4 4 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 6 4 4, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | 0 1 3 | |
| | | | £ 8 6 3 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 493 14 6½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, | £ 27 13 2 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 11 13 0 | | |
| | | £ 39 6 2 | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | £ 4 0 0 | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Four Hundred and Forty-five Pounds 18/6½ | 445 18 6½ | | |
| | | 449 18 6½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 449 18 6½, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | 4 9 10 | |
| | | | £ 493 14 6½ |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | | £ 2,340 0 6 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | £ 42 15 1 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 29 0 6 | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 34 10 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 64 10 0 | | |
| Clerks ditto, &c. | 37 16 0 | | |
| | £ 165 16 6 | | |
| 1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| June 21. Nine Hundred and Five Pounds 4*s.* | £ 905 4 0 | | |
| July 20. One Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds 5/8. | 152 5 8 | | |
| Sept. 7. Four Hundred and Eighty-six Pounds 17/3. | 486 17 3 | | |
| | 1,544 6 11 | | |
| | | 1,710 3 5 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 1,710 3 5, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 17 2 0 | | |
| Mileage, | 0 13 0 | | |
| | | 17 15 0 | |
| | | £ 1,770 13 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 569 7 0 | |
| | | | £ 2,340 0 6 |

*Chester* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 136 12 2½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By a Deficiency allowed by the County Commissioners since last Settlement, | | £ 0 10 9 | |
| 1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | | | |
| Sept. 14. One Hundred and Thirty-four Pounds Fourteen Shillings and Six-pence, | | 134 14 6 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 134 14 6, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | 1 6 11½ | |
| | | | £ 136 12 2½ |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 1,760 1 0¼ |
| | | Debit carried forward, | £ 1,760 1 0¼ |

1774. September 27.

*State of the Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.*

*Cheſter* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treaſurer, Continued.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Debit brought forward, | £ 1,760 1 0¼ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges on the ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, | | | | £ 98 9 3 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 3 14 0 | | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 3 5 0 | | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 4 5 0 | | | | |
| Clerks ditto, &c. | 4 9 6 | | | | |
| | | £ 15 13 6 | | | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | |
| 1773. Dec. 2. Three Hundred and Seventy-ſeven Pounds 14/3. | £ 377 14 3 | | | | |
| 1774. June 2. Five Hundred and Ninety-ſeven Pounds 15/1. | 597 15 1 | | | | |
| Sept. 14. Five Hundred and Forty Pounds 5/4½ | 540 5 4½ | | | | |
| | | 1,515 14 8½ | | | |
| | | | | 1,531 8 2½ | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,531 8 2½, at 20/. per Cent, | | | | 15 6 3¼ | |
| | | | | £ 1,645 3 8¾ | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | | 114 17 3½ | |
| | | | | | £ 1,760 1 0¼ |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | £ 3,752 1 3 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, | £ 68 19 1 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 93 16 0 | | | |
| | | £ 162 15 1 | | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 29 18 6 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 44 0 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 81 5 0 | | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 39 2 6 | | | |
| | £ 194 6 0 | | | |
| 1774. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | | |
| Sept. 14. Thirteen Hundred and Eighty-ſix Pounds 18/11. | 1,386 18 11 | | | |
| | | | r,581 4 11 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,581 4 11, at 20/. per Cent, | £ 15 16 3 | | | |
| Mileage, | 0 12 0 | | | |
| | | | 16 8 3 | |
| | | | £ 1,760 8 3 | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | 1,991 13 0 | |
| | | | | £ 3,752 1 3 |

*Lancaſter* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Chriſtian Wirtz*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as ſettled by the Committee of Aſſembly, September 1773, | | | | £ 1,304 6 0½ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| 1773. Oct. 15. Four Hundred Pounds, | £ 400 0 0 | | | |
| 19. Five Hundred Pounds, | 500 0 0 | | | |
| 1774. July 1. Three Hundred and Sixty Pounds, | 360 0 0 | | | |
| Sept. 9. Thirty-one Pounds 7/8½ | 31 7 8½ | | | |
| | | £ 1,291 7 8½ | | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,291 7 8½, at 20/. per Cent, | | | 12 18 4 | |
| | | | | £ 1,304 6 0½ |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | £ 3,748 16 8 | |
| To Caſh received of the Adminiſtrators of the Eſtate of John Miller, deceaſed, by Virtue of an Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the 21ſt of March, 1772, | | | 8 0 0 | |
| | | | | £ 3,756 16 8 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, | £ 231 16 5 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 87 18 6 | | | |
| | Credit carried forward, | £ 319 14 11 | | |
| | Debit carried forward, | | | £ 3,756 16 8 |

*State of the Accounts of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.* 1774. September 27.

*Lancaster* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Christian Wirtz*, Treasurer, Continued.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Debit brought forward, | £ | 3,756 16 8 |
| | | | | | Credit brought forward, £ 319 14 11 | | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | | £ 52 13 0 | | | | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | | 73 10 0 | | | | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | | 124 5 0 | | | | | |
| Clerks ditto, and Stationary, &c. | | 24 10 0 | | | | | |
| | | | £ 274 18 0 | | | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Seventeen Hundred and Eighty-nine Pounds 2/5½ | | | 1,789 2 5½ | | | | |
| | | | | | 2,064 0 5½ | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 2,064 0 5½, at 20/. per Cent, | | | £ 20 12 9½ | | | | |
| Mileage, | | | 1 13 0 | | | | |
| | | | | | 22 5 9½ | | |
| | | | | £ | 2,406 1 2 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | | | 1,350 15 6 | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 3,756 16 8 |

NOTE. Since the Adjustment of the above Account with the Treasurer of the County of Lancaster, we find he has paid into the Provincial Treasury, the further Sum of Two Hundred Pounds on Account of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, the which the Provincial Treasurer hath charged himself with, as appears by his Account.

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*York* County, for the Provincial Taxes,

On Account of the Tenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due from the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer, as reported by the Committee in 1771, 1772 and 1773, | | | | | | £ | 455 14 7¼ |
| CONTRA | | | | | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer by William Matthews, Administrator to the said Estate at different Times, Four Hundred and Fifty-one Pounds 4/4½ | | | £ | 451 4 4½ | | | |
| John Blackburn's Commissions on £ 451 4 4½, at 20/. per Cent, | | | | 4 10 2¾ | | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 455 14 7¼ |

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Robert M'Pherson*, Treasurer, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part hath been paid. | | | | | | £ | 181 10 6 |

On Account of Taxes due from the Estate of Non-residents, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part hath been paid. | | | | | | £ | 340 11 6½ |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, *Michael Swoope*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected of the said Tax, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | | | | £ | 562 13 7 |
| CONTRA | | | | | Cr. | | |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as allowed by County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | £ | 10 18 0 | | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | 38 6 0 | | | | |
| | | | | £ | 49 4 0 | | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 14 7 0 | | | | | | |
| Clerks Wages, | 6 10 0 | | | | | | |
| | | £ | 20 17 0 | | | | |
| 1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | | | |
| May 25. Four Hundred Pounds, | £ 400 0 0 | | | | | | |
| Sept. 13. Thirty Pounds nineteen Shillings & Ten-pence, | 30 19 10 | | | | | | |
| | | | 430 19 10 | | | | |
| | | | | | 451 16 10 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 451 16 10, at 20/. per Cent, | | | | | 4 10 4 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | | 57 2 5 | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 562 13 7 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | | | | | £ | 1,777 11 1 |
| CONTRA | | | | | Cr. | | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | | | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 30 7 0 | | | | | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 40 0 0 | | | | | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 92 0 0 | | | | | | |
| Clerks ditto, | 28 0 0 | | | | | | |
| Credit carried forward, | £ 190 7 0 | | | | | | |
| Debit carried forward, | | | | | | £ | 1,777 11 1 |

1774. September 27.

*State of the Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.*

*York* County for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | Debit brought forward, | £ 1,777 | 11 1 |
| | | | | Credit brought forward, | £ 190 7 0 | | |
| 1774. | By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | |
| May 25. | Two Hundred Pounds, | — | £ | 200 0 0 | | | |
| Sept. 13. | Six Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds 5/6. | | | 684 5 6 | | | |
| | | | | | 884 5 6 | | |
| | | | | | | £ 1,074 | 12 6 |
| | County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,074 12 6, at 20/. per Cent, | | | | | 10 | 14 11 |
| | Mileage, | | | | | 2 | 4 0 |
| | Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | | | 689 | 19 8 |
| | | | | | | £ 1,777 | 11 1 |

*Cumberland* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Eſq; Treaſurer,

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO | Balance due, as reported laſt Year, | | | £ 425 | 9 6¼ |
| | CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| | By ſundry Charges, &c. on the ſaid Taxes, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| | Deficiencies laſt Year, | £ 0 1 6 | | | |
| | Ditto this Year on Non-reſidents, | 140 8 2½ | | | |
| | Collectors Fees laſt Year, | 0 7 9½ | | | |
| | Ditto this Year, | 1 0 9 | | | |
| | | | £ 141 | 18 | 3 |
| 1774. Sept. 21. | By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, Forty Pounds 2/5. | | 40 | 2 | 5 |
| | County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 40 2 5, at 20/. per Cent, | | 0 | 8 | 4 |
| | Balance due to the Province, | | 243 | 0 | 6¾ |
| | | | | £ 425 | 9 6¼ |

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO | Balance due, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 432 | 10 6½ |
| | CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| | By ſundry Charges, &c. on the ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| | Deficiencies on Non-reſidents laſt Year, | £ 0 3 4 | | | |
| | Ditto on ditto this Year, | 8 1 5½ | | | |
| | Ditto, allowed the Collectors of Cumberland & Middleton Townſhips, | 3 17 5 | | | |
| | Collectors Fees laſt Year, | 0 9 7 | | | |
| | Ditto this Year, | 5 4 6 | | | |
| | | | £ 17 | 16 | 3½ |
| 1774. Sept. 21. | By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, One Hundred and Forty-eight Pounds Eight Shillings, | | 148 | 8 | 0 |
| | County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 148 8 0, at 20/. per Cent, | | 1 | 9 | 8 |
| | | £ | 167 | 13 | 11½ |
| | Balance due to the Province, | | 264 | 16 | 7 |
| | | | | £ 432 | 10 6½ |

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO | Balance due, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 401 | 3 6 |
| | CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| | By ſundry Charges, &c. on the ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| | Deficiencies laſt Year, | £ 27 17 6 | | | |
| | Ditto this Year, | 0 18 0 | | | |
| | Ditto on Non-reſidents laſt Year, | 12 3 1 | | | |
| | Ditto ditto this Year, | 6 17 4 | | | |
| | Collectors Fees laſt Year, | 2 19 6 | | | |
| | Ditto this Year, | 5 6 3½ | | | |
| | | | £ 56 | 1 | 8½ |
| | By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, One Hundred and Sixty-ſix Pounds 1/4. | | 166 | 1 | 4 |
| | County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 166 1 4, at 20/. per Cent, | | 1 | 13 | 2 |
| | | £ | 223 | 16 | 2½ |
| | Balance due to the Province, | | 177 | 7 | 3½ |
| | | | | £ 401 | 3 6 |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO | Balance due, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | £ 437 | 3 11 |
| | Debit carried forward, | £ 437 | 3 11 |

*State of the Accounts of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes Continued.* 1774. *September* 27.

*Cumberland* County, for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Continued.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | £ 437 3 11 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges, &c. on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies last Year, | £ 69 18 11 | |
| Ditto on Non-residents this Year, | 6 10 1 | |
| Collectors Fees last Year, | 13 15 0½ | |
| Ditto this Year, | 1 6 9 | |
| | £ 91 10 9½ | |
| Commissioners Fees, | £ 0 15 0 | |
| 1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | | |
| Sept. 21. Fifty-one Pounds 16/11½ | 51 16 11½ | |
| | 52 11 11½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 52 11 11½, at 20/. per Cent, | 0 10 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 292 10 8 | |
| | | £ 437 3 11 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee of Accounts last Year, | | £ 809 11 7½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges, &c. on the said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies last Year, | £ 22 10 7 | |
| Ditto this Year, | 67 15 11 | |
| Ditto on Non-residents this Year, | 5 2 5 | |
| Collectors Fees, | 13 14 9½ | |
| | £ 109 3 8½ | |
| By Cash paid to the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, Three Hundred and Sixteen Pounds 12/5. | 316 12 5 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 316 12 5, at 20/. per Cent, | 3 3 4 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 380 12 2 | |
| | | £ 809 11 7½ |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | £ 1,168 3 2 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | £ 0 16 3 | |
| Collectors Fees | 0 11 4½ | |
| | £ 1 7 7½ | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 39 3 0 | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 29 5 0 | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 79 5 0 | |
| Clerks ditto and for Stationary, &c. | 44 2 8 | |
| | £ 191 15 8 | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at different times, One Hundred and Fifty-five Pounds 15/1½ | 155 15 1½ | |
| | 347 10 9½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 347 10 9½, at 20/. per Cent, | £ 3 9 6 | |
| Mileage | 3 0 0 | |
| | 6 9 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 812 15 3 | |
| | | £ 1,168 3 2 |

*Berks* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Christopher Witman*, Treasurer,

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | £ 101 4 1 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| 1774. Sept. 5. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, One Hundred Pounds 4/. | £ 100 4 0 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 100 4 0, at 20/. per Cent, | 1 0 1 | |
| | | £ 101 4 1 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | £ 1,381 9 6 |
| | Debit carried forward, | £ 1,381 9 6 |

1774. *September* 27.

*State of the Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes Continued.*

*Berks* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Chriſtopher Witman*, Treaſurer, Continued.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Continued.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Debit brought forward, | £ 1,381 9 6 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges atttending the Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, | | £ 45 0 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 33 8 3 | | |
| | | | £ 78 8 3 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 27 4 6 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 22 5 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 52 17 6 | | | |
| Clerks Fees and ſundry Diſburſements | 21 6 6 | | | |
| | | £ 123 13 6 | | |
| 1774. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | | |
| Sept. 5. One Thouſand and Sixty-five Pounds and Four-pence, | | 1,065 0 4 | | |
| | | | 1,188 13 10 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1,188 13 10, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | £ 11 17 8 | | |
| Mileage, | | 1 9 0 | | |
| | | | 13 6 8 | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | 101 0 9 | |
| | | | | £ 1,381 9 6 |

*Northampton* County, for the Provincial Tax, *Herman Shnyder*, Treaſurer,

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | £ 1,052 12 0 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | £ 26 6 3½ | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 31 4 0 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 21 19 3 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 55 12 3 | | | |
| Clerks ditto, &c. | 37 7 6 | | | |
| | | £ 146 3 0 | | |
| 1774. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| March 30. Sixty-three Pounds, | £ 63 0 0 | | | |
| May 31. Five Hundred and Five Pounds, | 505 0 0 | | | |
| Sept. 7. Sixty-one Pounds Two Shillings, | 61 2 0 | | | |
| | | 629 2 0 | | |
| | | | 775 5 0 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 775 5 0, at 20*ſ.* per Cent | | £ 7 15 0½ | | |
| Mileage, | | 1 10 0 | | |
| | | | 9 5 0½ | |
| | | | £ 810 16 4 | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | 241 15 8 | |
| | | | | £ 1,052 12 0 |

*Bedford* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *George Woods*, Eſq; Treaſurer,

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries included, | | | | — £ 1,347 4 4 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By the Honourable the Proprietaries for their Tax, charged to them at Settlement Sept. 1773. | | | £ 119 5 0 | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, viz, | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | | £ 154 2 4 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 10 18 4½ | | |
| Allowance made George Woods by the County Commiſſioners, | | 15 0 0 | | |
| | | | 180 0 8½ | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 59 1 0 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | 87 10 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 66 0 0 | | | |
| Clerks ditto, &c. | 24 6 4 | | | |
| | | £ 236 17 4 | | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, Two Hundred Pounds | | — 200 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ 436 17 4 | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 436 17 4, at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | — £ 4 7 4 | | |
| Mileage | | 5 7 6 | | |
| | | | 9 14 10 | |
| | | | £ 745 17 10½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | 601 6 5½ | |
| | | | | £ 1,347 4 4 |

*Bedford*

*State of the Accounts of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes Continued.* 1774. *September* 24.

*Bedford* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *George Woods*, Esq; Treasurer, Continued.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, the Tax of the Proprietaries included, | | | | | £ 989 1 4 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries charged to them at Settlement last Year, | | | | £ 119 5 0 | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, viz. | | | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | 14 16 4 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 105 0 0 | | | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 150 0 0 | | | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 87 0 0 | | | | |
| Clerks ditto, and Stationary, &c. | 30 14 0 | | | | |
| | | £ 372 14 0 | | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| 1773. Dec. 7. One Hundred Pounds, | £ 100 0 0 | | | | |
| 1774. Jan. 26. One Hundred Pounds, | 100 0 0 | | | | |
| | | 200 0 0 | | | |
| | | | 572 14 0 | | |
| | | | £ 706 5 4 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 572 14 0, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | £ 5 14 6 | | | |
| Mileage, | | 5 7 6 | | | |
| | | | 11 2 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 271 14 0 | | |
| | | | | | £ 989 1 4 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | | | | £ 477 11 5 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, viz. | | | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | £ 3 8 0 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 22 4 6 | | | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 41 13 11 | | | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 46 10 0 | | | | |
| Clerks ditto, and Stationary, | 25 12 10 | | | | |
| | | | £ 136 1 3 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 136 1 3, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 1 7 3 | | | | |
| Mileage, | 5 7 6 | | | | |
| | | | 6 14 9 | | |
| | | | £ 146 4 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 331 7 5 | | |
| | | | | | £ 477 11 5 |

*Northumberland* County, for the Provincial Taxes, *Alexander Hunter*, Treasurer.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | | | | £ 853 1 5 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | | £ 5 2 9 | |
| Assessors Fees | £ 40 0 0 | | | | |
| 1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | | | | | |
| Sept. 19. Eighty Pounds Five Shillings and Eleven-pence, | 80 5 11 | | | | |
| | | | 120 5 11 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 120 5 11, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 1 4 1 | | | | |
| Mileage, | 3 5 0 | | | | |
| | | | 4 9 1 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 723 3 8 | | |
| | | | | | £ 853 1 5 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | | | | £ 1,102 12 4½ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as settled by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Assessors Fees, | £ 39 15 0 | | | | |
| 1774. Sept. 19. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, Six Pounds 1/3 | 6 1 3 | | | | |
| | | | £ 45 16 3 | | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 45 16 3, at 20*s.* per Cent, | £ 0 9 2 | | | | |
| Mileage, | 3 5 2 | | | | |
| | | | 3 14 2 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | | 1,053 1 11½ | | |
| | | | | | £ 1,102 12 4½ |

THE Treasurer of the County of Westmoreland hath not exhibited any Account of the Provincial Tax for that County, nor paid any Money into the Provincial Treasury on that Account.

STATE

1774. STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the Honourable the* PROPRIETARIES.

*September* 27. The Eſtate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as ſettled by the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province at Settlement laſt Year, excluſive of the Tax on their Lands in Cheſter County, on the 15th and 16th Eighteen-penny Taxes, and in the County of Northumberland on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, — | | | £ 921 18 10½ |
| To Amount of their Tax in the 15th 18d. Tax in Cheſter County, — | £ 47 16 9 | | |
| To Amount of their Tax in 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz. | | | |
| Cheſter County, | 47 16 9 | | |
| Northumberland County, | 225 5 10½ | | |
| | | 320 19 4½ | |
| To Amount of their Tax in the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz. | | | |
| Philadelphia County, | £ 144 6 0 | | |
| Bucks County, | 30 12 0 | | |
| Cheſter County, | 47 16 9 | | |
| Lancaſter County, | 143 11 6 | | |
| York County, | 114 8 5 | | |
| Cumberland County, not brought in. | | | |
| Berks County, | 162 15 0 | | |
| Northampton County, | 132 13 10 | | |
| Bedford County, | 75 0 0 | | |
| Northumberland County, | 250 7 5¼ | | |
| Weſtmoreland County, not brought in. | | 1,101 10 11¼ | |
| | | | £ 2,344 9 2¼ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, Nine Hundred and Nineteen Pounds, — | | £ 919 0 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 1,425 9 2¼ | |
| | | | £ 2,344 9 2¼ |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the EXCISE on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS *in the ſeveral Counties*, viz.

### The Eſtate of *Joſeph Stretch*, deceaſed, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, — — | £ 320 12 7½ |
| Of which no Part hath been paid. | |

### *William Criſpin*, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, — — | £ 543 14 11 | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1773, to July 1, 1774, — — | 5,299 4 4 | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, — — — | 357 0 0 | |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, — — — | 63 15 0 | |
| | | £ 6,263 14 3 |
| CONTRA — — — | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, — | £ 5,320 6 10 | |
| By ſundry Debts due from divers Perſons, who are become Inſolvents, as per Liſt rendered, — — — — | 79 16 4 | |
| By his Commiſſions on £ 5,320 6 10, at Five per Cent, — — | 266 0 4 | |
| | £ 5,666 3 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, — — — | 597 10 9 | |
| | | £ 6,263 14 3 |

### *John Woolſton*, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1773, to July 1, 1774, — — | £ 508 19 4 | |
| To ſundry Retailers per Annum, — — — | 48 10 4 | |
| | | £ 557 9 8 |
| CONTRA — — — | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, — — | £ 501 15 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions at Ten per Cent, — — — | 55 14 8 | |
| | | £ 557 9 8 |

### *Charles Humphreys*, late Collector for *Cheſter* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Exciſe from Auguſt 1, 1773, to October 1, 1773, — — | | £ 66 12 0 |
| CONTRA — — — — | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, — — | £ 59 18 10 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at Ten per Cent, — — — | 6 13 2 | |
| | | £ 66 12 0 |

*State*

*State of the Accounts of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors in the several Counties Continued.* 1774. September 27.

*Thomas Tucker*, present Collector for *Chester* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from October 1, 1773, to August 1, 1774, | £ 925 11 0 | | |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, | 80 13 4 | | |
| To a Moiety of two Fines, | 5 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 1,011 4 4 | |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry times, | £ 840 10 4 | | |
| By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent, | 84 1 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 86 13 0 | | |
| | | £ 1,011 4 4 | |

*Sebastian Graaff*, Collector for *Lancaster* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | £ 331 12 5 | | |
| To Amount of Excise from July 10, 1773, to July 10, 1774, | 1,154 16 4 | | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | 129 6 3 | | |
| To a Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | 7 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 1,622 15 0 | |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | £ 1,145 7 6 | | |
| By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent, | 114 10 9 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 362 16 9 | | |
| | | £ 1,622 15 0 | |

*Henry Miller*, Collector for *York* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | £ 101 0 0 | | |
| To Amount of Excise from Aug. 1, 1773, to Aug. 1, 1774, | £ 234 18 0 | | |
| To sundry Retailers per Annum, | 129 17 0 | | |
| | 364 15 0 | £ 465 15 0 | |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By sundry Debts due from divers Persons who are become insolvent, &c. as per List rendered, | £ 18 0 0 | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | 334 0 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent, | 33 8 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 80 7 0 | | |
| | | £ 465 15 0 | |

*Thomas Beard*, Collector for *Cumberland* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Excise from August 1, 1769, to August 1, 1770, | £ 73 10 0 | | |
| Ditto ditto from August 1, 1770, to August 1, 1771, | 84 0 0 | | |
| Ditto ditto from August 1, 1771, to August 1, 1772, | 66 10 0 | | |
| Ditto ditto from August 1, 1772, to August 1, 1773, | 74 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 298 0 0 | |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, as reported by the Committee Sept. 22, 1770, | £ 36 2 6 | | |
| By ditto paid ditto, as reported September 21, 1771, | 87 0 0 | | |
| By ditto paid ditto, as reported September 17, 1772, | 81 9 9 | | |
| By ditto paid ditto, as reported September 27, 1773, | 27 0 0 | | |
| By ditto paid ditto, December 4, 1773, £ 30 0 0 | | | |
| By ditto paid ditto, December 6, 1773, 3 11 9 | | | |
| | 33 11 9 | | |
| By an outstanding Debt of John Prentice, who proved insolvent, | 3 0 0 | | |
| By his Commissions, at Ten per Cent, | 29 16 0 | | |
| | | £ 298 0 0 | |

NOTE. This Account was adjusted on the 6th of December last, and there remains to be accounted for by Thomas Beard, for the Excise since August 1, 1773, on Account of which he has paid to the Provincial Treasurer since the above Settlement, £ 64 0 0

The Estate of *Jasper Scull*, deceased, late Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee last Year, Of which no Part is paid. | £ 135 10 2 |

*John Biddle*, present Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, | £ 94 8 0 | |
| To Amount of Excise from August 4, 1773, to August 4, 1774, | 601 9 4 | |
| To Amount of sundry Retailers per Annum, | 55 5 6 | |
| To a Moiety of a Forfeiture, | 2 5 0 | |
| | | £ 753 7 10 |



Debit carried forward, £ 753 7 10

1774. September 27.

*State of the Accounts of the Exciſe on Spirituous Liquors in the ſeveral Counties Continued.*

*John Biddle*, preſent Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | | £ 753 7 10 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By an Error in his laſt Year's Account, as by him rendered, | £ | 48 6 9 | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | 537 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at Ten per Cent, | | 53 14 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 114 7 1 | |
| | | | £ 753 7 10 |

*Jeſſe Jones*, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | £ | 25 7 0 | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1773, to July 1, 1774, | | 277 14 10 | |
| To ſundry Retailers per Annum, | | 36 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 339 1 10 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | £ | 277 7 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at Ten per Cent, | | 27 14 8 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 34 0 2 | |
| | | | £ 339 1 10 |

No Account of Exciſe has been rendered by Thomas Urie, Collector for the County of Bedford, for the laſt or the preſent Year, nor hath any Money been paid on Account thereof into the Provincial Treaſury.

THOMAS LEMON, Collector of Exciſe for the County of Northumberland, hath not exhibited any Account for that County either for the laſt or the preſent Year, but we find he has paid the Provincial Treaſurer on Account, £ 42 11 0

JAMES KINKEAD, Collector of Exciſe for the County of Weſtmoreland, hath not exhibited any Account of Exciſe for the laſt or preſent Year for that County.

## STATE *of other* ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

*Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Building and Supporting a Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from Auguſt 31, 1773, to Auguſt 30, 1774, | | | £ 1,856 19 3 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſeveral Payments, | £ | 1,745 10 11 | |
| Commiſſions, at Six per Cent, | | 111 8 4 | |
| | | | £ 1,856 19 3 |

*Thomas Coombe*, on Account of the Monies received for the Hoſpital on the *Province Iſland*, in Purſuance of the Act of Aſſembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into this Province*," paſſed *January* 22, 1774, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of ſundry Perſons for 2,232 Paſſengers and Servants, arrived in different Veſſels at Philadelphia, from April 17, 1774, to September 10, laſt, | £ | 55 16 0 | |
| To Balance due to Thomas Coombe, | | 0 4 4 | |
| | | | £ 56 0 4 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | £ | 54 13 0 | |
| His Commiſſions at 2½ per Cent, | | 1 7 4 | |
| | | | £ 56 0 4 |

THE Account of Negro Duty hath not been exhibited, but we find by laſt Year's Report there remained in the Hands of Thomas Coombe, Collector of thoſe Duties, the Sum of £ 9 11 7

The outſtanding Debts then uncollected being £ 407 10 0
And we do further find, that he has paid the Provincial Treaſurer, on Account, £ 112 0 0

The Commiſſioners appointed by Act of Aſſembly for Supporting the Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 52 4 4½ |
| | Debit carried forward, | | £ 52 4 4½ |

*State of other Accounts Continued.*

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## The Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Debit brought forward, | £ 52 4 4½ | |
| CONTRA Cr. | | |
| By the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, | £ 52 4 4½ | |

## The Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia*, appointed by Act of Assembly, passed the 26th of *February*, 1773, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer at different Times, before the Settlement of his Account the 26th Day of September, 1773, viz. | | |
| Out of the Monies arising on the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, — | £ 1,100 0 0 | |
| Out of the £ 12,000, struck in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, passed the 26th of February, 1773, — — | 7,000 0 0 | |
| | | £ 8,100 0 0 |
| To Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer at different Times since the Settlement with him, viz. | | |
| Out of the Monies arising on the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, — | £ 1,000 0 0 | |
| Out of the £ 12,000, struck in Pursuance of the said Act of Assembly, passed the 26th of February, 1773, — — | 4,900 0 0 | |
| | | 5,900 0 0 |
| To Cash received for a Shallop's Mast, — — — | | 1 0 0 |
| To the Commissioners appointed by Act of Assembly for supporting the Light-house, the Balance in their Hands, at Settlement last Year, — — | | 52 4 4½ |
| | | £ 14,053 4 4½ |
| CONTRA — — — Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid sundry Persons for Materials, Workmanship, &c. for building a Kitchen at the Light-house, for Oil, &c. for the Light-house, for fixing Buoys, &c. as per Account, — — — | £ 913 7 10¾ | |
| By Cash paid John Hitchcock his Wages, keeping the Lights to September 10, 1773, — — — | 107 14 4 | |
| By ditto paid the same for the like Service, to the 10th of September, 1774, — — — | 130 0 0 | |
| | | £ 1,151 2 2¾ |
| By Cash paid sundry Persons for their Certificates, — | £ 4,910 0 0 | |
| Ditto for Interest thereon, — — | 363 17 5 | |
| | | 5,273 17 5 |
| By Cash paid sundry Persons for Materials and Workmanship on the Piers at Deep Water Island and at Reedy Island, &c. as per Account, | £ 1,714 5 3 | |
| By Cash paid sundry Orders on Account of Materials and Workmanship for the like Purposes, the Particulars of which to be accounted for at next Settlement, — — — | 3,327 3 6 | |
| | | 5,041 8 9 |
| | | £ 11,466 8 4¾ |
| Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, — — — | | 2,586 15 11¼ |
| | | £ 14,053 4 4½ |

## *Samuel Penrose*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, as settled last Year, — — | £ 252 4 2 | |
| To a Years Rent of the Province Island, due the 6th of September, 1774, — | 401 0 0 | |
| To one Year's Interest on £ 570, being the Amount of the new Improvement made on the said Island, as per Contract, — — — | 34 4 0 | |
| | | £ 687 8 2 |
| CONTRA — — — — Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — — | £ 519 18 6 | |
| Balance due to the Province, — — — | 167 9 8 | |
| | | £ 687 8 2 |

## *Joseph Fox*, Barrack-Master in *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer at sundry Times, — | £ 1,140 15 9½ | |
| To Cash received of sundry Persons for 28 Cords of Wood, when the Regiment, lately quartered in the Barracks, marched off, — — — | 22 8 0 | |
| | £ 1,163 3 9½ | |
| Balance due to Joseph Fox, — — — | 160 16 8½ | |
| | | £ 1,324 0 6 |
| CONTRA — — — — Cr. | | |
| By Amount of his Account for Necessaries supplied the Soldiers, quartered in this City, in Firewood, Candles, Small-beer, &c. from September 16, 1773, to September 20, 1774, — — | | £ 1,324 0 6 |

STATE

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# VOTES *of the* ASSEMBLY.

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of* OWEN JONES, PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

### On Account of the Duties and Tonnage, per Act of Aſſembly paſſed 1758, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Which Sum remains in his Hands. | | | | £ | 2 10 7½ |

### On Acount of the *Province Iſland*, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance in his Hands, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ | 381 9 6½ | |
| To Caſh received of Thomas Coombe, being Monies by him collected from ſundry Perſons, in Purſuance of the Act of Aſſembly, entituled, " An Act to prevent in- " fectious Diſeaſes being brought into this Province," | | | | 54 13 0 | |
| To Caſh received of Samuel Penroſe, at ſundry Times, | | | | 519 18 6 | |
| | | | | | £ 956 1 0½ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| 1773. Dec. 25. By Caſh paid Samuel Rhoads, Eſq; per Order, for Support of Negro Dublin, &c. | | | £ | 10 0 0 | |
| 1774. Feb. 14. By Caſh ditto, for Support of Negro Dublin, | | | | 10 0 0 | |
| March 25. By ditto paid Richard Armit, | per Order, | | | 7 1 10 | |
| April 1. By ditto paid Edward Bonſall, | ditto | | | 20 0 0 | |
| 16. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, jun. | ditto | | | 71 5 9 | |
| 21. By ditto paid Richard Armit, | ditto | | | 6 6 6 | |
| May 11. By ditto paid William Robeſon, | ditto | | | 17 0 0 | |
| 12. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, jun. | ditto | | | 61 0 0 | |
| June 4. By ditto paid James Lees, | ditto | | | 6 0 0 | |
| 18. By ditto paid Edward Bonſall, | ditto | | | 40 0 0 | |
| 25. By ditto paid ditto, | ditto | | | 10 6 8 | |
| Aug. 13. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, jun. | ditto | | | 3 14 8 | |
| 29. By ditto paid Iſaac Weaver, | ditto | | | 45 0 0 | |
| Sept. 19. By ditto paid Francis Bouchier, | ditto | | | 5 0 0 | |
| By ditto paid ditto, | ditto | | | 4 10 6 | |
| | | | £ | 317 5 11 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at Five per Cent, | | | | 15 17 3½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | 622 17 10 | |
| | | | | | £ 956 1 0½ |

### On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, | | | | | £ 112 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| 1774. Aug. 25. By Caſh paid for Robert M'Kees, Negro Slave, per Order certified by Emanuel Carpenter and Iſaac Saunders, Eſquires, | | | £ | 70 0 0 | |
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | | | 41 8 10 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*ſ.* per Cent, | | | | 0 11 2 | |
| | | | | | £ 112 0 0 |

### On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Uſe, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of this Acoount, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Which Sum remains in his Hands. | | | | | £ 701 11 0 |

### On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, for Building and Supporting the Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ | 1,015 14 5 | |
| To Caſh received of Thomas Coombe in ſeveral Payments, | | | | 1,745 10 11 | |
| | | | | | £ 2,761 5 4 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Peter Reeve, per Order of the Wardens of the Port, | | | £ | 1,000 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*ſ.* per Cent, | | | | 5 0 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | 1,756 5 4 | |
| | | | | | £ 2,761 5 4 |

### On Account of the Act for raiſing and applying £ 3,000, towards removing *Indian* Diſcontents, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Which Sum remains in his Hands. | | | | | £ 3 9 0 |

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*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1774. *September 27.*

## On Account of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of William Crispin, | Collector for Philadelphia County, | | £ 5,320 | 6 | 10 |
| of John Woolston, | —— Bucks, | | 501 | 15 | 0 |
| of Charles Humphreys, | late Collector for Chester, | | 59 | 18 | 10 |
| of Thomas Tucker, | present Collector for ditto, | | 840 | 10 | 4 |
| of Sebastian Graaff, | Collector for Lancaster, | | 1,145 | 7 | 6 |
| of Henry Miller, | —— York, | | 334 | 0 | 0 |
| of Thomas Beard, | —— Cumberland, | | 97 | 11 | 9 |
| of John Biddle, | —— Berks, | | 537 | 0 | 0 |
| of Jesse Jones, | —— Northampton, | | 277 | 7 | 0 |
| of Thomas Urie, | —— Bedford. | | | | |
| of Thomas Lemon, | —— Northumberland, | | 42 | 11 | 0 |
| of James Kinkead, | —— Westmoreland. | | | | |
| | | | | £ 9,156 | 8 3 |

| CONTRA | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt as follow, viz. | | | | | |
| Of the Bills, issued per Act passed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £ 20,000, | | £ | 624 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the Bills, issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £ 16,000, | | | 3,805 | 12 | 0 |
| Of the Bills, issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £ 7,000, in the same Act mentioned, | | | 1,603 | 3 | 9 |
| Of the Bills, issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, being Part of the £ 25,000 | | | 2,687 | 12 | 1½ |
| | | £ | 8,720 | 7 | 10½ |
| By his Commissions on £ 8,720 7 10½, at Five per Cent, | | | 436 | 0 | 4½ |
| | | | | £ 9,156 | 8 3 |

## On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, | | £ | 40 | 2 | 5 |
| To ditto of William Matthews, Administrator of the Estate of John Blackburn, deceased, late Treasurer for York County, | | | 451 | 4 | 4½ |
| | | | | £ 491 | 6 9½ |

| CONTRA | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ | 490 | 2 | 3 |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 1 | 4 | 6½ |
| | | | | £ 491 | 6 9½ |

## On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, | | | | £ 148 | 8 0 |

| CONTRA | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ | 148 | 0 | 8 |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 0 | 7 | 4 |
| | | | | £ 148 | 8 0 |

## On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of John Montgomery, for Cumberland County, | | | | £ 166 | 1 4 |

| CONTRA | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ | 165 | 13 | 1 |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 0 | 8 | 3 |
| | | | | £ 166 | 1 4 |

## On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County, | £ | 125 | 18 | 2 |
| of Joseph Chapman, | Bucks | | 4 | 19 | 4 |
| of James Gibbons, | Chester | | 134 | 14 | 6 |
| of John Montgomery, | Cumberland | | 51 | 16 | 11½ |
| of George Woods, | Bedford | | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | £ 517 | 8 11½ |

| CONTRA | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | | £ | 516 | 3 | 1½ |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 1 | 5 | 10 |
| | | | | £ 517 | 8 11½ |

## On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due and remaining in his Hands, as reported by the Committee last Year, | | £ | 9,646 | 1 | 7¾ |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | for Philadelphia County, | | 4,538 | 18 | 11 |
| of Joseph Chapman, | Bucks | | 445 | 18 | 6½ |
| of James Gibbons, | Chester | | 1,515 | 14 | 8½ |
| of Christian Wirtz, | Lancaster | | 1,291 | 7 | 8½ |
| of Michael Swoope, | York | | 430 | 19 | 10 |
| of John Montgomery, | Cumberland | | 316 | 12 | 5 |
| of Christopher Witman, | Berks | | 100 | 4 | 0 |
| of George Woods, | Bedford | | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| of Alexander Hunter, | Northumberland | | 80 | 5 | 11 |
| | | | | £ 18,566 | 3 8¾ |

 Debit carried forward, £ 18,566 3 8¾

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treaſurer, Continued.*

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Continued.

Debit brought forward, £ 18,566 3 8¼

| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 15,843 17 10½ | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*ſ.* per Cent, | | 39 12 2¼ | |
| | £ | 15,883 10 0¾ | |
| Balance remaining in his Hands, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, | | 2,682 13 7½ | |
| | | | £ 18,566 3 8¼ |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Barnaby Barnes, | for | Philadelphia County, | £ | 5,178 16 11 |
| of Joſeph Chapman, | | Bucks | | 1,544 6 11 |
| of James Gibbons, | | Cheſter | | 1,386 18 11 |
| of Chriſtian Wirtz, | | Lancaſter | | 1,989 2 5½ |
| of Michael Swoope, | | York | | 884 5 6 |
| of John Montgomery, | | Cumberland | | 155 15 1½ |
| of Chriſtopher Witman, | | Berks | | 1,065 0 4 |
| of Herman Snyder, | | Northampton | | 629 2 0 |
| of George Woods, | | Bedford. | | |
| of Alexander Hunter, | | Northumberland | | 6 1 3 |
| of —— —— | | Weſtmoreland. | | |
| | | | | £ 12,839 9 5 |

Which Sum of Twelve Thouſand Eight Hundred and Thirty-nine Pounds Nine Shillings and Five-pence remains alſo in his Hands, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be burnt and deſtroyed according to Law.

On Account of the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, Dr.

TO Caſh received of Edmund Phyſick, Eſq; —— —— £ 919 0 0

| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ | 916 14 2 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*ſ.* per Cent, | | 2 5 10 | |
| | | | £ 919 0 0 |

On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, per Act paſſed the 14th of *May*, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance on this Account, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, —— —— £ 331 12 3
Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the Act for raiſing the Sum of £ 15,000, for the Defence of the City of *Philadelphia*, paſſed the 9th of *March*, 1771, Dr.

TO Balance on this Account, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, —— £ 2,776 1 8½

| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid the following Orders of the Commiſſioners, viz. | | | |
| John Palmer, | £ | 800 0 0 | |
| John Palmer, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Robert Erwin, for hauling Cannon, | | 8 13 0 | |
| John Palmer, | | 960 10 3 | |
| | £ | 2,769 3 3 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*ſ.* per Cent, | | 6 18 5½ | |
| | | | £ 2,776 1 8½ |

On Account of the Act for appropriating £ 5,000, to purchaſe Lots of Ground, adjoining the State-Houſe Lots, paſſed *May* 14, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, —— —— £ 998 10 8
Which Sum remains in his Hands.

On Account of the £ 4,000, granted to his Majeſty for the Support of his Troops in Quarters in this Province, per Act paſſed the 21ſt of *Mach*, 1772, Dr.

TO Balance in his Hands, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, —— —— £ 1,140 15 9½

Debit carried forward, £ 1,140 15 9½

# JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor.

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1774. *September* 27.

## On Account of the £ 4,000, granted to his Majesty, &c. Continued.

CONTRA — Debit brought forward, £ 1,140 15 9½

Cr.

By Cash paid Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master, at sundry times, viz.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1773. October | 18. Three Hundred Pounds | £ | 300 | 0 0 |
| November | 25. Three Hundred Pounds | | 300 | 0 0 |
| 1774. April | 16. Three Hundred Pounds | | 300 | 0 0 |
| July | 15. One Hundred and Fifty Pounds | | 150 | 0 0 |
| August | 31. Ninety Pounds Fifteen Shillings 9½d. | | 90 | 15 9½ |
| | | £ | 1,140 | 15 9½ |

NOTE. The Provincial Treasurer having paid the last Sum without retaining in his Hands his Commissions on the above Account, the same is charged to his Account of the £ 25,000 herewith exhibited.

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## On Account of the Act for raising £ 25,000, for the Support of Government passed the 21st of *March*, 1772,

Dr.

TO Balance of Account, settled by the Committee last Year, — £ 13,095 15 10

CONTRA — Cr.

By Cash paid the following Certificates and Orders, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| John Pope, Esq; for Inspection of public Taxes, | £ | 7 | 0 0 |
| William Edmonds, Esq; ditto | | 7 | 0 0 |
| James Webb, Esq; ditto | | 6 | 10 0 |
| Robert Levers, Esq; Indian Expences, | | 10 | 9 9 |
| William Bausman, Barrack-Master at Lancaster, | | 20 | 0 0 |
| Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, | | 19 | 4 8 |
| Michael Hillegas, Indian Expences, | | 82 | 5 8 |
| Samuel Rhoads, Esq; his Service on the Committee of Accounts, | | 11 | 0 0 |
| Samuel Rhoads, Esq; for Pumps and Fire-buckets at the State-House, | | 90 | 2 3½ |
| Samuel Rhoads, Esq; levelling for inland Navigation, | | 81 | 18 0 |
| William Sheed, Serjeant at Arms, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| William Sheed, Door-keeper to the Council, | | 3 | 15 0 |
| Joseph Penrose, Expences of Road from Reading to Augusta, | | 200 | 0 0 |
| Alexander St. Clair, Esq; paid for Express to General Gage, | | 25 | 0 0 |
| The Honourable Richard Penn, Esq; Two Certificates, | | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| Overseers of the Poor of Philadelphia, for the French Neutrals, | | 100 | 0 0 |
| William Allen, Esq; Chief Justice, | | 200 | 0 0 |
| Andrew Allen, Esq; Attorney General, | | 75 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Shippen, Esq; Clerk of the Council, | | 30 | 0 0 |
| Ditto for Proclamations, | | 13 | 6 3 |
| Ditto for Postage of Letters, | | 3 | 18 5½ |
| Ditto for Indian Expences, | | 25 | 15 9 |
| William Parr, Esq; Master of the Rolls, | | 13 | 10 4 |
| Isaac Pearson, Esq; inspecting the public Taxes, | | 1 | 10 0 |
| Ditto Service on the public Accounts, | | 12 | 0 0 |
| John Lawrence, Esq; Assistant-Judge, | | 150 | 0 0 |
| John Sellers, Esq; levelling for inland Navigation, | | 6 | 15 0 |
| The Honourable John Penn, Esq; | | 600 | 0 0 |
| Edward Duffield, his Account for attending the State-House Clock, | | 20 | 15 0 |
| Abel Evans, Assistant-Clerk to the House, | | 30 | 0 0 |
| Philosophical Society, per Thomas Coombe, | | 250 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; Barrack-Master in Philadelphia, | | 60 | 0 0 |
| Franklin and Hall, for Votes of Assembly, | | 179 | 11 0 |
| Estate of David Hall, for Stationary, | | 4 | 10 0 |
| Hall and Sellers, for printing Laws, &c. | | 62 | 7 6 |
| Doctor Phineas Bond, for Attendance on French Neutrals, | | 175 | 4 0 |
| David Rittenhouse, levelling for inland Navigation, &c. | | 41 | 15 11 |
| Benjamin Chapman, Esq; on public Accounts, | | 5 | 0 0 |
| Adam Bitting, for pursuing Persons suspected of counterfeiting Money, | | 15 | 4 2 |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; Extra Services, | | 75 | 0 0 |
| Jacob Snair, Indian Expences, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Michael Hillegas, Extra Services, | | 20 | 0 0 |
| Ditto Service on public Accounts | | 12 | 0 0 |
| Charles Moore, Esq; Clerk of the Assembly, | | 195 | 7 0 |
| Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £ 400 Sterling, at 70 per Cent, | | 680 | 0 0 |
| Samuel Shoemaker, Esq; Services on the Accounts, | | 9 | 0 0 |
| Henry Miller, Printing of Votes, | | 77 | 8 0 |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; Judges Expences on the Circuit, | | 26 | 18 5 |
| Managers for the House of Employ for C. Smith, | | 75 | 0 0 |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; Judges Expences on the Circuit, | | 32 | 10 7 |
| Thomas Mifflin, Esq; Services on the Accounts, | | 5 | 10 0 |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; Assistant-Judge, | | 150 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Ellicot, Esq; inspecting public Taxes, | | 2 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; Postage of Letters, | | 1 | 3 0 |
| Judah Foulke, Esq; Judges Expences, | | 7 | 7 4 |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; Judges Expences, | | 9 | 7 10 |
| John Logan, [an Indian] | | 18 | 0 0 |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; Expences of Judges, | | 65 | 0 9 |
| Benjamin Chew, Esq; Judges Expences, | | 31 | 11 1 |
| George Gray, Esq; inspecting public Taxes, | | 6 | 0 0 |
| Samuel Preston Moore, Esq; Disbursements on the £ 150,000, | | 60 | 18 0 |
| Edmund Physick, affixing Seals, | | 10 | 7 0 |
| Frederick Bicking, Paper for the £ 150,000, | | 75 | 12 0 |
| | £ | 5,306 | 9 9 |

Credit carried forward, £ 5,306 9 9

Debit carried forward, £ 13,095 15 10

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*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treaſurer, Continued.*

On Account of the Act for raiſing £ 25,000, *&c.* Continued.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | £ 13,095 15 10 |
| | Credit brought forward, £ 5,306 9 9 | |
| John Winter, painting Fire-buckets belonging to the State-Houſe, | 15 0 0 | |
| John Montgomery, Eſq; Expences for Rangers, | 85 10 1 | |
| Peter Cline, for Expreſſes, | 6 0 0 | |
| William Thompſon, Eſq; on Account of the Rangers, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| John Montgomery, Eſq; ditto | 55 2 5 | |
| John Palmer, his Balance, | 849 16 2 | |
| Joſeph Galloway, Eſq; Provincial Commiſſioner, | 15 0 0 | |
| Benjamin Chew, Eſq; ditto, | 15 0 0 | |
| Joſeph Fox, Eſq; ditto, | 15 0 0 | |
| Thomas Cadwallader, Eſq; ditto | 15 0 0 | |
| Michael Hillegas, ditto | 15 0 0 | |
| Elizabeth Baynton, for her late Huſband, | 15 0 0 | |
| The Honourable John Penn, Eſq; for Diſburſements, | 43 4 2 | |
| | 2,144 12 10 | |
| | £ 7,451 2 7 | |
| By his Commiſſions on £ 7,451 2 7, at 5*s.* per Cent, | | 18 12 6 |
| By his Commiſſions on £ 1,140 15 9½, the late Balance on the Account of the £ 4,000, granted to his Majeſty, per Act paſſed March 24, 1772, and omitted to be charged in that Account, | | 2 17 0 |
| | £ 7,472 12 1 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 5,623 3 9 | |
| | | £ 13,095 15 10 |

On Account of the £ 12,000, ſtruck for the Uſe of the Light-houſe, building Piers, *&c.* per Act paſſed the 26th of *February*, 1773, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account, ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | £ 4,965 0 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid Peter Reeve, per ſeveral Orders of the Wardens of the Port, | £ 4,900 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 24 10 0 | |
| Balance due, | 40 10 0 | |
| | | £ 4,965 0 0 |

ON Adjuſtment of the foregoing Accounts, We find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, the Sum of Twenty-five Thouſand SixHundred and Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence, viz.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| On Account of Duties and Tonnage, per Act paſſed 1758, | £ 2 10 7½ | |
| On Account of the Province Iſland, | 622 17 10 | |
| On Account of the £ 24,000, granted to the King's Uſe, per Act paſſed 1763, | 701 11 0 | |
| On Account of Duties on Tonnage, for ſupporting the Light-houſe, | 1,756 5 4 | |
| On Account of the £ 3,000, appropriated for removing Indian Diſcontents, | 3 9 0 | |
| On Account of the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be deſtroyed according to Law, | 2,682 13 7½ | |
| On Account of the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, which likewiſe remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be deſtroyed as aforeſaid, | 12,839 9 5 | |
| On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated for Indian Treaties, | 331 12 3 | |
| On Account of the £ 5,000, appropriated for purchaſing Ground adjoining the State-Houſe Lot, | 998 10 8 | |
| On Account of the £ 25,000, granted for Support of Government, per Act paſſed the 21ſt of March, 1772, | 5,623 3 9 | |
| On Account of the £ 12,000, iſſued per Act of Aſſembly, paſſed February 26, 1773, | 40 10 0 | |
| | | £ 25,602 13 6 |

Which Sum of Twenty-five Thouſand Six Hundred and Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Six-pence the Provincial Treaſurer produced to the Committee in Gold and Silver, and in Paper Bills of Credit of this and the neighbouring Provinces, which we counted.

WE have received of the Treaſurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £ 14,000, iſſued per Act of Aſſembly paſſed February 18, 1769, the Sum of £ 712 15 0

Which Sum we have burnt and deſtroyed according to Law.

We have likewiſe received of the Treaſurer, appointed by the Commiſſioners elected by Virtue of the Act paſſed in the 9th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, entituled, "An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleaning the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of Philadelphia," the Sum of Five Hundred and Ninety Pounds, being the Remainder of the ſecond Year's Payment of the £ 8,000, Part of the £ 15,000, raiſed by Act of Aſſembly, paſſed the 9th of March, 1771.

Received alſo of the ſame Treaſurer the Sum of One Hundred and Sixty-nine Pounds Ten Shillings, being Part of the third Year's Payment of the £ 8,000 aforeſaid.

Which Sums of £ 590 and £ 169 10 0, being of the proper Bills of Credit, iſſued in Purſuance of the ſaid Act, paſſed the 9th of March, 1771, we have burnt and deſtroyed according to Law.

The remaining Part of the Third Year's Payment, required to be ſunk according to Law, is partly collected, and remains in the Hands of the ſaid Treaſurer, ready to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit.

The AMOUNT of the Paper Bills of Credit, burnt and destroyed by the Committee of Assembly this Year, is £ 29,483 12 10½, *viz.* 1774. *September 27.*

ON Account of the Quotas received by Samuel Preston Moore, on the old Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, —— £ 1,169 0 0

## On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| On the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, | £ 916 | 14 | 2 |
| On Negro Duty, | 41 | 8 | 10 |
| On the 10th, 11th and 12th Eighteen-penny Taxes, | 490 | 2 | 3 |
| On the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, | 148 | 0 | 8 |
| On the 14th ditto | 165 | 13 | 1 |
| On the 15th ditto | 516 | 3 | 1½ |
| On the 16th ditto | 15,843 | 17 | 10½ |
| | | | 18,122 0 0 |

## On Excise as follows, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Of the Bills, Part of the £ 20,000, issued per Act passed May 20, 1767, | £ 624 | 0 | 0 |
| Of the Bills, Part of the £ 16,000, issued per Act passed Feb. 18, 1769, | 3,805 | 12 | 0 |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, Part of the £ 7,000, in the same Act mentioned, | 1,603 | 3 | 9 |
| Of the Bills, Part of the £ 25,000, issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, | 2,687 | 12 | 1½ |
| | | | 8,720 7 10½ |
| On Account of the £ 14,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed February 18, 1769, for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit of that Emission, —— —— | | | 712 15 0 |
| On Account of the £ 8,000, Part of the £ 15,000, issued by Act of Assembly passed the 9th of March, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission received of the Treasurer, appointed by the City Commissioners as before mentioned, viz. | | | |
| The Remainder of their second Payment, —— —— | £ 590 | 0 | 0 |
| And in Part of their third Payment, —— —— | 169 | 10 | 0 |
| | | | 759 10 0 |
| | | | £ 29,483 12 10½ |

# DEBTS OUTSTANDING, *due to the Province.*

## On Account of the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FROM Philadelphia County, | on the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, —— | | | £ 5,800 | 13 7¾ |
| Bucks County, | on the 17th ditto, —— —— | | | 569 | 7 0 |
| Chester County, | on the 16th ditto, —— | £ 114 | 17 3½ | | |
| | on the 17th ditto, —— | 1,991 | 13 0 | | |
| | | | | 2,106 | 10 3½ |
| Lancaster County, | on the 17th ditto, —— —— | | | 1,150 | 15 6 |
| York County, | on the 12th ditto, —— | £ 181 | 10 6 | | |
| | on Estates of Non-residents, — | 340 | 11 6½ | | |
| | on the 16th Eighteen-penny Tax, | 57 | 2 5 | | |
| | on the 17th ditto, —— | 689 | 19 8 | | |
| | | | | 1,269 | 4 1½ |
| Cumberland County, | on the 10th, 11th and 12th 18d. Taxes, —— | £ 243 | 0 6¾ | | |
| | on the 13th Eighteen-penny Tax, | 264 | 16 7 | | |
| | on the 14th ditto, —— | 177 | 7 3½ | | |
| | on the 15th ditto, — | 292 | 10 8 | | |
| | on the 16th ditto, —— | 380 | 12 2 | | |
| | on the 17th ditto, —— | 812 | 15 3 | | |
| | | | | 2,171 | 2 6¼ |
| Berks County, | on the 17th ditto, —— —— | | | 101 | 0 9 |
| Northampton County, | on the 17th ditto, — —— | | | 241 | 15 8 |
| Bedford County, | on the 15th ditto, —— | £ 601 | 6 5½ | | |
| | on the 16th ditto, — | 271 | 14 0 | | |
| | on the 17th ditto, —— | 331 | 7 5 | | |
| | | | | 1,204 | 7 10½ |
| Northumberland Co. | on the 16th ditto, —— | £ 723 | 3 8 | | |
| | on the 17th ditto, —— | 1,053 | 1 11½ | | |
| | | | | 1,776 | 5 7½ |
| Westmoreland County, | on the 17th ditto, not brought in. | | | | |
| The Honourable the Proprietaries, exclusive of their Taxes in the several Counties not brought in. —— —— | | | | 1,425 | 9 2¾ |
| | | | | £ 17,816 | 12 2¼ |

## On Account of Excise, *viz.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From the Estate of Joseph Stretch, late Collector of Philadelphia County, — | | | | £ 320 | 12 7½ |
| William Crispin, present Collector of ditto, —— —— | | | | 597 | 10 9 |
| Thomas Tucker, Collector | for Chester County, —— —— | | | 86 | 13 0 |
| Sebastian Graaff, ditto | for Lancaster County, —— | | | 362 | 16 9 |
| Henry Miller ditto | for York County, —— —— | | | 80 | 7 0 |
| Thomas Beard, ditto | for Cumberland County [not settled.] | | | | |
| The Estate of Jasper Scull, late Collector for Berks County, —— | | | | 135 | 10 2 |
| John Biddle, present Collector for ditto, —— —— | | | | 114 | 7 1 |
| Jesse Jones Collector | for Northampton County, —— —— | | | 34 | 0 2 |
| Thomas Urie, ditto | for Cumberland County [not settled.] | | | | |
| Thomas Lemon, ditto | for Northumberland County [not settled.] | | | | |
| James Kinkead, ditto | for Bedford County [not settled.] | | | | |
| | | | | 1,731 | 17 6½ |
| | | Amount carried forward, | | £ 19,548 | 9 8¾ |

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*Outſtanding Debts, due to the Province, Continued.*

Amount brought forward, £ 19,548 9 8¼

ALSO,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| From the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, | £ 2,586 15 11¾ | | |
| Samuel Penroſe's Balance of Rent of the Provincial Iſland, | 167 9 8 | | |
| Thomas Coombe, on Account of Negro Duty, [not ſettled.] | | 2,754 | 5 7¼ |

Beſides the following Debts, reported by former Committees, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| From the Commiſſioners appointed by Law for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, | £ 22 0 7½ | | |
| The Eſtate of Richard Pearne, deceaſed, | 1,818 5 11 | | |
| The Commiſſioners of the Indian Trade, | 3,056 5 3 | | |
| | | 4,896 11 | 9½ |
| | £ | 27,199 7 | 2 |

*All which is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe, by*

SAMUEL RHOADS,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
SAMUEL MILES,
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,
ISAAC PEARSON."

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Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*September* 28. *Poſt Meridiem* — The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

A Remonſtrance from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Sum of Money granted laſt Year by the Legiſlature for the Relief and Support of ſuch aged, ſick and infirm Neutrals as are yet Reſidents in the ſaid City, is wholly laid out for the Purpoſe for which it was granted, as by the Accounts herewith laid before the Houſe will appear;—that the Remonſtrants therefore think it their Duty to inform the Honourable Houſe, that there is at preſent a conſiderable Number of the ſaid Neutrals, who, from their Age, Sickneſs or Infirmities, are incapable of ſupporting themſelves, and muſt ſuffer greatly, unleſs ſpeedy and conſtant Supplies are afforded them in ſuch Manner as their particular Circumſtances may from Time to Time require:—That the Remonſtrants therefore requeſt the Houſe will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as to them ſhall appear neceſſary. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*Ordered*, That the Accounts attending the foregoing Remonſtrance be referred to the Committee of Incidental Expences for Examination.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant, and after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put by the Speaker, Whether One Hundred Men (Officers included) of the Rangers, now employed on the Frontiers, ſhall be kept up and continued in Pay till the Meeting of the next Aſſembly? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

*Reſolved*, That it be, and it is hereby recommended to the ſucceeding Aſſembly to make Proviſion for paying and victualling the ſaid One Hundred Rangers until the 14th of *October* next.

An Anſwer to his Honour's Meſſage being then drawn at the Table, and agreed to, it was ordered to be tranſcribed.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" reported, that they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bill into his immediate Conſideration.

The Committee for Incidental Expences reported a Liſt of the Accounts and Salaries of the paſt Year, which was taken into Conſideration by the Houſe, and Motion being made for raiſing the Salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Allowance to the ſaid Officers ſhall be increaſed to *Four Hundred Pounds* for the late and preſent Chief Juſtice, and *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Aſſiſtant Judges? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*September* 29. *Poſt Meridiem* — The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" and acquainted the Houſe, that he would be in the Council-Chamber at Five o'Clock this Afternoon, to enact the ſaid Bill into a Law.

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* join with the Secretary in comparing the engroſſed Copy of the ſaid Bill with its Original. 1774. *September* 29.

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage being tranſcribed according to Order, was ſigned by the Speaker, and is as follows, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

THE Houſe taking into their Conſideration your Meſſage of the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant, recommending the Expediency of keeping up the Troops employed by this Government, "or a Part of them," have agreed to continue One Hundred Men (Officers included) until the Meeting of the next Aſſembly, and have recommended it over to that Aſſembly, to make Proviſion for their Support and Maintenance. Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage from the Aſſembly.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*September* 29, 1774. JOSEPH GALLOWAY, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* wait on the Governor, and deliver the above Meſſage.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of the *French* Neutrals, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer do pay into the Hands of the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, for Relief and Support of the ſaid French Neutrals.

Mr. *Pearſon* reported, he had aſſiſted the Secretary in comparing the engroſſed Copy of the Supply Bill with its Original, and found them to agree.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Meſſage, reported, they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Committee appointed in *January* laſt to examine the Machine conſtructed by *Arthur Donaldſon*, of this City, for deepening and cleanſing of Docks, *&c.* made a Report thereon in Writing, which being preſented at the Table, was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, we have viewed the Machine invented and made by *Arthur Donaldſon*, for raiſing Mud or Gravel in deep Water, and diſcharging the ſame above the Surface, have obſerved its Operation and Effects when applied to Uſe, and are of Opinion, that it will well anſwer the Purpoſe of cleanſing Docks and removing Beds of Gravel, *&c.* and that the Inventor of this very uſeful Machine ought to be recommended to the particular Notice of the next Aſſembly, for that public Encouragement which his Merit entitles him to. Report of the Committee.

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CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
JOSEPH FERREE,
MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
SAMUEL RHOADS,
SAMUEL MILES,
JOSEPH ELLICOTT,
WILLIAM RODMAN."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report,

*Reſolved*, That the ſame be, and it is hereby recommended to the Notice of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

*A Meſſage by Mr.* SECRETARY.

" SIR,

" The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the " Speaker and the Houſe, to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Aſſent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, they had waited on his Honour, and preſented the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Support* " *of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," to which he had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into a Law.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Pearſon* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Law, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

The Truſtees of the *Province Iſland* reported, " That, agreeable to the Directions of the Act of Aſſembly, entituled " *An Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into* " *this Province*," they have appointed a careful Perſon to reſide in, and be Keeper of, the Hoſpital on the ſaid Iſland, and cauſed the neceſſary Repairs to be made therein;—that they have provided ſome Bedding, and other Neceſſaries, for the Accommodation of the Sick, but that more are ſtill requiſite;—that, in Obedience to the Order of the Houſe, they have procured Stones, and engaged Workmen, for repairing the Wharff on the *Delaware* Front of the ſaid Iſland, have levelled from the Creek near the Dwelling-houſe to the River *Schuylkill*, and find it practicable to drain the ſame for about *Fifty* or *Sixty Pounds*."

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They likewiſe report, " That the Doctors, being preſent at the Survey, recommend draining the ſame as highly neceſſary to the Health of the People reſiding on the ſaid Iſland, and have adviſed the Truſtees that a Kitchen ſhould be built near the ſaid Hoſpital, for the better Accommodation thereof, it being much wanted."

The Houſe taking the ſaid Report into Conſideration,

*Ordered*, That the Truſtees do cauſe the ſaid Wharff to be fully repaired, provide ſuch further Neceſſaries as may be wanted, and draw on the Provincial Treaſurer for the Amount of the ſame, to be paid out of the Monies ariſing from the Rent of the ſaid Iſland, and that the Remainder of their Report be referred to the Conſideration of the next Aſſembly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Liſt of Incidental Expences, which being examined, and the Accounts therein referred to allowed by the Houſe, Mr. Speaker, in the Chair, ſigned the ſeveral Orders and Certificates for Payment of the Wages of the Members and Committees, together with the Salaries of Officers, and other contingent Charges of the paſt Year.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to the Thirtieth Inſtant.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1774.

Incidental Expences.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the Honourable *JOHN PENN*, Eſq; Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, — — | £ | 400 | 0 0 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; Agent for this Province in *London*, £ 500 Sterling. | | | |
| To *William Allen*, Eſq; late Chief Juſtice, and *Benjamin Chew*, Eſq; the preſent Chief Juſtice of this Province, —— —— | | 400 | 0 0 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Eſq; one of the Aſſiſtant-Judges, — — | | 200 | 0 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; ditto, —— —— —— | | 200 | 0 0 |
| To *John Morton*, Eſq; for Part of the Year ditto, ——— | | 100 | 0 0 |
| To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; for Extra Services, — — | | 75 | 0 0 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Eſq; his Salary as Attorney General, —— | | 75 | 0 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts, 24 Days, at 10*ſ.* ——— ——— | | 12 | 0 0 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Eſq; for ditto, 19 Days, — — | | 9 | 10 0 |
| To *Samuel Miles*, Eſq; for ditto, 19 Days, ——— | | 9 | 10 0 |
| To *Thomas Mifflin*, Eſq; for ditto, 4 Days, — — | | 2 | 0 0 |
| To *Benjamin Chapman*, Eſq; for ditto, 17 Days, —— —— | | 8 | 10 0 |
| To *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſq; for ditto, 23 Days, ——— | | 11 | 10 0 |
| To Mr. *Charles Moore*, for his Attendance as Clerk of the Houſe, and for tranſcribing and engroſſing Laws, Votes, Meſſages, *&c. &c. &c.* | | 175 | 3 6 |
| To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Aſſiſtant-Clerk to the Houſe, | | 30 | 0 0 |
| To *Joſeph Shippen*, jun. Eſq; his Salary as Clerk of the Council, - | | 30 | 0 0 |
| To ditto, for his Account of Poſtage of Letters on public Affairs, | | 8 | 5 5 |
| To ditto, for his Account of Warrants, Certificates, Proclamations, and Stationary for the Governor and Council, ——— | | 26 | 0 3 |
| To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-houſe Clock, *&c.* | | 20 | 15 0 |
| To *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq, his Salary as Barrack-Maſter, ——— | | 60 | 0 0 |
| To Mr. *William Bowsman*, his Salary as Barrack-Maſter at *Lancaſter*, | | 20 | 0 0 |
| To *Edmund Phyſick*, Eſq; as Keeper of the Great Seal, —— | | 9 | 6 0 |
| To *William Parr*, Eſq; Maſter of the Rolls, as per Account, — | | 9 | 7 1 |
| To Meſſrs: *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* as per Account, ——— ——— ——— | | 26 | 4 6 |
| To the Eſtate of Mr. *David Hall*, deceaſed, for Stationary for the Houſe, —— —— —— —— | | 5 | 7 0 |
| To *William Sheed*, Serjeant at Arms, for his Services to the Houſe, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| To ditto, for his Services as Doorkeeper to the Council, ——— | | 4 | 7 6 |
| To *Andrew M'Nair*, for his Attendance as Doorkeeper to the Houſe, | | 18 | 15 10 |
| To ditto, for his Account of *Indian* Expences, — — | | 3 | 10 4 |
| To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing the Fourth Volume of Votes, as per Account, ——— ——— ——— | | 483 | 15 0 |
| To ditto, for printing Votes, Advertiſements, *&c.* as per Account, | | 76 | 2 6 |
| To Mr. *Benjamin Loxley*, for his Trouble and Expences in unſpiking Cannon, ——— ——— ——— | | 219 | 11 5 |
| To *George Dunlap*, for paving round the Pumps at the State-houſe, | | 2 | 5 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for *Indian* Expences, — — | | 4 | 17 0 |
| To ditto, for Caſh paid to Clerks on Tax-Books, —— | | 2 | 5 0 |
| To Mr. *Matthew Clarkſon*, as Clerk to the late Provincial Commiſſioners, —— —— —— —— | | 4 | 18 3 |
| Amount carried forward, | £ | 2,753 | 6 7 |

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| | £ | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amount brought forward, | 2,753 | 6 | 7 |
| To Mr. Matthew Clarkson, for examining Tax-Books, as per Account, | 12 | 19 | 6 |
| To Mr. *Samuel Ridley*, for glazing the State-house Windows, — | 7 | 16 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Thomas Morris*, for mending the State-house Windows, | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Samuel Taylor*, for binding Votes of Assembly, —— | 51 | 8 | 3 |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; the Balance of his Account of Sundries supplied the Barracks, —— —— —— —— | 160 | 16 | 8½ |
| To Doctor *William Kinnersley*, for the Cure of *John Hendricks*, a friendly *Indian*, —— —— —— —— | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *William Murdock*, for lodging and boarding the said *Indian*, | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Reuben Haines*, for Sundries bought for ditto, —— | 0 | 16 | 11 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; Balance of his Account of Disbursements, | 1 | 11 | 4 |
| To Mr. *William Bowsman*, for Sundries for the *Lancaster* Barracks, as per Account, —— —— —— —— | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| To *William M'Clay*, Esq; for *Indian* Expences at Fort *Augusta*, — | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| To *John Morton*, Esq; Provincial Commissioner, — — | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Extra Services, — — | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Daniel Evans*, for Smiths Work, —— —— | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| To Mr. *Evan Peters*, for mending Pumps, — — — | 0 | 12 | 6 |
| To Mr. *Daniel Richards*, for his Account of Carpenters Work, — | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| To *William Thompson*, Esq; for *Indian* Expences, — — | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| To ditto, for ditto, expended by Colonel *Croghan*, — — | 30 | 13 | 4 |
| To ditto, on Account of Rangers, — — — | 682 | 19 | 2 |
| To *Arthur St. Clair*, Esq; for Presents made the *Indians*, &c. — | 81 | 5 | 9 |
| To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, for Support of Neutrals, —— —— —— —— | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; for Disbursements, — | 43 | 4 | 2 |
| To Mr. *John Winter*, for painting Fire-buckets for the State-house, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Montgomery*, Esq; for his Account of Expences for Rangers, | 85 | 10 | 1 |
| To Mr. *Peter Cline*, for Expresses, —— —— | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Thompson*, Esq; on Account of Rangers, — — | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Montgomery*, Esq; on Account of ditto, — — | 55 | 2 | 5 |
| To Mr. *John Palmer*, for the Balance of his Account, —— | 849 | 16 | 2 |
| To *Joseph Galloway*, Esq; Provincial Commissioner, — — | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; ditto, — — — | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; ditto, —— —— | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Cadwalader*, Esq; ditto, — — — | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; ditto, —— —— | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mrs. *Elizabeth Baynton*, for her late Husband, for Extra Services, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| £ | | | |

WE, the Committee for Incidental Expences, have examined the several Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

*Philadelphia, September* 28, 1774.

GEORGE GRAY,
JOHN BROWN,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
JAMES EWING,
JOHN MONTGOMERY."

## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1774, *P. M.*

1774. October 14. Poſt Meridiem

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected and choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly as Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, for the enſuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia.*
*George Gray,*
*Henry Pawling,*
*John Dickinſon,*
*Joſeph Parker,*
*Iſrael Jacobs,*
*Jonathan Roberts,*
*Michael Hillegas,*
*Samuel Rhoads.*

For the City of *Philadelphia.*
*Thomas Mifflin,*
*Charles Thomſon.*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*John Brown,*
*John Foulke,*
*William Rodman,*
*Benjamin Chapman,*
*Joſeph Galloway,*
*Robert Kirkbride,*
*Gerardus Wynkoop,*

For the County of *Bucks.*
*John Haney.*

For the County of *Cheſter.*
*Benjamin Bartholomew,*
*John Jacobs,*
*Joſeph Pennock,*
*James Gibbons,*
*Iſaac Pearſon,*
*Charles Humphreys,*
*John Morton,*
*Anthony Wayne.*

For the County of *Lancaſter.*
*James Webb,*
*Joſeph Ferree,*
*Matthias Slough,*
*George Roſs.*

For the County of *York.*
*James Ewing,*
*Michael Swoope.*

For the County of *Cumberland.*
*William Allen,*
*John Montgomery.*

For the County of *Berks.*
*Edward Biddle,*
*Henry Chreiſt.*

For the County of *Northampton.*
*William Edmonds.*

For the County of *Bedford.*
*Bernhard Daugherty.*

For the County of *Northumberland.*
*Samuel Hunter.*

For the County of *Weſtmoreland.*
*William Thompſon.*

A Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and Laws of this Provice, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *Edward Biddle*, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen Speaker for the enſuing Year, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that, purſuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, have choſen a Speaker for the enſuing Year, and requeſt to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleaſed to receive the Houſe, that they may preſent their Speaker for his Approbation.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

October 15. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would be in the Council-Chamber at Eleven o'Clock this Morning, to receive the Houſe with their Speaker.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

" SIR,

" The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the " Houſe, to preſent their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that the Houſe had waited on his Honour, and preſented their Speaker, of whom the Governor had been pleaſed to approve, and that he (the Speaker) had then, in the Name and on Behalf of the Houſe, claimed their uſual Privileges, *viz.*

*Firſt*, That the Members of the Houſe, during their Sitting, may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propoſitions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may at all ſeaſonable Times have free Acceſs to the Governor, the better to enable them to diſcharge the Buſineſs of the Public.

*Thirdly*, That their Perſons and Eſtates may be free from all Manner of Arreſts, Moleſtations and Injuries during the Time of accuſtomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*,

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*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into Resolves, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and of reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charter of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, "They "were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might rely "on his Protection."

The Qualification by Law appointed to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration, being prepared, were then taken and subscribed, first by Mr. Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeding, as usual, to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this House, for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

*Resolved*, That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed Assistant-Clerk to the House, for the ensuing Year. And he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

*Resolved*, That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Doorkeeper to the House, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Owen Jones*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treasurer of this Province, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Morton*, with the Speaker, be a Committee of Correspondence, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee of Grievances, for the ensuing Year; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records, as Occasions may require.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and other public Accounts, of the ensuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Papers and Records by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Allen*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House, for the ensuing Year, before they are printed.

*Resolved*, That the said Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed and published Weekly, being first revised by the Committee appointed for that Purpose; and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Person, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, That if any four Members, upon the Decision of a Question, shall desire to have the Yeas and Nays, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Minutes of the House, it shall be allowed.

*Resolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Agent of this Province, for the ensuing Year, to solicit and transact the Affairs thereof in *Great-Britain*.

*Resolved*, That *Joseph Fox*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *William Bowsman*, of the Borough of *Lancaster*, be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the said Borough, for the ensuing Year.

A Petition from *Abraham Mitchell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed the Officer for collecting the Duties arising on spirituous Liquors in the said City and County of *Philadelphia*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*Resolved*, That *William Crispin*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Philadelphia*, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *John Woolston* be, and he is hereby appointed the Collector of Excise in the County of *Bucks*, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Thomas Tucker* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the County of *Chester*, for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*,

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*Reſolved*, That *Sebaſtian Graaff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Lancaſter*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Henry Miller* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *York*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Berks*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jeſſe Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northampton*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Urie* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Bedford*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *James Kincaid* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northumberland*, for the enſuing Year.

Upon Motion by Mr. *Roſs*,

*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That *John Dickinſon*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby added to the Committee of Deputies appointed by the late Aſſembly of this Province to attend the General Congreſs now ſitting in the City of *Philadelphia* on *American* Grievances.

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will provide an Entertainment, to be given on *Thurſday* next, to the Deputies from the ſeveral Colonies attending public Buſineſs in this City.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Roſs*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to provide and ſuperintend the ſaid Entertainment, and that Mr. Speaker do invite the Gentlemen of the Congreſs accordingly.

It being repreſented by Mr. *Hillegas*, that *Cayaſhuta*, an *Indian* Chief of Note, and a Friend to this Province, is now in Town, and in Want of ſome Neceſſaries,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* do procure the Neceſſaries requeſted by the ſaid *Indian* Chief, defray his Expences while in Town, and preſent him with the Sum of *Ten Pounds* in Behalf of this Government.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*October* 17. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

A written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe.

'GENTLEMEN,

'BY the lateſt Intelligence from the Weſtward, the Earl of *Dunmore* was ſet out on an Expedition down the *Ohio* againſt the *Shawaneſe Indians*; and it is very uncertain as yet whether the Troubles on the Frontiers may ſubſide: I therefore find it incumbent on me to recommend to your Conſideration the Propriety of keeping in Pay for a longer Time the Rangers employed by this Government; or taking ſuch other Meaſures as you may judge, on this Occaſion, moſt proper for the public Security.

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Sundry Petitions from a conſiderable Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants in different Parts of the County of *Cheſter* were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that Doubts have ariſen among the Petitioners reſpecting the true Conſtruction and Meaning of the Act of General Aſſembly, directing the Mode of laying out public Roads and Highways within this Province, and praying the Houſe would prepare and paſs a Bill to explain and amend the ſaid Act. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition ſigned by many Inhabitants of the County of *Berks*, and other adjoining Counties, againſt the Practice of firing Guns on New-Year's Day, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the *Low Dutch Reformed* Congregation of *North-* and *Southampton*, in the County of *Bucks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Act of the Legiſlature, to enable them to make Sale of a certain Tract of Land belonging to the ſaid Congregation, and to apply the Monies ariſing therefrom to the Uſes and Purpoſes mentioned in their Petition. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*October* 18. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *October* 19.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Charles Thomſon* and Mr. *Slough*, this Day appearing, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the Seventeenth Inſtant, relative to the Rangers employed on the Frontiers, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Rangers be continued in Pay until the Firſt Day of *November* next, and then diſbanded, it not appearing to the Houſe that their Service on the Frontiers is any longer neceſſary.

*Reſolved*,

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*Resolved*, That *George Gray*, *Michael Hillegas*, *Thomas Mifflin* and *Charles Humphreys*, Esquires, or any Three of them, with the Consent and Approbation of the Governor of this Province for the Time being, may draw Orders on the Provincial Treasurer for any Sum not exceeding *Fourteen Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, to be disposed of in discharging the Arrears of Pay, and the Expence of Victualling the said Rangers;—the said Sum to be paid out of the Monies remaining in his Hands by Virtue of an Act of Assembly, passed the Twenty-ninth of *September* last, entituled, "*An Act for the "Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Thomson* and Mr. *Rodman* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Answer to the Governor's Message.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the ruinous Condition of the State-house Steeple, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendants of the State-house do take immediate Care to have the wooden Part of the Steeple taken down, and the Brick Work cheaply covered to prevent its being damaged by the Weather.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Answer to the Governor's Message, reported, they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which being agreed to by the House, was transcribed by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your Honour*,

Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

HAVING taken into our Consideration the Matter referred to us in your Message of the Seventeenth Instant, we are of Opinion, that the Rangers employed by this Government should be disbanded by the First of *November* next, as their Service on the Frontiers does not appear to us to be any longer necessary.

We have provided, agreeable to the Resolution sent herewith, for the Payment of the Arrears that may be due, and for the incidental Charges that have accrued for this Service.

As the Safety of the Province in great Measure depends upon having a Supply of Arms ready on any Emergency, we trust your Honour will give Orders, at the Time of disbanding the Men, that the Arms, with which you have supplied them, may be collected and deposited in some Place of Security.

*Signed by Order of the House*,

*October* 19, 1774. EDWARD BIDDLE, *Speaker*."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Answer to his Message, and acquaint him, that the House incline to adjourn to *Monday*, the Fifth of *December* next, if he has no Objection thereto.

A Petition from *Caspar Weaver*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Berks* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported, they had delivered the Answer of the House, and their verbal Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he had no Objection to the Time of Adjournment proposed by the House.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The Rules of the House for regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members, were read as usual, and some Additions thereto being made, and agreed to be observed, the Whole are as they severally follow, *viz.*

*First*, That any Member carrying himself indecently towards the Speaker, or any of the Members, by Reflections, or otherways, in the House, or shall transgress this or any of the subsequent Rules, shall, for the first Offence, be reproved, for the second and other Offences fined, as the House thinks fit, not exceeding *Ten Shillings*.

*Secondly*, That any Member offering to speak, stand up in his Place, and direct his Speech to the Chair, and speak pertinently to the Occasion, and having ended, sit down. None to speak above twice to one Matter (especially upon Bills) without Leave of the Speaker.

*Thirdly*, That none presume to interrupt another, nor offer to speak until the first sits down.

*Fourthly*, That no Member presume to pass between the Chair and a Member speaking.

*Fifthly*, That the Members forbear talking to each other, and keep Silence, unless when they have Occasion to speak in Order, as aforesaid.

*Sixthly*, That no Member endeavour to pervert the Sense of another's Speech.

*Seventhly*, That the Speaker have Power to stop all unnecessary, tedious and superfluous Discourse, and to command Silence when needful.

*Eighthly*, That the Members avoid naming others, when they have Occasion to ob-

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ſerve or take Notice of their Speech; but have Reſpect to the Time of their Speaking, or to the Seat they have, as right or left Hand of the Chair, *&c.*

*Ninthly*, That no Member preſume to go in or out of the Houſe before the Speaker, (he being preſent) nor depart the Houſe without his Leave.

*Tenthly*, That upon Debates and paſſing of Bills the Majority of Votes ſhall govern; and when the Votes of the Members are equal in Number, the Speaker ſhall have the caſting Vote.

*Eleventhly*, That the Speaker may, with the Conſent of the Houſe, require any Member offending, to ſtand at the Bar, and there receive the Cenſure of the Houſe.

*Twelfthly*, That no Member preſume to divulge the Debates or Secrets of the Houſe.

*Thirteenthly*, That no Member who is againſt the Body of a Bill, ſhall be appointed to be of a Committee concerning that Bill.

*Fourteenthly*, That the Speaker have Power to nominate Perſons for Committees, and that none who are nominated refuſe the Service; not that any of the Members ſhall be hereby debarred of their Privilege of nominating Perſons, if they think fit, or rejecting ſuch as are nominated by the Speaker; in which Caſe the Opinion of the Houſe ſhall govern.

*Fifteenthly*, That Bills to be paſſed into Laws, may be brought in by any particular Member, or received by them, or the Speaker, from others, and preſented to the Houſe, who is to order the Clerk loudly to read them, and, after Reading, to be reſpectfully delivered to the Speaker, and him to mark or note (by Breviate, or otherwiſe) all Bills, and declare the Nature and Uſe of the ſame; which, if not rejected, to cauſe to be read a ſecond time; and after deliberate Conſideration thereon, and Amendment made, if needful, cauſe it to be read a third time, and ſent to the Governor, as the Houſe ſhall think fit, for his Aſſent; but that no Bill be read twice in one Day, except on extraordinary Occaſions.

*Sixteenthly*, That at the firſt Reading of Bills the Members avoid any cloſe Debate, and ſeriouſly deliberate on the Contents, in order to their better Information before the ſecond Reading; and that the ſaid Bills do lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe; and that no Member preſume to carry a Bill, or other Paper, out of the Houſe without Leave.

*Seventeenthly*, That all Queſtions put by the Speaker, to know the Mind of the Houſe, be anſwered by the Members in the Affirmative by ſtanding up, and thoſe in the Negative by keeping their Seats.

*Eighteenthly*, That if it ſhall at any Time happen that a Debate proves tedious, and any Four Members ſhall ſtand up and requeſt the Speaker to put the Matter in Debate to the Vote, he ſhall not refuſe it.

*Nineteenthly*, That after the Meeting of any Aſſembly (the Regularity of Elections being firſt inſpected) Committees ſhall be appointed on the ſeveral Occaſions of their Seſſions, ſo far as they have Knowledge thereof, wherein the Commands of the Crown ſhall be preferred, and next thoſe of the Governor; after which Inſpection ſhall be made into the Laws for Safety of the Government.

*Twentiethly*, That every Member abſent upon any Meeting of the Houſe, ſhall be liable to be ſent for by the Members preſent, at the Expence of ſuch abſent Member.

*Twenty-firſtly*, That every Member who ſhall abſent himſelf from the Service of the Houſe without Leave from the Speaker, for ſo doing ſhall be ſubject to a Fine of *Five Shillings* for every Day's Abſence, unleſs ſuch Member can aſſign to the Houſe a ſatisfactory Reaſon for the ſame.

*Twenty-ſecondly*, That ſuch Members as do not appear at the Place of Meeting within Half an Hour after the Time appointed in the Fore- and Afternoon, ſhall pay *One Shilling*; but if a Quorum be not preſent at the ſame Time, then each abſent Member ſhall pay *Two Shillings*; and *Eighteen-pence* for every Hour's Abſence after, unleſs he can ſhew Cauſe; to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, which ſhall be determined by an immediate Vote.

*Reſolved*, That the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, qualified to elect Members of Aſſembly, ſhall be admitted to hear the Debates of this Houſe, at ſuch Times, and under ſuch Regulations and Reſtrictions, as the Houſe ſhall think proper.

Adjournment *October* 20.

The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the County of *Cheſter* reſpecting the Right of laying out public Roads and Highways were read the ſecond time, and after ſome Debate thereon, referred to further Conſideration at the next Meeting of the Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from *Berks*, and other adjoining Counties, for ſuppreſſing the Practice of firing Guns on New-Year's Day;—the Petitions from *Samuel Burman* and *Caſpar Weaver*, inſolvent Debtors, and the Petition of the *Low Dutch Reformed* Congregation of the County of *Bucks*, for Selling a certain Tract

Tract of Land, and, after some Time spent therein, resolved, that the said Petitions be again taken up at their next Sitting; the said Congregation giving public Notice, in the mean Time, of their Application to the House, by advertising the same in the News-Papers. 1774. October 20.

*Ordered*, That the Bill prepared by the late Assembly for the Relief of *William Waters*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Bucks* County, be recommended to Consideration at the next Meeting of the House.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *October 21.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Ross*, or any Four of them, with the Speaker, be a Committee to settle the Accounts of the Entertainment given Yesterday, and of the Expences attending the Sitting of the Congress; and that the said Committee do draw Orders, for discharging the same, on *Samuel Preston Moore*, Esq; to be paid out of the Interest-Money in his Hands.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be added to the Committee appointed to inspect the Printing the Laws of this Province.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Superintendants of the State-House do give Directions for removeing the Bar of the Supreme Court, and cause a larger and more convenient one to be erected in its Place.

The House then adjourned to *Monday*, the Fifth of *December* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

MR. Speaker, with Fifteen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. *December 5. Post Meridiem* Adjournment

The Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, pursuant to the Adjournment of Yesterday, and a Quorum being still wanting, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *December 6. Post Meridiem* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with most of the Members present last Night, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and several being yet wanting, to complete a Quorum, *December 7.*

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do give immediate Notice by the Serjeant at Arms to Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Kirkbride*, Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Gibbons*, that their Attendance is required at Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon, without Fail.

The Members then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

A Quorum met. *December 8.*

Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Ewing*, appearing this Day, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Pearson* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that a House being met, pursuant to their Adjournment, they are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

A Petition from *John Burrows*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Mariner, confined in the Gaol of the said City for Debt, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Ludowick Bitting*, of the County of *Berks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner has good Reasons to suspect that *Caspar Weaver*, now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the said County, has concealed Effects belonging to him, sufficient to pay his Debts, and would rather be relieved by an Act of the Legislature than comply with his Duty;—that the Petitioner has several Witnesses attending, who, upon their Qualifications, will corroborate this Suspicion;—that he therefore prays the said Witnesses may be examined, and in Case the House shall think his Suspicion well supported, that they will reject the Petition of the said *Weaver* now before them. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order; and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Business at present to lay before them, but if any should occur during their Sitting, he would communicate it by a Message.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners conceive that, as they are by Law restrained from electing and sending more than one Representative to the General Assembly of this Province, they enjoy a very partial and inadequate Share of Representation;—that though in the Infancy of this County one Representative might have been deemed sufficient, yet since that Period it has vastly increased both in Wealth *Post Meridiem*

and

1774. *December* 8. and Number of People, and that in a far greater Proportion than the interior Counties, owing to a wide extended Frontier, which has been, and is yet daily increaſing; that this County being large, and having only one Repreſentative, the moſt diſtant Inhabitans have not an Opportunity of ſtating their Grievances to him as they might to a Member reſiding among them;—that from the foregoing Conſiderations, and the Difficulties of the preſent Times, the Petitioners, confiding in the Wiſdom and Juſtice of the Houſe, pray, that a Bill may be prepared and paſſed into a Law to enable the Freemen of the ſaid County qualified to vote for Repreſentatives, to chuſe at the next General Election two Members to repreſent them in the ſucceeding Aſſembly, whereby they may be placed on a more equal Footing with the Inhabitants of other Counties of this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Ludowick Bitting* was again read, and, after ſome Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for further Examination, and a Hearing of the Witneſſes attending in Support of the ſaid Petition.

The Members deputed, in Behalf of this Province, to attend the General Congreſs held at the City of *Philadelphia*, in *September* and *October* laſt, preſented to the Chair a printed Journal of the Reſolutions and Proceedings of the ſaid Congreſs, together with a Report in Writing, which latter was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

WE, the Committee appointed on the Part of this Province, by the late and preſent Houſe of Repreſentatives, to attend the Congreſs of Deputies from the ſeveral Colonies, beg Leave to report the Performance of that Service, as contained in a Journal of the Congreſs, herewith delivered; which we humbly ſubmit to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

EDWARD BIDDLE, CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
*Philadelphia, December* 8, 1774. JOHN DICKINSON, JOHN MORTON."
THOMAS MIFFLIN,

*Ordered*, That the Reading and Conſideration of the Journal of the Proceedings of the General Congreſs be referred till To-morrow.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the outſtanding Debts due to the Province,

*Reſolved*, That the Provincial Treaſurer be directed to call on the Treaſurers of the ſeveral Counties for the Balance of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax; and that he take the neceſſary Steps immediately to enforce Payment of ſuch of the other Balances as are now unpaid.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be, and he is hereby appointed and impowered to demand and receive all Fines ariſing upon any Breach of the Rules of the Houſe, for the Uſe of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

A Petition from divers Perſons, Inhabitants of different Counties of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners have been in this City for a conſiderable Time applying to the Loan-Office for Money upon Mortgage, whoſe Titles upon Examination have been approved of, and are unable to procure the Money wanted from the Truſtees, they alledging there is none ſigned in their Hands;—that the Petitioners, anxious to return home, ſome have waited upon many of the Signers, who acquainted them that they could not attend to ſigning the Bills of Credit, without neglecting their private Buſineſs, which they would not do;—that the Petitioners are kept in Town at a great Expence, attending this Buſineſs without a Proſpect of having it ſoon compleated;—that ſeveral of them have executed Mortgages and Bonds to the Truſtees, on which they are obliged to pay Intereſt from the Time of Signing, notwithſtanding they have not yet been able to procure the Money upon them, to their great Grievance:—That the Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable Houſe will grant them Relief in the Premiſes, by appointing other Perſons to ſign the ſaid Bills of Credit, or by any other Mode that may appear moſt proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that at the Sitting of the Aſſembly in *October* laſt, ſundry Petitions were brought in concerning a Road laid out, by Order of the Governor and Council of this Province, from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Straſsburg*, in *Lancaſter* County, wherein much is ſaid of the State and Circumſtances of ſaid Road, and of the Tranſactions and Proceedings thereto relating;—that ſhould the Houſe go into a full Conſideration of the Premiſes without further Teſtimony reſpecting the ſame, their Deliberations and Proceedings thereon could not (as the Petitioners conceive) be ſo likely to be well adapted to conciliate and quiet the

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Minds of those who are dissatisfied, as a further Enquiry therein might enable them to do:—That the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House will (previous to a full Consideration of the several Allegations contained in the said Petition) give the Gentlemen who laid out the said Road, and such of the Petitioners as may incline to be present, an Opportunity of being heard before a Committee of the House, and of laying such Matters before them as may be necessary for a full Information of the true State of Facts relating thereto, or take such other Order therein as the House may judge most conducive to public Good. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1774. December 9.

Pursuant to the Order of last Night, the House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions and Proceedings of the General Congress, and having spent some Time therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Resolutions of the Congress, and, after some Debate, ordered that the further Consideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning. *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The House taking into Consideration a Petition presented at their last Sitting from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Berks*, against firing Guns on New-Year's Day, *&c.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Chreist* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for suppressing the said Practice.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 10.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *Caspar Weaver* and *Ludowick Bitting* were referred for Examination, reported, "that having considered the said "Petitions, and heard the Witnesses and Allegations of the said *Bitting* against the "Discharge of the said *Weaver* from Imprisonment, they find by the Testimony of "*John Aigener* and *John Conyeuse*, that the said *Weaver* has not given such Satisfaction "to his Creditors as to induce the Committee to recommend his Case to the Consideration of the House."

The House, agreeable to the Order of Yesterday, taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee appointed to attend the General Congress, and the Papers therein referred to,

*Resolved unanimously*, That this House approve the Proceedings and Resolves of the Congress, and do most seriously recommend to the good People of this Province a strict Attention to, and inviolable Observation of, the several Matters and Things contained in the Journal of the Congress.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolution be immediately made public.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from divers Persons applying to borrow Money at the General Loan-Office, *&c.* and after Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Brown* be a Committee to bring in a Bill Supplementary to the Loan-Office Act for appointing a further Number of Signers of the Paper-Money, in Addition to those named in the said Act.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *December* 12. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

A Quorum met. *December* 13.

Mr. *Galloway*, this Day appearing in the House, was qualified as usual, and took his Seat accordingly.

A Petition from the Committee of the County of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that while we are contending with our Mother Country for what we know to be our Birthright, *to wit*, that no Freeman can be deprived of his Liberty or Property but by the Judgment of his Peers, a Precedent of the Contrary is observeable in our own Laws; for by a late Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act for* "*opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways with-*"*in this Province*," it is enacted, that every Supervisor, who shall refuse or neglect to do the Duty by the said Act required, shall be fined *Three Pounds*, to be recovered before any Justice in the County where such Refusal or Neglect shall happen; and although an Appeal to the County Court is allowed by the said Act, the Petitioners apprehend such Fine may and hath been recovered without Trial by Jury, even where such Trial hath been requested, which appears to the Petitioners contrary to the Rights of Freemen: They pray therefore that the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and preserve to the Freemen of this Province and their Posterity, that inestimable Privilege of Trial by Jury, in such Manner as they shall think most proper. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns, *&c.* on New-Year's Day, reported they had essayed a Draught

1774. for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

*December* 13. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions from the County of *Cheſter*, concerning the Road lately laid out from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill* to the Village of *Straſsburg*, in the County of *Lancaſter*, and having ſpent ſome Time therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thomſon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Galloway* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to conſider the ſaid Petitions, and that *Friday*, the 16th Inſtant, be appointed for a Hearing of the Parties before the Committee, who are to report the Reſult thereof to the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the County of *Northampton*, for an additional Member to repreſent the ſaid County in the General Aſſembly of this Province, being again read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe expreſſed in the ſaid Petition.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thouſand Pounds "*in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for Payment of public Debts*," reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lay on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *John Burrows*, Mariner, confined in the Gaol of this City for Debt, was again read by Order, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for allowing an additional Member in Aſſembly to the County of *Northampton*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *Henry William Stiegel*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled*, "*An Act for emitting the* "*Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and pro-* "*viding a Fund for the Payment of public Debts*," by ſpecial Order, was read the ſecond time, and directed to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair, a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preſerving of Shad and Herring for Ex-* "*portation*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Dennis Johnſon*, of the County of *Bucks*, preſented to, and recommended over by, the late Aſſembly, reſpecting the Loſs of one of his Title-Deeds by Fire, was read, *de novo*, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

The Petition from the Grand-Jury of the County of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Recovery of Fines impoſed on Superviſors by the Road Act, without Trial by Jury, was again read, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Ewing* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in* "*Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.*"

The Houſe then proceeding to give their Sentiments to the Committee for better forming the ſaid Bill, the following Queſtions were propoſed, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

*Firſt*, Whether it ſhall be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to bring in a Clauſe for repealing the Power of Juſtices to fine the Superviſors for Neglect of Duty?

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| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Pennock*, | Mr. *Dickinſon*, | Mr. *Chapman*, |
| Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, | Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Morton*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Webb*, |
| Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Wayne*, | Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Ferree*, |
| Mr. *Hainey*, | Mr. *Chreiſt*, | Mr. *Thompſon*, | Mr. *Ewing*, |
| Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Edmonds*. | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Allen*. |
| Mr. *John Jacobs*, | | Mr. *Rodman*, | |

The Members dividing equally on the above Queſtion, the caſting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Negative.

*Secondly*, Whether the Committee ſhall be directed to bring in a Clauſe for taking away

away the Appeal to the Court of Quarter Sessions as the Law now directs, and giving the Appeal to the said Sessions, to be proceeded on there by Indictment?

*Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

1774. *December* 13.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns, &c. on the "Times therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. *December* 14.

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for emitting the "Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and pro- "viding a Fund for the Payment of public Debts,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed in the Fore- noon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into his immediate Consideration, and give it all the Dispatch in his Power. *Post Meridiem*

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *John Burrows* was referred for Enquiry into the Facts, reported thereon, "That having heard the Allegations of "the Petitioner, and his Creditors, they begged Leave to recommend the Case of the "said *Burrows* to the Consideration of the House."

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the "Act, entituled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand "Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and for providing a Fund for the Payment of public "Debts,*" and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the said Bill into a Law whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rodman* wait on his Honour, and inform him, that the House will attend him in the Council-Chamber at any Hour this Afternoon, he shall be pleased to appoint to enact the said Bill into a Law.

The Members return, and report they had delivered their Message, according to Order, and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would meet the House in the Council-Chamber immediately.

*A* Message *by* Mr. *Secretary.*

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "House, to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on his Honour; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on the Governor, and presented the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to "the Act, entituled, "An Act for emitting the Sum of* One Hundred and Fifty Thousand "Pounds *in Bills of Credit on Loan, and providing a Fund for the Payment of public "Debts,*" to which his Honour had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into a Law.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *John Jacobs* do see the Great Seal affixed to the said Law, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *Henry William Stiegel,* confined for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia,* was again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December* 15.

The Committee appointed to see the Great Seal affixed to the Law passed Yesterday, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved, N. C. D.* That the Honourable *Edward Biddle,* Speaker, *John Dickinson, Thomas Mifflin, Joseph Galloway, Charles Humphreys, John Morton* and *George Ross,* Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed Deputies, on the Part of this Province, to attend the General Continental Congress, proposed to be held at the City of *Philadelphia,* on the 10th Day of *May* next; and that they, or any Four of them, do meet the said Congress accordingly, unless the present Grievances of the *American* Colonies shall before that Time be redressed.

*Samuel Rhoads,* Esquire, one of the Deputies for this Province at the late Congress, being now Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia,* is omitted in the above Appointment, it appearing to the House that he could not attend the Service.

*Ordered,*

1774. December 15. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Charles Thompſon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Wayne*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to prepare and bring in Draughts of Inſtructions for the Deputies to the enſuing Congreſs, and of a circular Letter to the Speakers of the ſeveral Colony Aſſemblies, informing them of the Proceedings of this Houſe on the Report of their Delegates at the late Congreſs.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Service of the Delegates for this Province at the late Congreſs,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Delegates be allowed each *Twenty Shillings per Diem*, for their Attendance on that Duty.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Draughts of Inſtructions for the Deputies to the enſuing Congreſs, and of a circular Letter to the Speakers of the ſeveral Colony Aſſemblies, reported Eſſays for thoſe Purpoſes, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the "Northweſt Part of* Bucks *into a ſeparate County,*" was read the ſecond time, and ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 16. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *William Milnor*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Cooper, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed by the Bill now under Conſideration to the Office of Inſpector of Shad and Herring intended for Exportation.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee of Grievances preſented to the Chair a written Report on the Petition of *Daniel Andrews*, of the County of *Berks*, acquainting the Houſe, "That they have "heard and examined into the Application of the ſaid *Andrews*, relative to the Loſs of "ſome Title-Deeds, (of which Application public Notice has been given) and are of "Opinion, that it will be proper to afford him the Relief he prays for."

The Houſe being informed that a Number of the Petitioners from *Cheſter* County affected by the new Provincial Road, are now attending purſuant to the Order of *Tueſday* laſt, for a Hearing before the Committee of the Houſe appointed for that Purpoſe, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

*December* 17. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the "Northweſt Part of* Bucks *into a ſeparate County*, and, "*An Act to ſuppreſs the diſorderly "Practice of firing Guns*, &c. *on the Times therein mentioned*," being tranſcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*December* 19. *Poſt Meridiem*. The Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

*December* 20. A Quorum met.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed on *Saturday* laſt, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration.

A Petition from the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that in Purſuance of an Act of General Aſſembly of this Province, entituled, "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-houſe and "Houſe of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," they, the ſaid Commiſſioners, have purchaſed a Lot of Ground in the ſaid City, for the Purpoſes in the ſaid Act mentioned, and have in Part erected a new Gaol thereon;——that towards defraying the Expence thereof, they have, agreeable to the Directions of the ſaid Act, borrowed on Intereſt ſundry Sums of Money from divers Perſons and Bodies Politic, amounting in the Whole to *Thirteen Thouſand Three Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds*;—that moſt of the Tradeſmen's Accounts remain unſettled, not being yet brought in; and as near as the Petitioners can judge, it will require at leaſt *Eleven* or *Twelve Thouſand Pounds* more to complete the ſaid Gaol, and erect a Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction, as the aforeſaid Act requires; ſo that the Intereſt ariſing on the Sum of Money by the ſaid Commiſſioners borrowed as aforeſaid, and yet to be borrowed, will be a grievous Burthen, and greatly diſtreſſing to the Inhabitants of the ſaid City and County; inaſmuch as the paying the ſaid Intereſt out of the County Levy will reduce the ſame ſo low as to prevent the Commiſſioners from performing many Services neceſſary for the ſaid County, and paying the incidental Expences thereof: That the Petitioners therefore pray the Houſe will

will be pleased to pass an Act for the striking a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit of this Province, for redeeming the Certificates by the said Commissioners issued, and for carrying on and completing the Work agreeable to the aforesaid Act, and that in Consideration of the many Taxes now borne by the said City and County; the sinking the same may be from the Sale of said old Gaol and Work-house, as the said recited Act directs, immediately after finishing the new Gaol and Work-house, and the Remainder be sunk in Four yearly Payments by a Tax of *Nine-pence* in the Pound to be assessed and levied on all Estates real and Personal within the City and County, and that the same commence from and after the First Day of *October*, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1774. December 20.

A Petition from *Robert Thompson*, of the County of *Bucks*, complaining of considerable Injury done him by the laying out a public Road through his Land near his Dwelling-house, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Brown*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner bought an Improvement in *Northampton* County, which cost him near an *Hundred Pounds*;—that he got an Application from the Proprietaries Office, and had a Survey made of One Hundred and Forty Acres by *John Biddle*, one of their Deputies;—that he leased the said Land to a Person, who did not stay long on it;—that some Time after, a Demand was made for the Provincial Tax, and the Petitioner hears the Land has been sold by the Sheriff for the Payment thereof; that only one or two Years Tax was chargeable on the said Land, not exceeding *Twelve* or *Twenty-four Shillings*;—that *John Depuy*, who lives near, having a Mind to purchase a small Part of the said Land, informed the Sheriff that he would give more for Two or Three Acres of it than the Whole has been sold for, to pay the Tax;—that the Petitioner has heard the Proprietary Officers have now patented the same Land to the Purchaser at the Sheriff's Sale, although they had granted it to the Petitioner, who bought the Right of Improvement, and was chargeable with the Quit-rent from the Time it was settled;—that the Petitioner conceives himself to be much aggrieved by this Proceeding, and prays Relief from the House. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill, Supplementary to the Act, entituled, "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads* "*and Highways within this Province*," reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting the North-west Part of* Bucks *into a separate County*," " and, "*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing Guns*, &c. *on the Times therein* "*mentioned*," and acquainted the House, he should be ready to pass the said Bills whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered*, That the said Bills be immediately engrossed.

With the said Bills the Secretary also delivered a written Message from his Honour, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'I Am informed by the Barrack-Master, that the Apartments of the Barracks in the 'Northern Liberties, and the necessary Furniture and Utensils are extremely out of 'Order, and in great Need of Repair: I must therefore recommend this Matter as worthy 'of your immediate Consideration. A written Message from the Governor to the House.

*December* 20, 1774. *JOHN PENN.*"

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee of Grievances upon the Case of *John Burrows*, Mariner, was again read, and, after Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the said *Burrows* and *William Waters*, an insolvent Petitioner at the last Sitting, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

The House then taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee of Grievances on the Petition of *Daniel Andrews*,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose mentioned in his Petition.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *Ebenezer Robinson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, respecting a Machine lately constructed by him for pumping leaky Vessels with greater Expedition and less Fatigue than in the common Way, was presented to the House, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the *Low Dutch Reformed* Congregation of *North-* and *Southampton*, in the County of *Bucks*, presented to, and referred over from, the last Sitting of the House, was again read, and after Consideration,

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*Ordered*, That Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill at the next Sitting, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Mr. *Hillegas* preſented at the Table an Account from *John Read*, for Expences in repairing the Banks of *Deep-Water Iſland* amounting to *Fifteen Pounds One Shilling* and *Six-pence*, which was allowed by the Houſe, and a Certificate being drawn by Order for Payment thereof, the ſame was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to the Member who brought in the Account.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds* "*in the Packing and Preſerving of Shad and Herring for Exportation*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *John Burrows* and *William Waters*, Priſoners for Debt in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks* County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*December* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the preſent bad State of the public Roads and Highways within the ſaid County of *Lancaſter*, and other Counties of this Province, obliges the Petitioners to apply to the Houſe;—that the Trade of the Weſtern Parts of the Province has increaſed very greatly within theſe few Years paſt, and the Roads neceſſary for the Tranſportation of Merchandize and the Product of the County, are now almoſt impaſſable;—that on account of the Inattention paid to the public Highways, large Quantities of Grain, Flax-ſeed, Hemp, Iron, and other Articles of Trade, are daily conveyed to *Baltimore*, and other Parts of *Maryland*, which otherwiſe would naturally be ſent to the *Philadelphia* Market;—that unleſs ſome ſpeedy Stop is put to this growing Evil, there is the higheſt Reaſon to believe, the Trade of the Province in general, and of the City of *Philadelphia* in particular, will be affected and injured very conſiderably;—that the Petitioners beg Leave to ſuggeſt to the Honourable Houſe, that the Act paſſed in the Twelfth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty is by no Means adequate to the Purpoſes thereby intended, of opening, amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways;—that the veſting of a ſingle Juſtice of the Peace with a Power of recovering in a ſummary Way the Fines and Penalties incurred by delinquent Superviſors has had this ill Effect, that Neglects of Duty with reſpect to the Roads have been ſeldom or ever puniſhed; the Magiſtrate generally performing with Reluctance this Branch of his Office in his Neighbourhood, and attempting rather to compromiſe the Complaint, than to have the Highways put in proper Repair, by a rigid Execution of the Law;—that the Election of Freeholders within the Townſhip to adjuſt the Superviſors Accounts, as directed by the ſaid Act, really defeats the good Purpoſes of the Law, and is too often conſidered as a Reſtraint on the Superviſors, deterring them from an active Diſcharge of their Duty, leſt their Accounts ſhould not be allowed as juſt and reaſonable; and that the Appeals provided by the ſaid Law do not obviate the aforeſaid Inconveniences;—that the Petitioners therefore, being well aſſured that the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly will conſider the keeping of the public Roads and Highways in Repair as an Object of the utmoſt Importance to the eſſential Intereſts of the Province, and will uſe every poſſible Means to facilitate the Tranſportation of Merchandize, and the Staple Commodities of the Country, moſt humbly pray that the Houſe will reſume the Conſideration of the preſent Road Laws, and make ſuch Alterations therein, as will moſt effectually contribute to the Eaſe, Welfare and Proſperity of the Province in general.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants and others, Poſſeſſors of drained Marſh on the Iſland of *Tinecum*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, Owners of a certain Piece of drained Marſh Meadow, ſituate on the ſaid Iſland, in the Townſhip of *Ridley*, and County of *Cheſter*, are under a very heavy Expence in maintaining the Banks, Dams and Sluices thereof;—that they apprehend this Burthen may be made conſiderably more equal and eaſy by a Law paſſed for Support of the ſaid Banks, *&c.* and therefore pray the Houſe will be pleaſed to grant them Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the* "*public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" and after ſome Time ſpent therein the following Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.* Whether the Houſe will at this Sitting proceed to the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.

| YEAS. | YEAS. | NAYS. |
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| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Wynkoop*, | Mr. *Dickinson*, |
| Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *Heany*, | Mr. *Parker*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Webb*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Pennock*, | Mr. *Ferree*, |
| Mr. *Charles Thompson*. | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Ross*, |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *Ewing*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Wayne*. | Mr. *Allen*, |
| Mr. *Chapman*, | | Mr. *Chreist*, |
| Mr. *Galloway*, | | Mr. *Edmonds*. |

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The House then adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to* *Post Meridiem*
"*the Act, entituled, "An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the* "*public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *December 22.*

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preserving of Shad* "*and Herring for Exportation,*" and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act* "*for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways* "*within this Province,*" being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved,* That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

A Petition from *John Enouch*, *Jacob Supplee* and *Josiah Supplee*, Sons of *Elizabeth Supplee*, deceased, who was one of the Daughters of *Stoffel Vansand*, deceased, *John Moore*, and *Jane* his Wife, a Daughter of the said *Elizabeth*, *Moses Yocum*, and *Ann* his Wife another of the Daugthers of the said *Elizabeth*, *Jacob Wickerline*, and *Charity* his Wife, also a Daughter of the said *Elizabeth*, and *Jehu Jones*, and *Catharine* his Wife, also a Daughter of the said *Elizabeth*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that on the Fourth Day of *June*, 1749, the said *Stoffel Vansand* made his last Will and Testament, and, among other Things, thereby devised "One Half of his Land, being Fifty "Acres, to his Daughter *Sena*, during her natural Life, but if she should marry, then "she should pay *Thirty Pounds* in Manner following, *viz. Ten Pounds* to her Daughter "*Elizabeth's* Children, *Ten Pounds* to his Daughter *Rachel*, and *Ten Pounds* to his "Daughter *Olshe*; but if she should have Issue, then he gave and bequeathed to said "Issue the aforesaid Fifty Acres of Land, to have and to hold the said Fifty Acres of "Land to them, their Heirs and Assigns forever; but if she died without Issue, then he "directed the aforesaid Land to be sold, and the Money to be equally divided as the "*Thirty Pounds* aforesaid," and appointed his Son *John Vansand* and *Lewis Rue* Executors of his Will, both of whom are since dead;—that after the Death of the Testator, *Rachel Rue*, formerly *Vansand*, one of the Daughters, got into Possession of the Premises, and refuses either to sell or make any Compensation to the other Devisees as a Rent;—that *Olshe*, one of the Daughters of the Testator, is dead, leaving Issue two Children, both Minors, so that no Persons are impowered to sell the said Land, and the Petitioners are hitherto deprived of the Legacies bequeathed to them:—They therefore pray the Honourable House to take their Case into Consideration, and by an Act of Assembly vest the said Land in Trustees to be sold, and the Money arising upon such Sale, to be distributed agreeable to the last Will of the said *Stoffel Vansand*, deceased.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Hugh Dehaven*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying to be appointed to take Care of the State-House Clock.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of their Instructions to the Deputies appointed to attend, on the Part of this Province, at the next General Congress, and having spent some Time therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Committee of Grievances to whom the Petition of *Henry William Stiegel* was *Post Meriaiem*
referred for Enquiry, reported, "That, agreeable to the Notice by them given, they "attended this Day at the Gaol in the City of *Philadelphia*, to hear such Objections as "might be made by the Creditors of the said *Stiegel* against his Discharge from Im-"prisonment, and none of them (though duly notified) attending to oppose his Release, "except one, whose Objections did not appear material, the Committee recommend "him to the House as a proper Object of the Relief he prays for."

*Ordered,* That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of his Petition.

Pursuant

1774. December 23. Purſuant to Leave, as above, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Philadelphia* was again Read:

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, againſt the next Sitting, for the Purpoſe expreſſed in the ſaid Petition.

The Petition of *Robert Thompſon*, of the County of *Bucks*, being again read, was, upon Motion, referred to the Committee of Grievances, to examine into the Facts, and report thereon to the next Sitting of the Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from ſundry Owners and Poſſeſſors of drained Marſh Meadow in the Iſland of *Tinecum*, and

*Ordered*, That Leave be given the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſes mentioned in their ſaid Petition.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *December* 23. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. *Montgomery*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.—Mr. *William Thompſon* alſo appearing and producing the Sheriff's Return of his Election for the County of *Weſtmoreland*, he was qualified and took his Seat in the Houſe.

The Committee appointed to bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage, reported a Draught for that Purpoſe, which was read, agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be tranſcribed.

A Petition from Mr. *David Rittenhouſe*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he is informed Mr. *Edward Duffield* declines taking Care of the public Clock in the State-Houſe, after *March* next, and as he the Petitioner has the Care of the *Time-Piece*, belonging to the Philoſophical Society, which is kept at the Obſervatory in the State-Houſe Square, with aſtronomical Inſtruments for adjuſting it, he conceives it would not be inconvenient for him to take Charge of the ſaid public Clock; and therefore prays the Houſe will be pleaſed to appoint him to that Service, when Mr. *Duffield* ſhall diſcontinue the ſame. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage being tranſcribed according to Order, was ſigned by the Speaker, and is as follows, *viz.*

Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage from the Houſe.

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

THE Houſe have conſidered your Meſſage of the 20th Inſtant, and beg Leave to inform you that they do not think it expedient at this Time to repair the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties*, or to provide Furniture or Utenſils for the ſame.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*December* 23, 1774. EDWARD BIDDLE, *Speaker*,"

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* John Burrows *and* William Waters, &c." being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Roſs* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame, and deliver alſo the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Honour's Meſſage.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for opening and better amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province,*" and acquainted the Houſe that he could not give his Aſſent to the ſaid Bill.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preſerving of Shad and Herring for Exportation,*" with ſome Amendments to the ſame, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration in the Afternoon.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed this Morning, reported they had delivered the ſame, with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Honour's Meſſage, according to Order, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County*, &c." being, upon Motion, read the ſecond time, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *Ebenezer Robinſon*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*,

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thompſon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Wayne* be a Committee to view the Machine conſtructed by the Petitioner, and report their Opinion of its Uſefulneſs to the next Sitting of the Houſe.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preſerving of Shad and Her-*"*ring for Exportation*," and after ſome Time ſpent therein, an Anſwer to the ſaid Amendments being drawn at the Table, and agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languiſhing* "*Priſoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County*, &c." being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame, and that they alſo deliver the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Honour's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Pre-*"*ſerving of Shad and Herring for Exportation.*"

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the County of *Lancaſter*, concerning the State of public Roads to the Weſtern Parts of this Province, was again read, and earneſtly recommended to the Conſideration of the Houſe at their next Sitting.

The Houſe proceeded to a ſecond Reading of the Petition from *John Enouch*, *Jacob Supplee*, *Joſiah Supplee*, and others, and, after ſome Debate thereon, referred the ſaid Petition to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

The Petition of *David Rittenhouſe* being again read, by Order,

*Reſolved*, That the Petitioner be, and he is hereby appointed to take Care of the State-Houſe Clock after the Firſt of *March* next, in the Room of Mr. *Duffield*, who at that Time intends removing to the Country.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the Province was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that it is a melancholy Truth that a conſiderable Share of the Trade of the Weſtern Parts of this Province hath been of late diverted from the City of *Philadelphia*, (where it is the general Intereſt of the Province its Trade ſhould centre) to *Baltimore*, and other Parts of *Maryland*;—that the Reaſon of this is well known to the Houſe, being occaſioned by the Danger, Expence and Difficulty of croſſing the Rivers *Suſquehanna* and *Schuylkill*;—that a Bridge over the latter has for a long Time paſt been thought practicable and abſolutely neceſſary to leſſen in a great Degree thoſe Inconveniences;—that ſundry Applications have been made for the Countenance and Encouragement of the Legiſlature of this Province towards carrying on and completing this important Work, but from the particular Situation of public Affairs at the Times of ſuch Applications, this very uſeful and requiſite Undertaking has been hitherto neglected;—that the Petitioners, are however, now encouraged from the proſperous State of the public Funds, to renew their Requeſt, that the Houſe will be pleaſed to take this Object, of ſo much public Advantage, again into Conſideration;—that though a Bridge over *Schuylkill* hath been by all eſteemed of the greateſt Utility, yet the Expence and Difficulty of erecting and making it permanent have been objected to by ſome;—that many of the Petitioners are, however, confident theſe Objections may eaſily be obviated, not only from their own Obſervations, but becauſe a Workman of Character and Experience has offered to ſeveral of them to erect a ſubſtantial Bridge, with Stone Piers, and a Wooden Superſtructure, well covered and ſecured againſt the Injuries of the Weather, for the Sum of *Eight Thouſand Pounds*—a Sum ſo inconſiderable in Proportion to the Advantages the Public will derive from a Bridge, that it would be almoſt worth while to riſk it for the Experiment, in a Matter of ſuch Conſequence: But for this there is no Neceſſity, as the ſaid Workman hath further offered to give Security not only for the faithful and honeſt Diſcharge of his Undertaking, but that the ſaid Bridge, ſo to be erected by him as aforeſaid, ſhall ſtand unhurt by Ice, Freſhes and other Obſtructions;—that the Petitioners therefore (conſcious that the Honourable Houſe will ever be ready to give all poſſible Encouragement to every Deſign of ſuch general Benefit, and which tends to facilitate an Acceſs to the Metropolis, and to enable the Inhabitants to bring their Produce eaſier and cheaper to Market) humbly pray that the Houſe will be pleaſed to appoint a Committee to view the ſaid River and examine where is the moſt ſuitable and practicable Place for erecting a Bridge over the ſame, and to hear and report all Propoſals for erecting and building the ſaid Bridge, or that the Houſe will be pleaſed to take ſuch other Steps for carrying this important Matter into Execution, as to them in their Wiſdom ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Heirs of *John Taylor*, late of *Thornbury*, in the County of *Cheſter*, Practitioner of Phyſic, deceaſed, for ſupplying a ſuppoſed Defect in their Title to a Tract of Land in the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

1774. December 24. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the Petition of *William Brown*, of the City of *Pailadelphia*,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners from *Philadelphia* and *Cheſter* Counties, reſpecting the *Lancaſter* Road, reported they had not fully heard the ſeveral Parties, ſo as to enable them to make a proper Report to the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee report to the next Sitting.

The Houſe proceeded to conſider the Draught of Inſtructions to the Deputies of this Province, appointed to attend the next General Congreſs, and having ſpent ſome Time therein,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Inſtructions be referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe at their next Meeting.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Heirs of *John Taylor*, deceaſed, was again read, and, upon Conſideration, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition for erecting a Bridge over the River *Schuylkill*, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thomſon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to view the ſaid River, to judge which is the moſt ſuitable Place for building a Bridge to accommodate the Public, alſo to hear the Propoſals mentioned in the ſaid Petition, and report to the Houſe at their next Meeting.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *William Thompſon* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe will be glad to know his Reſult on the Bills before him, as they incline to adjourn this Afternoon to *Monday*, the 20th of *February* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* be requeſted to procure neceſſary Winter Cloathing for Negro *Dublin*, defray the Expence of his Board, and draw on the Provincial Treaſurer for Payment thereof.

Orders being drawn on *Samuel Preſton Moore*, Eſq; in Diſcharge of the Sums allowed to the Deputies of this Province, for their Attendance at the late Congreſs, the ſame were ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to thoſe Gentlemen reſpectively.

An Order was alſo drawn for *Three Pounds* to Mr. *Mifflin*, being the Balance due to him on Account of the Entertainment given to the General Congreſs.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame accordingly, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Objection to the Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe, and would immediately return to them the Bills before him.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, again ſent down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to prevent Frauds in the Packing and Preſerving of Shad and Heering for Exportation,*" and informed the Houſe, that he agreed to withdraw his firſt Amendment to the ſaid Bill, and to admit their propoſed Alteration in Lieu of it.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be altered accordingly.

Mr. Secretary alſo delivered the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* John Burrows *and* William Waters, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *and* Bucks *Counties*," &c. and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William Stiegel, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County*," &c. with an Amendment to each of the ſaid Bills, which being read by Order, and agreed to by the Houſe, the ſaid Amendments were inſerted accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and requeſt to know at what Hour this Afternoon the Houſe ſhall attend his Honour to paſs the ſeveral Bills that have received his Aſſent.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to ſuppreſs the diſorderly Practice of firing Guns*, &c. *on the Times therein mentioned*," and, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, An Act for erecting the North-weſt Part of* Bucks *into a ſeparate County*," being engroſſed according to Order,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* aſſiſt the Members of Council in comparing the ſaid engroſſed Bills with their Originals.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Governor's Support.

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable JOHN PENN, Eſquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, towards his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table, was ſigned by the Speaker, and ordered to be preſented when the Houſe ſhall wait on his Honour with the Bills to be paſſed into Laws.

The

1774. December 24.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would meet the House in the Council-Chamber immediately.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* do see the Great Seal affixed to the Bills that have been agreed on, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office, after they are passed into Laws.

*A Message by Mr.* SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "House, to enact into Laws the several Bills to which he has given his Assent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour, and presented five Bills, respectively entituled as follow, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting the North-west Part of* "Bucks *into a separate County*;—"*An Act to suppress the disorderly Practice of firing* "*Guns*, &c. *on the Times therein mentioned*;"——"*An Act to prevent Frauds in the* "*Packing and Preserving of Shad and Harring for Exportation*;—"*An Act for the Re-* "*lief of* John Burrows, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, and* "William Waters, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Bucks *County, with respect to* "*the Imprisonment of their Persons*;——and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Henry William "Stiegel, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Im-* "*prisonment of his Person*;——to which Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.——The Speaker also reported, that he had then, on Behalf of the House, presented to his Honour their Certificate for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

*Ordered*, That the Act just passed for suppressing the disorderly Practice of firing Guns, &c. be immediately published in the *English* and *Dutch* Papers.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the Twentieth Day of *February* next, at Four o'Clock. *P. M.*

Adjournment

*February 25. Post Meridiem* 1775.

THE House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House having met, pursuant to their Adjournment, are ready to receive any Business he may be pleased to lay before them.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Letter, received in their Recess from the Honourable *Cortland Skinner*, Esq; Speaker of the Assembly of the Province of *East-* and *West-Jersey*, inclosing certain Resolves lately passed by that Assembly, which were read by Order, and are as they severally follow, *viz.*

SIR, *Perth Amboy, January* 25, 1775.

BY Order of the House of Assembly, I inclose you the Resolutions of this House, approving of the Proceedings of the Continental Congress, and am, *SIR*,

*Your very humble Servant*,

CORDLAND SKINNER, *Speaker*.

*To the Honourable* Edward Biddle, Esq;
*Speaker of the Assembly of the Province of* Pennsylvania.

HOUSE *of ASSEMBLY, January* 25, 1775.

MR. *Crane* and Mr. *Kinsey* laid before the House the Proceedings of the Continental Congress, held at *Philadelphia* in *September* last, which were read. — On the Question, Whether the House approve of the said Proceedings, it passed in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That this House do unanimously approve of the Proceedings of the Congress.

*Resolved*, That *James Kinsey*, *Stephen Crane*, *William Livingston*, *John De Hart* and *Richard Smith*, Esquires, (or any Three of them) be, and they are hereby appointed to attend the Continental Congress of the Colonies, intended to be held at the City of *Philadelphia* in *May* next, or at any other Time or Place, and that they report their Proceedings to the next Sessions of General Assembly; instructing the said Delegates to propose and agree to every reasonable and constitutional Measure for the Accommodation of the unhappy Difference at present subsisting between our Mother-Country and the Colonies, which the House most ardently wish for.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do transmit a Copy of the foregoing Resolutions to the Speakers of the Assemblies of *New-York* and *Pennsylvania*.

*Resolved*, That the Thanks of this House be given to *James Kinsey*, *Stephen Crane*, *William Livingston*, *John De Hart* and *Richard Smith*, Esquires, for their faithful and judicious Discharge of the Trust reposed in them at the late Continental Congress.

*A true Copy*, JONA. DEARE, *Clerk*."

The

1775. *February* 20. The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Buſineſs at preſent to lay before the Houſe, but if any ſhould occur during their Sitting, he would acquaint them with it by Meſſage.

Adjournment. The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Pawling* and Mr. *Daugherty*, this Day appearing for the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

A Petition from the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that frequent Complaints have been made by many of the reſpectable Inhabitants of the ſaid City, that the Fairs held therein, under the Proprietary Charter, twice in every Year, have, ſince the great Increaſe of Stores and Shops for the Sale of every Species of Merchandize, been found not only uſeleſs, but to have become Nuiſances, as they tend to debauch the Morals of the People, and to facilitate the Commiſſion of Thefts and other Offences within the ſaid City; — that the Board being ever deſirous, as far as in them lies, to reform all ſuch Evils as may from Time to Time be diſcovered to ariſe deſtructive of the Peace and good Order of the City, would have proceeded to make ſuch Regulations reſpecting the ſaid Fairs, as would have removed all Cauſe of Complaint for the future, but, on inſpecting their Charter, they do not find themſelves impowered either to diſcontinue the ſaid Fairs, or to make any ſuch Regulations therein, as to the Frequency or Duration of holding the ſame, as can tend to remedy the Miſchiefs complained of:——That they therefore beg Leave to lay the Matter before the Honourable Houſe, and to pray they may have Liberty to bring in a Bill, to enable the Corporation to afford the Inhabitants of the ſaid City ſuch Redreſs in the Premiſes as ſhall be thought reaſonable and proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Weſtmoreland* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have met repeatedly, in order to receive the Returns of Property from the ſeveral Townſhips of the ſaid County, that a Tax might be levied and aſſeſſed as by Law directed, but that from the preſent Diſturbances, raiſed by the *Virginians*, many of the Inhabitants have refuſed to give ſuch Returns to the Aſſiſtant-Aſſeſſors, whereby the Petitioners have been prevented in the Execution of their Duty;——that under theſe Circumſtances they have thought it neceſſary to acquaint the Houſe with their Situation, and to requeſt that ſome Proviſion may be made for thoſe who have ſhewn their Attachment to this Government by remitting their Taxes, until the Diſpute about a Boundary ſhall be determined by proper Authority.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Draught of Inſtructions, reported at the laſt Sitting, for the Deputies appointed on the Part of this Province to attend the Continental Congreſs, to be held at *Philadelphia* in *May* next, were again read, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

A written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe.

'AT a Time when the Diſputes between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies are drawing towards an alarming Criſis, I cannot, conſiſtent with my Duty to his Majeſty, or a proper Attention to the true Intereſts of the People over whom I preſide, avoid recommending to you any Meaſure which occurs to me as proper for the Repreſentatives of the Province to purſue, or which in my Opinion may have a Tendency to compoſe thoſe unhappy Differences.

'You will agree with me, Gentlemen, that in all Caſes Wiſdom dictates the Uſe of ſuch Means as are moſt likely to attain the End propoſed. On the preſent Occaſion it is conceived, that any Grievances, which his Majeſty's Subjects in *America* apprehend they have Reaſon to complain of, ſhould be humbly repreſented to his Majeſty by the ſeveral Aſſemblies, as the only proper and conſtitutional Mode of obtaining Redreſs; and I have the beſt Reaſon to believe, that a proper Attention will be paid to ſuch Repreſentations, and to any Propoſitions that may be made through that Channel, on the preſent State of *American* Affairs.

'This Mode therefore I earneſtly recommend to you to adopt; and I moſt ardently wiſh that the Proceedings of this as well as the other Colonies may be of ſuch a temperate and dutiful Nature as to afford a Foundation for a Re-eſtabliſhment of that Harmony with the Mother Country which is ſo eſſential to both.

*February* 21, 1775. *JOHN PENN.*"

A Petition from *William Parr*, Eſq; Maſter of the Rolls and Recorder of Deeds for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that

that the Fees eſtabliſhed by Law for the Services performed in the ſaid Offices are by no Means adequate to the Care, Expence and Trouble attending the ſame, and praying the Houſe would take into Conſideration the Importance of the ſaid Offices to the Public, and the Expediency of allowing ſuch Fees for the Buſineſs to be tranſacted therein, as will be ſuitable and proper for the ſame, and grant ſuch Relief to the Petitioner in the Premiſes as to their Wiſdom and Juſtice ſhall ſeem meet. *Ordered to lie on the Table.* 1775. February 21.

A Petition from *William Scott*, one of the Sons of *Philip Scott*, late of *Lancaſter* County, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that, in Purſuance of the Honourable the Proprietaries Warrant of the 8th Day of *February*, 1733, there was ſurveyed unto *Jacob Sturm* a certain Tract of Land on *Beaver* Creek in *Straſsburg* Townſhip, in *Lancaſter* County aforeſaid, which ſaid *Jacob Sturm*, by his written Inſtrument of Bargain and Sale, conveyed, with the Warrant Right thereof, to *Elizabeth Wyre* and *Robert Wyre*, and their Heirs, who afterwards in and by their Indenture, bearing Date the 27th Day of *March*, 1749, granted and conveyed the ſame, with the Eſtate and Appurtenances, unto *Philip Scott*, the Petitioner's Father, who died inteſtate ſeized thereof, leaving Iſſue three Sons and three Daughters, including the Petitioner, to whom the ſaid Tract of Land, *inter alia*, deſcended; — that at an Orphans Court held at *Lancaſter*, for the County of *Lancaſter* aforeſaid, on the Second Day of *June*, 1761, the above-mentioned Tract of warranted Land was confirmed to the Petitioner at a certain Valuation, and under the Payment of the diſtributive Shares of the other Children of the Decedent, which Shares were all duly paid and diſcharged;—that the Conveyance from *Jacob Sturm* to *Elizabeth Wyre* and *Robert Wyre* was loſt or miſlaid, the Grantor and Witneſſes being alſo dead, by Means whereof the Petitioner's Title is rendered defective:—He therefore prays the Honourable Houſe to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and grant Leave to bring in a Bill to ſupply the ſaid Defect in his Title.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Goddard*, late of the City of *Philadelphia*, Printer, now a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of the ſaid City, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition, ſigned by a great Number of Inhabitants of the Counties of *Cheſter* and *Lancaſter*, for erecting a Bridge over the River *Schuylkill*, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition, preſented at the laſt Sitting, from *Lancaſter* County, reſpecting the State of public Roads to the Weſtward, was again read, and referred to further Conſideration in the Afternoon.

The Committee appointed at the laſt Sitting to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtrikeing a Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, to complete the new Gaol, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction in the City of *Philadelphia*, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to examine what Laws are near expiring, and report therewith ſuch Matters as were recommended over by the late Aſſembly, or left unfiniſhed at the laſt Sitting of this Houſe.

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from *Lancaſter* County, reſpecting the State of public Roads to the Weſtward, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will, on *Tueſday* next, the 28th of this Inſtant, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Laws now in Force for laying out, opening, amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Weſtmoreland* was again read, and after ſome Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Williamſon*, *Jeſſe Jones*, *William Lewis* and *William Reece*, of the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they have been moſt arbitrarily impriſoned and ſubjected to conſiderable Coſts and Trouble by *William Moore*, a Juſtice of the Peace in the ſaid County, and praying the Houſe will be pleaſed to appoint a Day for hearing their Complaints. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *February 22.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Hunter*, the Member for *Northumberland* County, this Day appearing, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat in the Houſe.

The Committee appointed to examine the Laws near expiring, and report therewith ſuch Matters as were referred over by the late Aſſembly, or left unfiniſhed at the laſt Sitting of this Houſe, preſented a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

1775. *February 22.* Report of the Committee.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly, entituled, "*An Act for preventing Tumults and riotous Aſſemblies, and for the more ſpeedy and effectual puniſhing the Rioters*;—"*An Act for puniſhing wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons going armed in Diſguiſe, and doing Injuries and Violences on the Perſons and Properties of his Majeſty's Subjects within this Province, and for the more ſpeedy bringing the Offenders to Juſtice*;—"*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*;"—and, "*An Act for raiſing a Fund to pay the Damages done by Dogs within the City and County of* Philadelphia, *and the County of* Bucks;" will expire by their own Limitation at the End of the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

And that the following Matters were left unfiniſhed and referred over, *viz.*

"*An Act for the Eaſe of Jurors, and better regulating Juries.*"

A Bill for recording Warrants, Surveys, Deeds and Conveyances.

And a Report of a Committee of the late Houſe on the Machine invented by *Arthur Donaldſon*, for cleanſing and deepening Docks, removing Beds of Gravel, *&c.*

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

*February* 22, 1775. JOHN MORTON, GEORGE ROSS."

An Addreſs from Mr. *John Reed*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable* HOUSE *of REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

AT the Requeſt of ſeveral Members of a former Houſe of Aſſembly of this Province, and many other very reſpectable Men of real Property, Heirs to the firſt Purchaſers of Land in this Province, and Tenants in common with Mr. *Penn*, I have with great Pains, and a great Expence publiſhed a Draught of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, together with a Liſt of the firſt Purchaſers, and a Book of Explanations—a Thing long wiſhed for, and often attempted: All which I humbly dedicate to your Honourable Houſe, and herewith preſent you with one, hoping it will meet with your Approbation and Encouragement, which will give real Satisfaction to, *Gentlemen*,

*Your moſt obedient and moſt humble Servant*,

*Philadelphia, February* 21, 1775. JOHN REED."

A Petition from divers Landholders in the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, the great Utility of eſtabliſhing one or more public Landings in the ſaid Diſtrict, and praying the Aid of the Legiſlature to raiſe a ſufficient Sum of Money for the Purchaſe and Improvement of ſuch Landing, to be ſunk within a limited Time by a Tax on the landed Intereſt in the ſaid Diſtrict. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter*, reſpecting a Provincial Road, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Thomas* and *John Cuthbert*, of *Weſt-Whiteland*, in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that *John Cuthbert*, late of the ſaid Townſhip, deceaſed, Father of the Petitioners, was ſeized in his own Right of a Tract of Land and Plantation lying in the Townſhip aforeſaid, for which he had good and authentic Title-Deeds; — that through the Misfortune of loſing his Dwelling-houſe by Fire, the ſaid Deeds were alſo loſt;—that upon this Event he made Application to the then Aſſembly, for a Law to repair the Loſs, but, before the ſame could be obtained, died, leaving the ſaid Tract of Land by his laſt Will and Teſtament to the Petitioners, who pray the Houſe will be pleaſed to grant them Leave to bring in a Bill for ſupplying the ſaid Defect in their Title. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of *William Goddard*, and referred the ſame to the Committee of Grievances for Examination into the Facts.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting the Regulation of Fairs in the ſaid City, was again read, and, after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* John Steel, *of* Carliſle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land in the Townſhip of* Middletown, "*and the County aforeſaid, ſeveral of the Title-Deeds whereof are loſt*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.* Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An*

"*An Act to regulate the holding of Fairs within the City of* Philadelphia," which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading. 1775. *February 22.*

A Petition from divers Freeholders of the District of *Southwark*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying that Money may not be granted for purchasing and improving public Landings in the said District, and stating sundry Objections to the Mode proposed for sinking the Sum required for that Purpose, in Case any should be granted. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Laws near expiring, and such Matters as were recommended over by the late Assembly, or left unfinished at the last Sitting of this House, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to regulate the Assize of Bread.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Ferree*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Hunter*, Mr. *Daugherty* and Mr. *William Thompson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for Recording Warrants, Surveys, Deeds and Conveyances.

The House then taking into Consideration the Petition of *Arthur Donaldson*, relative to a Machine of his Invention for cleansing and deepening Docks, removing Beds of Gravel, &c. and the Report of the Committee of the late House thereon, together with the Recommendation of the said House,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the said *Arthur Donaldson*, as a Reward for his Ingenuity in the said Invention.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment; and taking into Consideration the Governor's Message of the 21st Instant, after some Time spent in Debate thereon, referred the same to further Consideration To-morrow Morning. *February 23.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction* "*in the City of* Philadelphia," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The Petition of *William Scott*, of *Lancaster* County, was again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination into the Facts.

The Petition from *John Williamson*, *Jesse Jones*, *William Lewis* and *William Reece*, of *Chester* County, being, upon Motion, read a second time, was, after some Consideration, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Hillegas* presented at the Table two Accounts, *viz.* one from Mr. *Luke Morris*, for a Boat and necessary Ropes, &c. at the *Province-Island* Ferry, amounting to £ 67 7 1, the other from Messrs. *Luke Morris*, *Thomas Wharton* and *Samuel Morris*, for Monies by them expended on the Road leading to the said Island, and on the Wharff at the End of the said Road, Balance in their Favour £ 116 4 8. Which Sums being allowed by the House, an Order for the Whole was drawn on the Provincial Treasurer, to be paid out of the Rents of the said Island in his Hands.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and proceeded, agreeable to the Resolution of Yesterday, in the Consideration of the Governor's Message, which producing a Debate of considerable Length, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the further Consideration thereof shall be postponed till some Day in the Week after next? *Carried in the Affirmative.* *February 24.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *February 25.*

A Petition from *Septimus Levering*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of the said City, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Majority of the back Inhabitants of *Lancaster* and *Berks* Counties was presented to the House and read, praying that a Part of each of the said Counties may be erected into a separate County for the better Administration of Justice among the Petitioners and other Inhabitants. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Bedford* was presented to the House and read, praying an Abatement of the Taxes on the poor Inhabitants of the said County, in Consideration of their present unsettled State from the Disturbances of the late *Indian* War. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming* "*the Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain*

"*Plantation*

1775. *February* 25. "*Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Townſhip of* Middleton, *and the County aforeſaid,* "*ſeveral of the Title-Deeds whereof are loſt,*" which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will on *Wedneſday*, the 8th of *March* next, reſume the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 27. *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth the public Utility of altering and amending a new Road laid out from the Town of *Sunbury* to *Reading*, as the moſt certain Means of bringing the Produce of the ſaid County to the Market of *Philadelphia*, and praying the Aſſiſtance of the Legiſlature towards this uſeful Purpoſe.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Thomond Ball*, of the Town of *Sunbury*, in the County of *Northumberland*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe in the ſaid County, in the Place of *Thomas Lemon*, the preſent Collector, whoſe declining Health induces him to reſign the ſaid Office, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from *Thomas* and *John Cuthbert*, of *Weſt-Whiteland*, and *John Morris*, of *Eaſtown* Townſhip, in the County of *Cheſter*, were again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Examination.

The Petition of *Septimus Levering*, an inſolvent Debtor, was alſo read the ſecond time, and referred to the ſaid Committee for Enquiry into the Facts.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Addreſs from *John Reed*, and after ſome Debate,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* be allowed and given to the ſaid *John Reed*, as an Encouragement for the Publication of his Map of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum was drawn at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 28. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and the Order of *Tueſday* laſt being read, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Laws now in Force for laying out, opening, amending and keeping in Repair the public Roads and Highways within this Province, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that they had taken into Conſideration the Subject referred to them, but not having Time to come to any Reſult thereon this Morning, they had directed him to requeſt Leave for their Sitting again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Order of the Forenoon being read, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Laws now in Force concerning public Roads, and, after a Debate of ſome Length, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Buſineſs before them, but not having finiſhed their Deliberations thereon, they deſired Leave to ſit again in the Morning, which being granted accordingly,

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 1. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Edward Shippen*, Eſq; Recorder of Deeds for the County of *Lancaſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Fees eſtabliſhed by Law for the Recording of Deeds, are very inadequate to the Trouble and Expence attending the ſame, and praying that the Houſe will be pleaſed to take into Conſideration the Propriety and Expediency of making ſuch an Increaſe of the Fees for that Service, as to them ſhall appear equitable and juſt. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Repreſentation and Memorial from the Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that in Purſuance of a Law of this Province paſſed in *February*, 1773, appointing Wardens, *&c.* for the Port of *Philadelphia*, the Memorialiſt have diſcharged the Debts due for building a Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, compleated ſeveral Piers, and formed a ſafe and commodious Harbour at *Fort Iſland*, and have ſunk three Piers at *Reedy Iſland*, by which they have expended the Money ſtruck by Virtue of the ſaid Act;—that to complete the Harbour at *Reedy Iſland*, three additional Piers are yet neceſſary, which the Memorialiſts apprehend will coſt *Three Thouſand five Hundred Pounds*;—that the Navigation of the River cannot be rendered ſecure in the Winter Seaſon, unleſs Piers are alſo erected at *Cheſter* and *Marcus Hook*, which, it is judged will coſt *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*;—that the Tonnage laid on Veſſels produces annually about £ 1,650; and as the Expence of ſupporting the Light-houſe, Buoys, *&c.* amounts to about *Nine Hundred Pounds per Annum*, there remains

remains *Seven Hundred and Fifty* a Year, to be applied towards sinking the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Pounds*, struck in Consequence of the above recited Act;——that the Memorialists have already paid into the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer *Seventeen Hundred and Fifty Pounds*, towards sinking the Money struck for their Use, which Sum of £ 1,750 remains in the Treasurer's Hands;—that the Purpose of rendering the Navigation of the River *Delaware* secure in the Winter Season (for which the Memorialists were appointed) cannnot be completed without the further Assistance of the Legislature of this Province; that the Memorialists therefore request to be indulged with the Use of the Money already raised by Tonnage, and now remaining in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, and that the Time limited by the aforesaid Act, for sinking the Sum of *Twelve Thousand Pounds* may be extended for a few Years, which will enable the Memorialists to complete such Piers as are yet necessary to secure the Trade of this Province in Winter, without laying an additional Burthen on Shipping, which the Memorialists apprehend cannot be borne. 1775. March 14.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment, in Behalf of themselves, and others, Inhabitants of *Philadelphia*, the *Northern Liberties* and District of *Southwark*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Number of Poor maintained in the said Houses has lately, from a Variety of Causes, greatly increased, so that the Funds of the Institution are found to be insufficient for their Support;——that in Consequence thereof the Managers have been obliged to contract considerable Debts with Persons, many of whom are now very pressing to be paid;——that the Manufactures in the House have been for some Time past, and still are, carried on to little Advantage, for Want of a sufficient Stock to purchase raw Materials; that the Petitioners apprehend they have no legal Method of removing these Difficulties and Discouragements, but by requesting the Magistrates to lay a third Tax on the Inhabitants of the City and Districts aforesaid, a Method, which the Petitioners are of Opinion, would be both disagreeable and oppressive to a People already burthened with numerous Taxes;—that the Petitioners have therefore drawn up an Estimate of the Expences and Profits, which would arise from an Office that might be erected for the Sweeping of Chimnies within the City and Districts aforesaid, which they conceive, under the Direction of the Managers, might be so constituted as to be beneficial to the Inhabitants, and raise such a Sum of Money, as, if applied towards the Expences of the Alms-house and House of Employment, would in some Measure relieve them in their present Embarrassment;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House will be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and permit them to bring in a Bill for the Purpose aforesaid, subject to such Alterations and Amendments as they in their Wisdom shall think proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Stevens*, of *East-Nantmel*, in the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by much Study, Labour and Expence, and a great Number of Experiments, he is become Master of the Art of making Black Lead Crucibles, or Melting Pots for the running or melting Metals, equal in Goodness, if not superior, to any imported into the Province, from beyond the Seas;—that the Petitioner is desirous of carrying on the Business of making these Vessels in a more extensive Manner than he has hitherto done, but finds it impracticable at such an Expence as will suit his Circumstances;—that his Application for Assistance to the House has been occasioned by an Apprehension that his Art might transpire had he made it elsewhere, and the Profits of this new Manufactory get into other Hands:—That he therefore humbly prays the Honourable House would take the Premises into their Consideration, and grant him such Encouragement, as they may think adequate to the public Usefulness of his Discovery.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said County is in many Parts infested with a Set of Men, who taking upon them the Offices of Physicians and Surgeons, (though in Reality no better than Empiricks or Quacks) administer Drugs so unskilfully and ignorantly, that some Persons have, in all Probability, thereby lost their Lives, and others been rendered Cripples, to the great Grievance, Loss and Impoverishment of many Families:—That the Petitioners therefore pray that a Bill may be prepared and passed enjoining that no Person or Persons professing the Art of Physic or Surgery, except those of established and unquestionable Reputation, shall presume to practice, under certain Pains and Penalties, until he or they have first undergone an Examination before two or more skilful and judicious Physicians of the City of *Philadelphia*, who shall report their Opinion (if he be found capable) to two or more of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and shall obtain their Certificate of such Report accordingly;—that the Petitioners humbly conceive such Regulation should be extended over the whole Province, and have no Doubt it would have a very salutary and good Effect by encouraging Men of real Learning and Ability in those Professions to settle among them.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

1775. *March* 1. The Order of laſt Night being read, the Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe upon the Subject before them Yeſterday, and, after ſome Time ſpent in the further Conſideration thereof, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that as they were not yet ready to report their Proceedings to the Houſe, they deſired Leave to ſit again in the Morning.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have Leave to ſit accordingly.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 2. The Houſe met, and, purſuant to the Order of laſt Night, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on the Buſineſs before them Yeſterday, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, Mr. Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Morton* reported from the Committee, that they had concluded their Deliberations on the Matter referred to them, and come to certain Reſolutions thereon, which they had directed him to report, when the Houſe may be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Morton* then (according to Order) reported the ſaid Reſolutions, which he firſt read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Table, where the ſame were again read by Order, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that Commiſſioners be appointed by Act of Aſſembly, to view the Provincial Roads from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Town of *York*, through the Borough of *Lancaſter*, from *Philadelphia* to the Town of *Carliſle*, and from *Philadelphia* to the Town of *Reading*; and that the ſaid Commiſſioners have Power to alter, ſtraighten and regulate the ſame as they ſhall judge moſt advantageous to the Public.

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the laying out, opening and putting the ſaid Roads in proper Repair be a Provincial Charge; and that the Sum to be laid out on the Road from the City of *Philadelphia* to the Town of *York*, through *Lancaſter*, ſhall not exceed *Six Thouſand Pounds*; on the Road from *Philadelphia* to *Carliſle* ſhall not exceed *Two Thouſand Pounds*; and on the Road from *Philadelphia*, through *Germantown*, to *Reading* ſhall not exceed *Four Thouſand Pounds*.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Daugherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating public Roads, agreeable to the Reſolutions of the Forenoon.

A Petition, ſigned by a great Number of Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and rēad, ſetting forth, that the manifeſt Miſchiefs and Inconveniencies ariſing from the holding of Fairs, have engaged the Petitioners to deſire their Suppreſſion, and being informed that the Mayor and Commonalty of the ſaid City (to whom Complaints have been made on this Occaſion) are deſirous, and have concluded, to petition for Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to grant a proper and neceſſary Redreſs of this Grievance, they (the Petitioners) requeſt the Houſe would be pleaſed to comply with the ſaid Petition. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Commiſſioners appointed by Law for improving the Navigation of the River *Delaware*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Two Petitions from *James Read* and *Lewis Gordon*, Eſquires, Recorders of Deeds for the Counties of *Berks* and *Northampton*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Increaſe of the Fees allowed by Law for that Service. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for erecting a new "Gaol, Work-houſe and Houſe of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," and, "*An Act "for confirming the Eſtate of* John Steel, *of* Carliſle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and "to a certain Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Town of* Middleton, *and the County "aforeſaid, ſeveral of the Title-Deeds whereof are loſt*," being tranſcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Roſs* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Purſuant to Leave at the laſt Sitting, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Truſtees therein mentioned to ſell and diſpoſe of a certain "Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies ariſing therefrom to the Uſe of the* Low Dutch "Reformed Congregation, *or a Religious Society of* Chriſtians, *called* Dutch Preſbyterians," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed this Afternoon, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſaid Bills into Conſideration, and give them all convenient Diſpatch.

Upon

1775. March 2.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *John Stephens*, of *Chester* County, for Assistance in manufacturing Crucibles, &c. was again read, and, after Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment March 3.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from sundry Merchants and Traders of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners being principal Exporters of Flour from the said City, have had full Experience of the many Inconveniences and Disadvantages resulting from the Want of a Law to fix and regulate the Weights of that Commodity by certain suitable Standards, and also to determine the Size or Sizes of the containing Casks;—that the Petitioners having bestowed considerable Attention upon the Subject, beg Leave to refer the House to the annexed Paper of Observation, which also contains a Scheme of such Regulations, as they conceive will greatly conduce to the Ease and Benefit of all who are concerned in the Selling and Shipping the said Article, from the Merchant here to the foreign Factor; and will afford readier and more certain Means of detecting the Frauds and Impositions that are frequently attempted in the Weights of this Staple Commodity of the Province;—that the Petitioners well knowing the Regard their Assemblies have ever shewn to the Commercial Interest of the Province, pray the House will take the Premises into Consideration, and frame a Bill agreeable to the Scheme herewith offered. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for Recording of Deeds, &c. reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the "Trustees therein mentioned to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the "Monies arising therefrom to the Use of the* Low Dutch Reformed Congregation, *or a "Religious Society of* Christians, *called* Dutch Presbyterians," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Petition from the Managers of the Alms-house and House of Employment was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpose mentioned in their Petition.

The House took into Consideration the Petition from a Number of the back Inhabitants of the Counties of *Lancaster* and *Berks* for a separate County, together with the Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Northampton* County against unskilful Persons practising Physic and Surgery, and, after some Time spent therein, ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Upon Motion,

The Representation and Memorial from the Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia* was again read, and after some Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Morton* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for striking the Sum of *Six Thousand Ponnds*, for the Purposes mentioned in the said Representation, to be sunk by a further Extension of the Act appointing Wardens for the Port of *Philadelphia*.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *William Goddard* and *William Scott* were referred for Examination, presented at the Table a written Report thereon, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Committee of Grievances.

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they attended according to Notice at the Gaol of this City, to hear the Objections of the Creditors of *William Goddard* to the Release of his Person from Imprisonment, and none of them appearing, except one, (whose Objections were not material) the Committee are of Opinion, that he is a proper Object for the Relief he solicits.

That the Committee have also heard and examined into the Case of *William Scott*, relative to the Loss of a Title-Deed, and are of Opinion he should have the Aid of the House he prays for.

*Which Matters are submitted to the House by*

JOHN FOULKE, JOSEPH PARKER,
GEORGE ROSS, JONATHAN ROBERTS,
WILLIAM EDMONDS, THOMAS MIFFLIN."

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Commissioners and Assessors of the County of *Bedford*, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Upon

1775. *March* 3. Upon Motion,

The Petitions from the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, for and againſt the Purchaſe and Improvement of a public Landing in the ſaid Diſtrict, were again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pawling*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Daugherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompſon* be a Committee to hear the Petitioners relative to the ſaid Landing, and report thereon to the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Daugherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompſon* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

The Petition of *Thomond Ball*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northumberland*, was read a ſecond time, and after ſome Conſideration,

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Henry Hale Graham*, Eſq; Recorder of Deeds in and for the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Increaſe of the Fees may be allowed by Law for that Service. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 4. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Complaint of *William Brown* was referred for Enquiry, reported to the Houſe, "That they had heard the ſaid Complaint "relative to the Sale of his Land for the Taxes due thereon; that the Sheriff does not "appear to them to have acted a Part inconſiſtent with his Duty, and that they are of "Opinion the Land did not ſell for its Value, owing perhaps to a certain——*Scot*, who "was the Purchaſer at the Sheriff's Sale, ſetting up a Claim to the Land before the Day "of Sale."

The ſaid Committee alſo reported on the Petition of *Septimus Levering*, referred to them for Examination, "That they had attended at the Gaol in this City, to hear what "Objection might be made againſt the Relief of the Petitioner, according to Notice for "that Purpoſe, and no Creditor appearing to oppoſe his Diſcharge, they are of Opinion, "he is a proper Object of the Relief he Prays for."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Aſſize of Bread, *&c.* reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Daniel Andrew, *in and to certain Lands in* Amity "*Townſhip, in the County of* Berks," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein* "*mentioned*," reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion by a Member, that the Doors be opened, and the reputable Inhabitants of the City admitted to hear the Debates of the Houſe on *Wedneſday* next, the Queſtion was put by the Speaker, and *Carried in the Negative.*

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| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Edmonds*, | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Galloway*, |
| Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Daugherty*, | Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Heany*, |
| Mr. *Charles Thomſon*, | Mr. *Hunter*, | Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, | Mr. *John Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Wayne*, | Mr. *William Thompſon*. | Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, |
| Mr. *Roſs*, | | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Ewing*, | | Mr. *Brown*, | Mr. *Morton*, |
| Mr. *Swoope*, | | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Webb*, |
| Mr. *Allen*, | | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Ferree*, |
| Mr. *Chreiſt*, | | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Slough*. |

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*March* 6. *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of this Province, for opening a Communication between the Waters of the *Ohio* and *Suſquehanna*, by which the diſtant Settlers may more eaſily bring the Produce of their Farms, and the *Indian* Traders their Peltry to the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Lancaſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, exhibiting a Complaint againſt the Commiſſioners of the ſaid County, for

for having pulled down the old Work-house, (a very good Building) and erected a new one, considerably larger than was necessary, by which Means the Inhabitants are subjected to a much heavier Tax, and praying Relief in the Premises. 1775. March 6.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment March 7.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for erecting* "*a new Gaol, Work-house and House of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

The Secretary also brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the* "*Estate of* John Steel, *of* Carlisle, *in the County of* Cumberland, *in and to a certain* "*Plantation and Tract of Land, in the Township of* Middleton, *and the County aforesaid,* "*several of the Title-Deeds whereof are lost,*" and informed the House that his Honour could not give his Assent to the said Bill.

With the above, Mr. Secretary likewise delivered a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN,

'ON *Saturday* last a Number of *Indians* of the *Tuscarora*, *Nanticoke* and *Conoy* Tribes, who reside on the Heads of the *Susquehanna*, came to Town with their Families 'on a friendly Visit to this Government. A written Message from the Governor to the House.

'They have represented to me that they are very poor, and in great Want of Clothing 'and other Necessaries, which they earnestly request to be supplied with.

'As I think Humanity, as well as good Policy, requires that we should comply with 'their Request, I must recommend it to you to make immediate Provision for furnishing 'them with a Present of such Goods as their Necessities demand, and defraying the 'Expences of their Journey.

*March* 7, 1775. *JOHN PENN.*"

The Committee appointed to view the River *Schuylkill*, in order to discover the most proper Place for erecting a Bridge over the same, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

IN Obedience to the Order of the House, we have viewed the River *Schuylkill* from the Falls to the Middle Ferry, as well as the Season and Shortness of the Time would permit, and are of Opinion, that the most suitable Place for a Bridge to accommodate the Public, is the Middle or Corporation Ferry, but as yet have not been able to procure an Estimate of the Cost;—when that is known, if the House should judge the Expence of building a Bridge at that Place too great for the Province too bear at this Time, we apprehend the next best Places would be either at the Falls, or at *Watson's* Island, a little below the Falls, which may afford a temporary Accomodation to the Western Counties, until such future Time as the Province should think proper to erect another at the first-mentioned Place. Report of the Committee.

From the Report of a skilful Architect, who has viewed the River *Schuylkill*, a Bridge may be built and ensured to stand Eight Years at the Falls for the Sum of *Seven Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*, and at *Watson's* Island for the Sum of *Nine Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*.

For the further Information of the House, we beg Leave to refer them to the several Plans of Bridges laid before your Committee, and herewith presented to the House.

*All which is humbly submitted by*

CHARLES THOMSON, JOHN DICKINSON,
JOHN BROWN, JONATHAN ROBERTS,
WILLIAM RODMAN, THOMAS MIFFLIN,
ISAAC PEARSON, MICHAEL HILLEGAS."

A Representation and Petition from the *American Philosophical Society* was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

GENTLEMEN,

IT must yield a sensible Satisfaction to the good People of this Province, which you represent, to find, that although it be among the youngest of our *American* Settlements, its Reputation has risen high among the Sister Colonies, and has extended even to the remotest Parts of *Europe*, on account of our many public spirited Institutions, A Petition from the *American Philosophical Society.*

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and our rapid Improvements in all uſeful Arts. This Satisfaction is alſo greatly increaſed, when we conſider that, notwithſtanding theſe Inſtitutions, through the Neceſſity of the Caſe, were generally obliged to derive much of their firſt Support from the Benevolence of Individuals; yet a liberal Spirit, for their Encouragement and final Eſtabliſhment, has gone forth among our Repreſentatives, in Proportion to the Increaſe of our Provincial Funds. And indeed the Savings of public Money, after ſupplying the Exigencies of the State, are never more laudably directed than towards the promoting whatever is uſeful and ornamental in Society.

It is with unfeigned Gratitude that your Petitioners recollect the repeated Occaſions you have given them of acknowledging your Bounty and Protection in carrying on their Deſigns "for the Advancement of uſeful Knowledge," and it is their firm Reſolution never to abuſe your former Indulgence by any future unneceſſary or unimportant Applications. By the Means now in their own Power, they hope, in general, to be able to proſecute their Plan, except ſo far, as they may ſometimes find it incumbent on them humbly to ſuggeſt to you the Encouragement of uſeful Inventions, and the patronizing Undertakings beneficial to the whole Community. And it is in this laſt View that they preſume to addreſs you at this Time.

Amidſt the Variety of Fields, which, in this new World, lie open to the Inveſtigation of your Petitioners, they have, for ſeveral Years, turned their Views towards one, wherein they hope to gather ſome of their chief Laurels, and to make Diſcoveries alike honourable to their Country and themſelves. Our Diſtance from the chief *Obſervatories* in the World, the Purity and Serenity of our Atmoſphere, invite us, nay loudly call upon us, to inſtitute a Series of regular *Aſtronomical Obſervations*; the Compariſon of which with thoſe made in *Europe*, and elſewhere, might ſettle ſome very important Points, and contribute greatly to give a laſt Perfection to Geography and Navigation. The Advantages derived to thoſe noble and uſeful Sciences, from ſuch Obſervations, are ſo obvious, that there is ſcarce a civilized Nation in the World that has not made ſome Proviſion for proſecuting them, and your Petitioners have been honoured with repeated Solicitations, from ſome of the greateſt Men in *Europe*, to join with them in this great Work, and in a mutual Communication of our Labours.

It would be inexcuſable, therefore, in your Petitioners to neglect the preſent Opportunity of endeavouring to ſet ſuch a Deſign on Foot, when we have a Gentleman among us, whoſe Abilities, ſpeculative as well as practical, would do Honour to any Country, and who is nevertheleſs indebted for Bread to his daily Toil, in an Occupation the moſt unfriendly both to Health and Study. Under his Auſpices the Work may now be undertaken with the greateſt Advantages, and others may be bred up by him to proſecute it in future Times; but if the preſent Opportunity is neglected, perhaps whole Centuries may not afford ſuch another. To reſcue ſuch a Man from the Drudgery of *manual Labour*, and give him an Occaſion of indulging his Bent of Genius, with Advantage to his Country, is an Honour which crowned Heads might glory in,—but it is an Honour alſo, which, it is hoped, in the Caſe of a Native, *Pennſylvania* would not yield to the greateſt Prince or People on Earth!

The Deſign which your Petitioners have projected, and now humbly beg Leave to lay before your Honourable Houſe, is as follows, *viz.*

*Firſt*, That the Honourable Proprietaries be petitioned to grant a Lot of Ground, for erecting a public Obſervatory, and to give ſuch other Encouragement to the Deſign as they may think proper. And from their known Attachment to the Intereſt of this Country, as well as their profeſſed Readineſs to ſerve the Gentleman, who is propoſed to conduct the Deſign, your Petitioners cannot have any Doubt of their kind Compliance with this humble Requeſt.

*Secondly*, That the Aſſiſtance of your Honourable Houſe be alſo requeſted, agreeable to the concluding Prayer of this Petition.

*Thirdly*, That a Subſcription be promoted for erecting a public Obſervatory, and furniſhing it with ſuch Inſtruments as may be wanted, in Addition to thoſe valuable ones now in the Province. Of the Succeſs of this Subſcription among our benevolent Fellow-Citizens there can be no Doubt; and the Expence of the additional Inſtruments will not be great, as the Gentleman, propoſed to conduct the Deſign, is capable of conſtructing them all with his own Hand in the moſt accurate and maſterly Manner.

*Fourthly*, That the Obſervatory ſhall be at all Times open to the Curious, and particularly that Captains and Mates of Veſſels, and young Gentlemen deſirous of obtaining a practical Knowledge in Aſtronomy, ſhall have Admittance, and (under proper Rules to be framed for that Purpoſe) be taught the Uſe of Inſtruments, and the Method of making Obſervations, eſpecially the *new Method* of aſcertaining the *Longitude* at Sea; for the perfecting of which the Parliament of *Great-Britain* has of late given ſuch ample Rewards, to the ſingular Advantage of Trade and Navigation.

*Fifthly*, That the Obſervations to be made by the public Obſerver, ſhall be annually publiſhed, under the Inſpection of the *American Philoſophical Society*, and communicated

to the learned Societies in *Europe*, with such Remarks as may render them generally useful and entertaining. 1775. March 7.

*Sixthly*, That the same Person might also be appointed Surveyor of the High-Roads and Waters, in order that when any public Proposals are to be made for improving Navigation and shortening the Communications between capital Trading Places, there may be always a Person who has Leisure and is skilled in measuring and reducing Distances, taking Heights and Levels, and who may be employed in Conjunction with others, when necessary, to make Report on all such Matters, either at the Expence of those who request such Service, or at the public Expence, as the Case may require.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that your Honourable House would take the Premises into your Consideration, and allow a yearly Salary for such Person, at least as a public Astronomical Observer, if you should not view the additional Office of Surveyor of the High-Roads and Waters in the same important Light as it is viewed by your Petitioners; and they further pray, that you would give them Leave to bring in a Bill for the legislative Appointment of such public Observer, and for regulating his Duty in the Execution of his Trust; and your Petitioners shall ever pray, *&c.*

*Signed in Behalf and by Order of the* American Philosophical Society, *at* Philadelphia, *March* 6, 1775. THOMAS BOND, *V. P.*"

A Petition from *Robert Callender*, of the County of *Cumberland*, Yeoman, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that in the Month of *August*, 1769, when the Petitioner was sending a considerable Quantity of Goods and Merchandizes to the Value of near *Six Hundred Pounds* prime Cost towards *Pittsburg*, his Servants and Horse-Drivers were attacked in the Day Time near the Crossings of *Juniata* by a Number of armed Men having their Faces blacked, who seized the Goods and Merchandizes of the Petitioner, Part whereof they carried off, and set Fire to the rest, but a few Articles were yet saved by *Christopher Lems*, Esq; and the Men who came in his Company to the Assistance of the Drivers; that the Persons, who committed this Outrage in Violation of the Laws, being unknown to the Petitioner, notwithstanding his utmost Endeavours, he was not able to obtain that Redress, which the same Laws would otherwise have afforded him;—that his great Loss thereby sustained lies so heavy on him, that he finds himself under the Necessity of applying to the Honourable House, and praying they will be pleased to grant him such Relief as they may think proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Persons interested in, and inhabiting the Townships of the *Northern Liberties* and *Roxborough*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying that Provision be made in the Road Bill now under their Consideration for regulating and keeping in proper Repair the first twelve Miles from the City of the *Wissahiccon* or *Ridge* Road, as a Part of the true *Reading* Road, one of the Objects of the said Bill. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying the House will prepare and transmit a Petition to the Crown on the present Grievances of the Colonies, was presented and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *John Eunouch, Jacob Supplee*, and others, was referred for Examination, reported, "That they had heard the "Petitioners, and begged Leave to recommend them to the House as proper Objects for "the Relief they solicit."

The Report of the said Committee on the Petitions of *William Goddard* and *Septimus Levering*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of this City, being again read,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Mifflin* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the Petitioners, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill for regulating the Sweeping of Chimnies in the City of *Philadelphia*, Part of the *Northern Liberties* and the District of *Southwark*, which was read the first time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for* "*other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees therein mentioned to sell and dis-*

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*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Wynkoop* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of *William Goddard* and *Septimus Levering*, inſolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a third Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to regulate* "*the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Daniel Andrew, *in and to* "*certain Lands in* Amity *Townſhip, in the County of* Berks," being alſo read the ſecond time, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, when the Order of the 25th of laſt Month being read, they proceeded to the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage, and after a Debate of ſome Length,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Galloway*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they underſtand ſome of the Merchants of the ſaid City have petitioned the Houſe for a Law to a regulate Flour Caſks, and the Packing of Flour; which, if carried into Execution, the Petitioners apprehend will be attended with great Miſchiefs to the Millers and Manufacturers of Flour, as well as a very conſiderable Diſcouragement to the *New-England* Trade, and of no real Advantage to this Province;—That the Petitioners therefore pray the Houſe will furniſh them with a Copy of the Merchants Petition, and give them a Hearing before any final Deciſion is made thereon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Counties of *Cheſter*, *Lancaſter* and *Berks* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Encouragement for deſtroying of Wolves, by which they have for ſome Years paſt been much infeſted, and ſuffered conſiderable Loſs in their Sheep and Calves. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, relating to the Company of *Indians* now in Town, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That a Sum not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed for the Expences of the ſaid *Indians*, and for purchaſing ſuch Clothing, *&c.* as they may ſtand in need of; and that Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Mifflin* do draw on Doctor *Samuel Preſton Moore* for any Sum not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*, to be paid out of the Intereſt-Money in his Hands for the ſaid Purpoſe.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which was read, and referred for further Conſideration till To-morrow.

The Petition from the County of *Lancaſter*, againſt the Commiſſioners of the ſaid County for pulling down the old Work-houſe, was again read, and, after ſome Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for regulate-* "*ing the Sweeping of Chimnies in the City of* Philadelphia, *Part of the* Northern Liber- "ties, *and the Diſtrict of* Southwark," and after ſome Debate thereon, referred the ſame to further Conſideration at their next Sitting.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, for Aid in ſupporting a public Road from the Town of *Reading* to Fort *Auguſta*, called *The Schuylkill Road*, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Two Petitions from *Alexander Hunter* and *Daniel Rees*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northumberland*, were preſented to the Houſe and read.—— *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Joſeph Baldwin* and *Joſeph Vandegrift*, concerning the Uſe of Ropes at *Neſhaminey* Ferry, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

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The House resumed the Consideration of the Answer brought in last Night to the Governor's Message, which was again read, when a Member moving that the said Answer be recommitted, a Debate arose, and after some Time spent therein, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker. *Carried in the Negative.*

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| Mr. *Pawling*, | Mr. *Pennock*, | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Wayne*, |
| Mr. *Israel Jacobs*, | Mr. *Webb*, | Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Ross*, |
| Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Ferree*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Ewing*, |
| Mr. *Rhoads*, | Mr. *Slough*. | Mr. *Mifflin*, | Mr. *Swoope*, |
| Mr. *Brown*, | | Mr. *Charles Thomson*, | Mr. *Allen*, |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | | Mr. *John Jacobs*, | Mr. *Chreist*, |
| Mr. *Chapman*, | | Mr. *Gibbons*, | Mr. *Edmonds*, |
| Mr. *Galloway*, | | Mr. *Pearson*, | Mr. *Daugherty*, |
| Mr. *Wynkoop*, | | Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Hunter*, |
| Mr. *Heany*, | | Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *William Thompson*. |

The House then proceeded in considering the said Answer, which being debated by Paragraphs, the Question was put, Whether the same shall be transcribed, and sent to the Governor? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Humphreys*, | Mr. *Hunter*, | Mr. *Wynkoop*, | |
| Mr. *Morton*, | Mr. *William Thompson*. | Mr. *Heany*, | |

The Answer of the House to the Governor's Message being transcribed, according to Order, was signed by the Speaker, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*May it please your* HONOUR,

Answer to the Governor's Message from the House.

WE are sincerely obliged to your Honour for your Attention to the true Interests of the People over whom you preside, at a Time when the Disputes between *Great-Britain* and the *American* Colonies are drawing towards an alarming Crisis; and we agree with you, "That in all Cases Wisdom dictates the Use of such Means as are most "likely to attain the End proposed."

We have, with deep Concern, beheld a System of Colony Administration pursued since the Year 1763, destructive to the Rights and Liberties of his Majesty's most faithful Subjects in *America*, and have heretofore adopted such Measures as we thought were most likely to restore that Affection and Harmony between the Parent State and the Colonies, which it is the true Interest of both Countries to cultivate and maintain, and which we most sincerely wish to see restored.

We must inform your Honour, that a most humble, dutiful and affectionate Petition from the Delegates of all the Colonies from *Nova Scotia* to *Georgia* is now at the Foot of the Throne, and we trust in the paternal Affection and Justice of our most gracious Sovereign, that he will interpose for the Relief of his greatly distressed and ever faithful Subjects in *America*.

We assure your Honour, that this House will always pursue such Measures, as shall appear to them necessary, for securing the Liberties of *America*, and establishing Peace, Confidence and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and her Colonies.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*March* 9, 1775. EDWARD BIDDLE, *Speaker.*"

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Morton* and Mr. *Wayne* wait on the Governor, and deliver the foregoing Answer to his Message.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

An Account from *Richard Mason*, of £ 16 7 6, for his Trouble and Expences in unspiking of Cannon, was presented to the Chair; and being allowed by the House, a Certificate for the said Sum was drawn, and signed by the Speaker. *Post Meridiem*

1775. March 9. The Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for acknowledge-*
"*ing and recording of Deeds,*" being tranſcribed, according to Order, and compared, a Member preſented at the Table a Rider to the ſaid Bill, which having been twice read, and agreed to by the Houſe, was annexed to the ſame.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Daniel Andrew, *in and to* "*certain Lands in* Amity *Townſhip, in the County of* Berks," being alſo tranſcribed, and compared,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Meſſage, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 10. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to ſuppreſs the holding of Fairs within the City of* Philadelphia," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed laſt Night, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act for* "*acknowledging and recording of Deeds,*" and, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Da-"niel Andrew *in and to certain Lands, in* Amity *Townſhip, in the County of* Berks," for his Conſideration and Aſſent to the ſame.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the two Bills paſſed laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration.

The ſeveral Bills, entituled, "*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other* "*Purpoſes therein mentioned;*"——"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act ap-*"*pointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein men-*"*tioned;*"——"*An Act for the Relief of* William Goddard *and* Septimus Levering, *lan-*"*guiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment* "*of their Perſons;*"——and, "*An Act to ſuppreſs the holding of Fairs within the City* "*of* Philadelphia;"—being tranſcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Slough* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Repreſentation and Petition from the *American Philoſophical Society*, and after ſome Debate, referred the ſame to further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Iſrael Jacobs*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Morton*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to hear the Petitioners for and againſt the regulating of Flour Caſks.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 11. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the ſeveral Bills paſſed laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bills into immediate Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating and repairing certain public Roads within this Province, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

A Petition from *Joſeph Hague*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he was brought up in the manufacturing of Woollens and Cottons in *England*, and came to *America* laſt Summer, with Intentions of ſetting up thoſe Branches in this Province, in which he expected Employment;—that finding the high Price paid for Spinning a very great Diſcouragement to his Undertaking, he gave Inſtructions for making a Machine ſimilar to thoſe lately invented, and uſed in *England* for that Purpoſe, whereby the Expence of Labour is exceedingly reduced; that not being furniſhed with either a Plan or Model of ſuch Machine, he has been at the Expence of much Time, and of ſome Money in cauſing one to be conſtructed;——that having now perfected one, which has given great Satisfaction to many judicious Gentlemen, who have examined it and ſeen it work, he humbly hopes the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and afford him ſuch Encouragement for introducing the Uſe of ſaid Machine in this Province, as to them it ſhall appear to merit. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

The

1775.
March 13.
Post Meridiem

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter, of the 24th of *December* last, from *William Bollan*, *Benjamin Franklin* and *Arthur Lee*, Esquires, Agents in *London*, for the Provinces of *Massachusetts-Bay*, *Pennsylvania* and *Virginia*, informing the House, that the Petition from the *American* Continental Congress to the Crown had been presented by Lord *Dartmouth*, was very graciously received, and that his Majesty had been pleased to say, it was of so great Importance, that he should, as soon as they met, lay it before his two Houses of Parliament.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, "*A Supplement to* "*the Act, entituled,* "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for* "*other Purposes therein mentioned,* and, "*An Act to regulate the Assize of Bread, and for* "*other Purposes therein mentioned,*" with an Amendment to each of the said Bills, which being read, and agreed to by the House, the said Bills were ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Secretary also delivered the Bills, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Trustees* "*therein mentioned, to sell and dispose of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies* "*arising therefrom to the Use of the* Low Dutch Reformed *Congregation, or a Religious* "*Society of* Christians, *called* Dutch Presbyterians," and, "*An Act for the Relief of* "William Goddard *and* Septimus Levering, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Phila- "delphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons,*" and acquainted the House, that his Honour would be ready to pass the said Bills when presented to him for that Purpose.

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table an Account for the Pay and Subsistence of the Rangers employed by Government in the County of *Westmoreland*, and a Balance of *Seven Hundred* and *Fifty-nine Pounds One Shilling* and *Seven-pence* appearing to be due to the said Rangers, a Certificate for the same was drawn by Order, and signed by the Speaker.

Adjournment

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 14.

A Letter from the Speaker was laid before the Members, who met this Morning, acquainting them, he was so much indisposed that he could not leave his Chamber, and desiring they would chuse another Speaker, to prevent any Delay of Business.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Ross* wait on the Speaker in the Morning, and report, whether the State of his Health will allow him to attend the Service of the House at any Time To-morrow.

It was then moved that the Clerk do, by Direction of the Members, adjourn them to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning; and they were adjourned accordingly.

Adjournment

*March* 15.

A Quorum met, pursuant to the Adjournment of Yesterday, and the Gentlemen appointed to wait on the Speaker, reported, that he is still too much indisposed to leave his Chamber; that he returns his Acknowledgments to the Members for their kind Attention to him, but requests they will make Choice of another to supply his Place, as it is at present uncertain when he may be able to attend the Business of the House.

The Members then proceeded to chuse another Speaker, when *John Morton*, Esq; was unanimously chosen for that Service, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the late Speaker being, through Indisposition, prevented from attending the House, the Members have chosen Mr. *Morton* in his Stead, and request to know when his Honour will be pleased to receive the House that they may present their Speaker for his Approbation.

The Members return, and report, they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would be at the Council-Chamber in Half an Hour, to receive the House with their Speaker.

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speeker resumed the Chair, and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour, and presented their Speaker (of whom he had been pleased to approve); that he (the Speaker) had then mentioned, that as his Predecessor had lately claimed, in Behalf of the present Assembly, their usual Privileges, it was unnecessary for him to renew such Claim, except in respect to his own unwilling Mistakes as Speaker, which he hoped might be excused by the Governor, and not imputed to the House.

His Honour, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds,*" with a Paper of Amendments, which were read, and being agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of *Germantown*, and others, respecting the Improvement of the Road from *Philadelphia* to that Village, (in Preference to the *Wissahiccon* Road) as a Part of the gread *Reading* Road, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

The

1775. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying* "*out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 15. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and proceeding in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein* "*mentioned,*" after a Debate of ſome Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*March* 16. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying out and putting* "*in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" which being in Part read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 17. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and taking into Conſideration the Petitions from *Daniel Reece* and *Alexander Hunter*, of the County of *Northumberland*, for the Office of Collector of Exciſe in the ſaid County,

*Reſolved*, On the Queſtion,

That *Alexander Hunter* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe for the ſaid County of *Northumberland*, till the Meeting of the next Aſſembly.

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for laying* "*out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" which being further read, and debated by Paragraphs, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Roſs* wait on the Governor, and requeſt to know at what Hour To-morrow he will be pleaſed to meet the Houſe, to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills returned with his Aſſent, and that his Honour would appoint ſome Members of Council to compare the engroſſed Copies of the ſaid Bills with their Originals.

The Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would appoint ſome Members of Council for the Purpoſe requeſted, and meet the Houſe in the Council-Chamber at Half after Eleven o'Clock To-morrow Forenoon, to enact into Laws the ſeveral Bills that have been agreed on.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* join with the Gentlemen of the Council in collating the ſaid engroſſed Bills.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the laying* "*out and putting in Repair certain Roads therein mentioned,*" and after ſome Time ſpent therein, a Motion being made to recommit the ſaid Bill for Alteration, the Queſtion was called for, and paſſing in the Affirmative, the Bill was recommitted accordingly.

Upon Motion,

That ſome Compenſation be made to Captain *William Thompſon* for his Trouble, Expence and Riſk in going to the Frontiers, to pay off and diſcharge the Ranging Companies lately employed by this Government,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be allowed to the ſaid *William Thompſon* for that Service. And a Certificate being drawn for the ſame, was ſigned by the Speaker.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 18.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to aſſiſt in comparing the engroſſed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the ſame, and found them to agree.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Wayne* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills, after they ſhall be paſſed into Laws, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

*A* MESSAGE *by* Mr. *Secretary*.

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Speaker, and the Houſe, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Aſſent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on his Honour, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and preſented Six Bills, reſpectively entituled as follow, *viz.* "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for erecting a new Gaol, Work-houſe and* "*Houſe of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia;"——"*An Act to enable the Truſtees* "*therein mentioned, to ſell and diſpoſe of a certain Tract of Land, and to apply the Monies* "*ariſing therefrom to the Uſe of the* Low Dutch Reformed *Congregation, or a Religious* "*Society of* Chriſtians, *called* Dutch Preſbyterians;"—"*A Supplement to the Act, en-* "*tituled,* "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Pur-* "*poſes therein mentioned;*"—*An Act to regulate the Aſſize of Bread, and for other Pur-* "*poſes therein mentioned;*"—"*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act for acknow-* "*ledging and recording of Deeds;*"——and, "*An Act for the Relief of* William God- "dard *and* Septimus Levering, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *Coun-* "*ty, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons;*"—to which ſeveral Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into Laws.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Time of Adjournment,

*Ordered*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roads* and Mr. *Charles Thomson* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House incline to adjourn this Afternoon to *Monday*, the First of *May* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto. 1775. *March* 18.

An Address from *Christopher Tully*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that he is informed a certain *Joseph Hague* has petitioned the Honourable House for a Premium upon a Machine lately constructed by him in this City for Spinning of Woollen and Cotton Yarn; and that, in Case the House should be pleased to grant any Premium thereon, he (the said *Tully*) conceives himself to have the best Claim to it, being the Person who first made such a Machine in this Province, or perhaps in *America*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

With the foregoing, the House took into Consideration the Petition of the said *Joseph Hague*, and after some Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rhoads* and Mr. *Charles Thomson* be a Committee to view the said Machine, and report their Opinion thereof at the next Sitting of the House.

Mr. *Rhoads* produced at the Table a Letter from Mr. *Robert Smith*, of this City, Carpenter, containing a Proposal to take down the Wooden and Brick Part of the State-house Steeple, as low as the Eves of the House, and to erect a Cupola on the Roof of the Front Building, with an Estimate of the Expence; which was read by Order, and after some Debate, referred to further Consideration of the next Sitting of the House.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him with the Adjournment proposed by the House, reported, they had delivered their Message, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would not object to the said Adjournment.

A Member presented to the Chair an Account from *William Dewees*, Esq; Sheriff, amounting to £ 16 9 0, expended in pursuing and apprehending *Andrew Stuart*, charged with counterfeiting the Paper Bills of Credit of this Province, dated the First of *October*, 1773, which being allowed by the House, a Certificate for the said Sum was drawn at the Table, and signed by the Speaker.

The House adjourned to *Monday*, the First of *May* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

THE House met, pursuant to their Adjournment. *May* 1. *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Hillegas* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Representatives being met, they are ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

Mr. *Charles Thomson* laid before the House a Letter from *Willam Bollan*, *Benjamin Franklin*, and *Arthur Lee*, Esquires, dated *London*, *February* 5, 1775, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

"SIR,

OUR last Letter informed you, that the King had declared his Intention of laying the Petition before his two Houses of Parliament. It has accordingly been laid before each House, but undistinguished among a Variety of Letters and other Papers from *America*.

A Motion, made by Lord *Chatham*, to withdraw the Troops from *Boston*, as the first Step towards a conciliating Plan, was rejected; and the Ministry have declared in both Houses the Determination to inforce Obedience to all the late Laws. For this Purpose, we understand that three Regiments of Foot, one of Dragoons, Seven Hundred Marines, Six Sloops of War and Two Frigates are now under Orders for *America*.

We think it proper to inform you, that your Cause was well defended by a considerable Number of good and wise Men in both Houses of Parliament, though far from being a Majority, and that many of the commercial and manufacturing Parts of the Nation, concerned in the *American* Trade, have presented, or, as we understand, are preparing to present Petitions to Parliament, declaring their great Concern for the present unhappy Controversies with *America*, and praying expressly, or in Effect, for healing Measures, as the proper Means of preserving their Commerce, now greatly suffering or endangered: But the Treatment the Petitions already presented have hitherto received, is such, as, in our Opinion, can afford you no Reliance on any present Relief through their Means.

As soon as we learned that the Petition of the Congress was before the House of Commons, we thought it our Duty to support it, if we might be permitted so to do, as there was no other Opportunity for the numerous Inhabitants of the Colonies to be heard in Defence of their Rights. Accordingly we joined in a Petition for that Purpose. Sir *George Saville* kindly undertook to present it, but on previously opening the Purport of it, as the Order is, as Debate arose on the Propriety of receiving it, and, on a Division, it was rejected by a great Majority.

The following Extract of a Letter from General *Gage* to Lord *Dartmouth*, as laid be-

1775. *May* 1. fore Parliament, we think it our Duty to tranſmit, *viz.* "*December* 15, 1774. Your "Lordſhip's Idea of diſarming certain Provinces would doubtleſs be conſiſtent with "Prudence and Safety, but it neither is, nor has been practicable, without having Re-"courſe to Force, and being Maſters of the Country."

It was thrown out in Debate by a principal Member of Adminiſtration, that it would be proper to alter the Charters of *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Iſland*.

Incloſed we ſend you a Copy of the Reſolutions paſſed in a Committee of the whole Houſe on *Thurſday* laſt, which are to be reported on *Monday* *. It is ſaid that theſe Reſolutions are to be the Foundation of ſeveral Bills to be brought in; but the Purport of thoſe Bills we have not yet learned with ſufficient Certainty.

We ſend you likewiſe a Copy of Lord *Chatham's* firſt Motion in the Houſe of Lords, and of his Plan of a Bill for ſettling the Troubles between *Britain* and her Colonies, both which were rejected on the firſt Reading.

With great Reſpect we are,

SIR, *Your moſt obedient humble Servants,*

WM. BOLLAN,
B. FRANKLIN,
ARTHUR LEE."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he ſhould lay ſome Buſineſs before the Houſe ſhortly.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 2. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, together with a Copy of a Reſolution of the Houſe of Commons, paſſed the Twentieth of *February* laſt, which were read by Order, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

## *A* MESSAGE *from the* GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

*GENTLEMEN,*

Meſſage from the Governor to the Aſſembly.

'I Have ordered the Secretary to lay before you a Reſolution † entered into by the *Britiſh* Houſe of Commons the Twentieth of *February* laſt, relative to the unhappy 'Differences ſubſiſting between our Mother Country and her *American* Colonies. You 'will perceive by this Reſolve, not only a ſtrong Diſpoſition manifeſted by that auguſt 'Body to remove the Cauſes which have given Riſe to the Diſcontents and Complaints 'of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Colonies, and the dreadful impending Evils likely to 'enſue from them, but that they have pointed out the Terms, on which they think it 'juſt and reaſonable a final Accommodation ſhould be grounded.

'Let me earneſtly entreat you, Gentlemen, to weigh and conſider this Plan of Re-'conciliation held forth and offered by the Parent to her Children, with that Temper, 'Calmneſs and Deliberation, that the Importance of the Subject, and the preſent critical

'Situation

* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an humble Addreſs be preſented to his Majeſty, to return his Majeſty our moſt humble Thanks for having been moſt graciouſly pleaſed to communicate to this Houſe the ſeveral Papers relating to the preſent State of the *Britiſh* Colonies in *America*, which by his Majeſty's Commands have been laid before this Houſe, (and from which, after taking them into our moſt ſerious Conſideration, we find, that a Part of his Majeſty's Subjects in the Province of the *Maſſachuſetts Bay* have proceeded ſo far to reſiſt the Authority of the ſupreme Legiſlature, that a Rebellion at this Time actually exiſts within the ſaid Province; and we ſee, with the utmoſt Concern, that they have been countenanced and encouraged, by unlawful Combinations and Engagements, entered into by his Majeſty's Subjects in ſeveral of the other Colonies, to the Injury and Oppreſſion of many of their innocent fellow-Subjects, reſident within the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, and the reſt of his Majeſty's Dominions. This Conduct on their Part appears to us the more inexcuſable, when we conſider with how much Temper his Majeſty and the two Houſes of Parliament have acted in Support of the Laws and Conſtitution of *Great Britain*. To declare, that we can never ſo far deſert the Truſt repoſed in us, as to relinquiſh any Part of the ſovereign Authority over all his Majeſty's Dominions, which by Law is veſted in his Majeſty, and the two Houſes of Parliament, and that the Conduct of many Perſons in ſeveral of the Colonies during the late Diſturbances, is alone ſufficient to convince us how neceſſary this Power is for the Protection of the Lives and Fortunes of all his Majeſty's Subjects; that we ever have been, and always ſhall be, ready to pay Attention and Regard to any real Grievances of any of his Majeſty's Subjects, which ſhall in a dutiful and conſtitutional Manner be laid before us, and whenever any of the Colonies ſhall make a proper Application to us, we ſhall be ready to afford them every juſt and reſonable Indulgence, but that at the ſame Time we conſider it as our indiſpenſable Duty, humbly to beſeech his Majeſty, that his Majeſty will take the moſt effectual Meaſures to enforce due Obedience to the Laws and Authority of the ſupreme Legiſlature, and that we beg Leave in the moſt ſolemn Manner to aſſure his Majeſty, that it is our fixed Reſolution, at the Hazard of our Lives and Properties, to ſtand by his Majeſty againſt all Rebellious Attempts in the Maintenance of the juſt Rights of his Majeſty and the two Houſes of Parliament.

AYS 296.
NOES 106.

Amendment propoſed to leave out from the firſt [and] to the End of the Queſtion, and inſert [to aſſure his Majeſty, that in order to fix the true Dignity of his Crown, and the Authority of Parliament, on a ſure Foundation, we ſhall endeavour to recover the Hearts of his Subjects in *America*, too many of whom are unhappily alienated from their uſual Affection to their Mother Country, by endeavouring to remove all thoſe Cauſes of Jealouſy and Apprehenſion which have ariſon from an ufortunate Management of his Majeſty's Affairs, and from Acts of the laſt Parliament, made without ſufficient Information of the true State of *America*.]

Queſtion put, that the Words propoſed to be left out ſtand Part of this Queſtion?

AYS 304
NOES 105.

'Situation of Affairs demand. Give me Leave to obſerve, that the Colonies, amidſt all 1775:
'thoſe Complaints which a Jealouſy of their Liberties has occaſioned, have never denied May 2.
'the Juſtice or Equity of their contributing towards the Burthens of the Mother Country,
'to whoſe Protection and Care they owe not only their preſent Opulence, but even their
'very Exiſtence. On the contrary, every State and Repreſentation of their ſuppoſed
'Grievances, that I have ſeen, avows the Propriety of ſuch a Meaſure, and their Wil-
'lingneſs to comply with it.

'The Diſpute then appears to me to be brought to this Point:—Whether the Redreſs
'of any Grievances the Coloniſts have Reaſon to complain of, ſhall precede, or be poſt-
'poned to, the Settlement of that juſt Proportion, which *America* ſhould bear towards
'the common Support and Defence of the whole *Britiſh* Empire?

'You have, in the Reſolution of the Houſe of Commons, which I have Authority to
'tell you, is entirely approved by his Majeſty, a ſolemn Declaration that an Exemption
'from any Duty, Tax, or Aſſeſsment, preſent or future, except ſuch Duties as may be
'expedient for the Regulation of Commerce, ſhall be the immediate Conſequence of
'Propoſals on the Part of any of the Colony Legiſlatures, accepted by his Majeſty and
'the two Houſes of Parliament, to make Proviſion, according to their reſpective Cir-
'cumſtances, for contributing their Proportion to the common Defence, and the Support
'of the civil Government of each Colony.

'I will not do you ſo much Injuſtice, Gentlemen, as to ſuppoſe you can deſire a
'better Security for the inviolable Performance of this Engagement, than the Reſolve
'itſelf, and his Majeſty's Approbation of it, gives you.

'As you are the firſt Aſſembly on the Continent to whom this Reſolution has been
'communicated, much depends on the Moderation and Wiſdom of your Councils, and
'you will be deſervedly revered to the lateſt Poſterity, if, by any poſſible Means, you
'can be inſtrumental in reſtoring the public Tranquility, and reſcuing both Countries
'from the dreadful Calamities of a Civil War.

*May* the 2d, 1775. *JOHN PENN.*"

†*The RESOLUTION of the* HOUSE *of* COMMONS.

*Lunæ, 20° Die Februarii,* 1775.

The Houſe in a Committee on the *American* Papers. Motion made, and Queſtion propoſed,

THAT it is the Opinion of this Committee, that when the Governor, Council and Aſſembly, or General Court, of any of his Majeſty's Provinces or Colonies in *America* ſhall propoſe to make Proviſion, according to the Condition, Circumſtances and Situation of ſuch Province or Colony, for contributing their Proportion to the common Defence, (ſuch Proportion to be raiſed under the Authority of the General Court or General Aſſembly of ſuch Province or Colony, and diſpoſable by Parliament) and ſhall engage to make Proviſion alſo for the Support of the civil Government, and the Adminiſtration of Juſtice, in ſuch Province or Colony, it will be proper, if ſuch Propoſal ſhall be approved by his Majeſty and the two Houſes of Parliament, and for ſo long as ſuch Proviſion ſhall be made accordingly, to forbear, in Reſpect of ſuch Province or Colony, to levy any Duty, Tax, or Aſſeſsment, or to impoſe any further Duty, Tax, or Aſſeſsment, except only ſuch Duties as it may be expedient to continue to levy or impoſe for the Regulation of Commerce, the nett Produce of the Duties laſt-mentioned to be carried to the Account of ſuch Province or Colony reſpectively."

A Remonſtrance from a Number of Farmers and Millers in the County of *Bucks*, reſpecting an Alteration of the Sizes of Flour Barrels, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter received in their Receſs from the Speaker of the Houſe of Aſſembly of the Colony of *New-York*, with ſundry Papers therein referred to, which were read by Order, and the ſaid Letter is as follows, *viz.*

"*SIR*, *New-York, April* 10, 1775.

BY an Order of the General Aſſembly of this Colony, I am directed to tranſmit you the incloſed Papers upon the Subject of the unhappy Situation of *American* Affairs—they contain a Liſt of Grievances, with the Reſolutions of the Houſe in Conſequence thereof, and alſo a Petition to the King, a Memorial to the Houſe of Lords, and a Repreſentation and Remonſtrance to the Commons of *Great-Britain*. I am alſo directed to requeſt of you to lay the ſame before the Houſe of Aſſembly of your Colony at their firſt Meeting after the Receipt hereof. I ſhall only add that our Aſſembly ſtand adjourned until the Third Day of *May* next, and that I am reſpectfully, SIR,

A Letter from the Speaker of the Houſe of Aſſembly of *New-York*.

*Your moſt humble Servant,*

*To the Speaker of the General Aſſembly of the Province of* Pennſylvania.

JOHN CRUGER, *Speaker.*"

Purſuant

1775. *May* 2. Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, given at the laſt Sitting, a Member preſented at the Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* William Scott *in and* "*to certain Lands in the Townſhip of* Straſburg, *and County of* Lancaſter," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 3. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage of Yeſterday, with the Reſolution of the Houſe of Commons attending it, after ſome Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Charles Thomſon*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompſon* be a Committee to eſſay and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

A Petition from a Number of Bakers of Loaf Bread in the City of *Philadelphia*, praying an Amendment of the late Act of Aſſembly for regulating the Aſſize of Bread, was preſented to the Houſe and read.— *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 4. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read by Paragraphs, and after ſome Alteration, agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

A Petition from the Heirs and Repreſentatives of *John Taylor*, late of *Thornbury* Townſhip, in the County of *Cheſter*, Practitioner in Phyſic, deceaſed, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that on the 9th Day of *January* 1738, a Proprietary Patent was granted for One Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land in *Weſt Bradford* Townſhip, in the ſaid County, unto *Clement Plumſted*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Merchant, which ſaid Patent was indented in Truſt for the Uſe and Benefit of the ſaid *John Taylor*; that the Petitioners are well convinced from the Knowledge and Experience, which the ſaid *John Taylor* had in the Legality of Titles that he muſt have had in his Life Time ſome Conveyance executed to him by the ſaid *Clement Plumſted* for the ſaid Land, but which is now loſt and cannot be found;—that as an Evidence of the ſaid intended Truſt the Petitioners beg Leave to obſerve, that the ſaid Proprietary Patent ever ſince it was made has been in the Cuſtody of the ſaid *John Taylor* and his Repreſentatives, and he and they have been in the actual Poſſeſſion and received the Rents of the ſaid Land, and ſince his Death the ſame Land has been divided among his Repreſentatives according to Law, without any Claim being made by the Heirs of the ſaid *Clement Plumſted*;—that in the Year 1763, Application was made by the Adminiſtrators of the ſaid *John Taylor* to *William Plumſted*, only Son and Heir at Law of the ſaid *Clement Plumſted* (then deceaſed) for a Releaſe of the ſaid Land, who being fully convinced of the ſaid intended Truſt, did diſclaim any Right thereto, and promiſe to execute a Releaſe of Right to the ſaid Land as ſoon as certain Accounts between him and the ſaid *John Taylor's* Eſtate were ſettled and adjuſted;—that the ſaid Accounts were ſoon after ſettled, and the Balance due to the ſaid *William Plumſted* paid; but before any Releaſe or Conveyance was executed he the ſaid *William Plumſted* died, without taking any Notice thereof in his Will;—the Petitioners therefore pray that the Houſe will be pleaſed to give them Leave to bring in a Bill for ſupplying the aforeſaid Defect in their Title to the ſaid Land.—

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Charles M'Clure*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner is erecting a Griſt-Mill upon the *Letort* Spring, about half a Mile above the Town of *Carliſle*, to accomodate the Inhabitants thereof, and that he purpoſes building Boats to tranſport their Grain to the ſaid Mill, and return the Flour when manufactured;—that he therefore prays a Law may be paſſed to conſtitute the aforeſaid Spring a public Highway, to begin at the Eaſt End of the North Street of the Town aforeſaid, and to continue up to the ſaid Mill.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage being tranſcribed according to Order, was again read, ſigned by the Speaker, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage from the Houſe. WE have taken into our ſerious Conſideration your Meſſage of the ſecond Inſtant, and the Reſolution of the *Britiſh* Houſe of Commons therein referred to.

Having "weighed and conſidered this Plan with the Temper, Calmneſs and Delibe-"ration that the Importance of the Subject, and the preſent critical Situation of Affairs "demand;" we are ſincerely ſorry that we cannot "think the Terms pointed out," afford "a juſt and reaſonable Ground for a final Accommodation" between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies.

Your

1775. May 4.

Your Honour obſerves, "that the Colonies amidſt all thoſe Complaints which a "Jealouſy of their Liberties has occaſioned, have never denied the Juſtice or Equity of "contributing towards the Burthens of the Mother Country;" but your Honour muſt know, that they have ever unanimouſly aſſerted it as their indiſputable Right, that all Aids from them ſhould be their own free and voluntary Gifts, not taken by Force, nor extorted by Fear.

Under which of theſe Deſcriptions the "Plan held forth, and offered by the Parent to "her Children" at this Time, with its attendant Circumſtances, deſerves to be claſſed, we chuſe rather to ſubmit to the Determination of your Honour's good Senſe, than to attempt proving by the Enumeration of notorious Facts, or the Repetition of obvious Reaſons.

If no other Objection to "the Plan" propoſed, occurred to us, we ſhould eſteem it a diſhonourable Deſertion of Siſter Colonies, connected by an Union, founded on juſt Motives and mutual Faith, and conducted by General Councils, for a ſingle Colony to adopt a Meaſure, ſo extenſive in Conſequence, without the Advice and Conſent of thoſe Colonies engaged with us by ſolemn Ties in the ſame common Cauſe.

For we wiſh your Honour to be aſſured, that we can form no Proſpect appearing reaſonable to us, of any laſting Advantages for *Pennſylvania*, however agreeable they may be at the Beginning, but what muſt ariſe from a Communication of Rights and Proſperity with the other Colonies; and that if ſuch a Proſpect ſhould be opened to us, we have too ſincere an Affection for our Brethren, and too ſtrict a Regard "for the inviolable "Performance of" our "Engagements," to receive any Pleaſure from Benefits equally due to them, yet confined to Ourſelves, and which, by generouſly rejecting them at preſent, may at length be ſecured to all.

Your Honour is pleaſed to obſerve, that as we are "the firſt Aſſembly on the Con-"tinent to whom this Reſolution has been communicated, much depends on the Mo-"deration and Wiſdom of our Councils, and we ſhall be deſervedly revered to the lateſt "Poſterity, if by any poſſible Means" we "can be inſtrumental in reſtoring the public "Tranquility, and reſcuing both Countries from the dreadful Calamities of a civil War."

Your Honour, from your long Reſidence and Converſation among us, muſt be perſuaded that the People we repreſent are as peaceable and obedient to Government, as true and faithful to their Sovereign, and as affectionate and dutiful to their ſuperior State, as any in the World; and though we are not inattentive to the Approbation of "Poſterity," as it might reflect Honour upon our Country, yet higher Motives have taught us upon all Occaſions to demonſtrate by every Teſtimony our Devotion to our King and Parent State.

Still animated by the ſame Principles, and moſt earneſtly deſirous of enjoying our former undiſturbed Condition of Dependance and Subordination productive of ſo many Bleſſings to "both Countries," we cannot expreſs the Satisfaction we ſhould receive, "if by any poſſible Means" we could "be inſtrumental in reſtoring the public Tran-"quility;"—Should ſuch an Opportunity offer, we ſhall endeavour with the utmoſt Diligence and Zeal to improve it, and to convince his Majeſty and our Mother Country, that we ſhall ever be ready and willing with our Lives and Fortunes to ſupport the Intereſts of his Majeſty and that Country, by every Effort that can be reaſonably expected from the moſt loyal Subjects, and the moſt dutiful Coloniſts.

Until divine Providence ſhall cauſe in the Courſe of his Diſpenſations ſuch a happy Period to arrive, we can only deprecate, and if it be poſſible, ſtrive, by Prudence to avoid "the Calamities of a civil War," a "dreadful Misfortune" indeed! and not to be exceeded but by an utter Subverſion of the Liberties of *America*.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*May* 4, 1775. JOHN MORTON, *Speaker*."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *John Jacobs* wait on the Governor and deliver the foregoing Anſwer to his Meſſage.

A Petition from a conſiderable Number of the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadedlphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, deeply affected with a Senſe of the imminent Dangers to which this Province particularly, and the Colonies in general, are expoſed at this Inſtant, are compelled by the firſt Law dictated by Nature to endeavour to preſerve themſelves from utter Deſtruction, and therefore look up to the Honourable Houſe the Guardians of public Liberty, in whom the People of this Province have repoſed the higheſt Truſt, for that Protection which, under the Favour of the Almighty God, it is in their Power to afford;—that the Petitioners in this Conteſt for Freedom and all the Bleſſings attending it, have been greatly encouraged by the Firmneſs, Wiſdom and public Spirit of the late and preſent Houſe of Aſſembly, and Affairs being now reduced to Extremity by the Commencement of a Civil War on this Continent, which, in all Probability, muſt in its Courſe ſoon reach *Pennſylvania*, the Petitioners moſt humbly and fervently beſeech and ſupplicate the Honourable Houſe to

1775. *May* 4. grant, raiſe and apply with all poſſible Diſpatch, a Sum of Money, at leaſt amounting to *Fifty Thouſand Pounds*, towards putting this Province into a State of Defence, in ſuch Manner as to the Houſe ſhall appear moſt proper and effectual.———

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Heirs and Repreſentatives of *John Taylor*, late of *Cheſter* County, deceaſed, was again read, and Leave given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-Morrow Morning.

*May* 5. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Ajournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Meſſage of the Second Inſtant, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition preſented Yeſterday from the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, for Aid from Government towards putting the Province into a State of Defence, and after a Debate of ſome Length, ad-

Adjournment journed to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after further Time ſpent therein, adjourned to

Adjournment Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 6. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, being acquainted that with Captain *Oſborne*, who arrived Yeſterday, came Paſſenger *Benjamin Franklin* Eſq; late Agent for this Province in *London*,

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That the ſaid *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby added to the Deputies appointed by this Houſe on the Part of *Pennſylvania*, to attend the Continental Congreſs expected to meet on the 10th Inſtant, in this City.

*Reſolved, N. C. D.* That the Honourable *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; of *Philadelphia*, and *James Wilſon*, Eſq; of *Carliſle*, be alſo added to the ſaid Deputies for this Province.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill left under his Conſideration at the laſt Sitting, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate* of Daniel Andrews, *in and to certain Lands in* Amity *Townſhip, in the County of* Berks," and acquainted the Houſe, that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

Mr. Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to ſuppreſs the holding* "*of Fairs within the City of* Philadelphia," with a Paper of Amendments thereto, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*May* 8. *Poſt Meridiem* Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, purſuant to their Adjournment; and

Adjournment a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*May* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and taking into Conſideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to ſuppreſs the holding of Fairs within the Chity of* Philadelphia," the ſame were again read, and being ſeverally conſidered, the Queſtion was put by the Speaker, Whether the Houſe will adhere to the Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and acquaint his Honour that the Houſe adhere to the ſame.

The Petition from *Charles M'Clure*, of the Town of *Carliſle*, being, on Motion, again read,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner give Notice in the public News-Papers of his Application to the Houſe, for Leave to bring in a Bill at their next Sitting for the Purpoſe mentioned in his Petition.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to

Adjournment Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Draught of Inſtructions to the Deputies for this Province, brought in at the laſt Sitting, which being conſidered, and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

Upon Information by a Member, that *Thomas Beard*, late Collector of Exciſe for the County of *Cumberland*, is deceaſed, and that his Son, *Thomas*, is willing and deſirous to take upon him the ſaid Office till the End of Year,

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Beard*, the Younger, be, and is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the ſaid County, till the Fourteenth of *October* next.

A Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting Engagements they have entered into for the public Security, whereby a conſiderable Debt hath accrued, which cannot be diſcharged without the Aid of the Legiſlature, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Inſtructions to the Deputies appointed by this Province to attend the Continental Congreſs,

Congreſs, being tranſcribed according to Order, were ſigned by the Speaker, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.* 1775. *May* 9.

"GENTLEMEN,

THE Truſt repoſed in you, is of ſuch a Nature, and the Modes of executing it, may be ſo diverſified in the Courſe of your Deliberations, that it is ſcarcely poſſible to give you particular Inſtructions reſpecting it. Inſtructions to the Deputies in Congreſs.

We ſhall therefore, in general, direct that you meet in Congreſs the Delegates of the ſeveral *Britiſh* Colonies, to be held on the Tenth Inſtant, to conſult together on the preſent critical and alarming Situation and State of the Colonies, and that you exert your utmoſt Endeavours to agree upon, and recommend, ſuch further Meaſures, as ſhall afford the beſt Proſpect of obtaining Redreſs of *American* Grievances, and reſtoring that Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies ſo eſſential to the Welfare and Happineſs of both Countries.

You are directed to make Report of your Proceedings to this Houſe at their next Seſſions after the Meeting of the Congreſs.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*May* 9, 1775. JOHN MORTON, Speaker."

Adjournment *May* 10.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition from *Lancaſter* County, againſt the Commiſſioners of the ſaid County, was referred for Enquiry, reported, "That having heard the Complaint of the Inhabitants, with the Commiſſioners Anſwers, and "the Vouchers produced from the Grand Jury and Magiſtrates of the ſaid County, to "juſtify their Conduct, it appears to the Committee that the ſaid Commiſſioners have "acted with Propriety, and given no juſt Cauſe of Complaint againſt them."

Adjournment *May* 11.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and taking again into Conſideration the Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts do examine the Funds of the Province, and report to the Houſe what Sum they may immediately draw from thence.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee of Accounts reported, that upon examining the Provincial Funds, they find the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds* at the Diſpoſal of the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That *George Gray*, *Michael Hillegas* and *Charles Humphreys*, Eſquires, or any two of them, are hereby authoriſed and impowered to draw Orders on *Samuel Preſton Moore*, Eſq; to the Amount of *Eighteen Hundred Pounds*, out of the Intereſt-Money in his Hands, and on the Provincial Treaſurer for the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, out of the Rents of the *Province Iſland*, to be diſpoſed of and applied towards diſcharging certain Engagements lately entered into for the public Security.

Adjournment *May* 12.

The Houſe then adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Mifflin*, Mr. *Charles Thomſon*, Mr. *Wynkoop*, Mr. *Wayne*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *William Thompſon*, or a Majority of them, do immediately uſe ſuch Meaſures to provide Stores that may be neceſſary for the Service of the Province at this Time, not exceeding in Value the Sum of *Five Thouſand Pounds*, as to them ſhall appear moſt expedient and effectual.

*Joſeph Galloway*, Eſquire, having repeatedly moved in Aſſembly to be excuſed from ſerving as a Deputy for this Province in the Continental Congreſs, the Houſe this Day took his Motion into Conſideration, and do hereby agree to excuſe him from that Service.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Ordered*, The Mr. *Wynkoop* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe incline to adjourn to *Monday* the 19th of *June* next, if his Honour has no Objection thereto.

Adjournment *May* 13.

The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock, To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Objection to the Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the 19th of *June* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*June* 19. *Poſt Meridiem*

MR. Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

A Quorum

1775. A Quorum met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night.

*June* 20. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and ready to receive any Buſineſs he may be pleaſed to lay before them.

Upon Repreſentation by a Member, that an Error has been diſcovered in the Form of the Bills of Credit directed to be ſtruck and emitted by Virtue of the late Act of Aſſembly of this Province, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing "Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" the Form of the ſaid Bills of Credit in the manuſcript Copy of the Act bearing Date the Thirteenth inſtead of the Fifteenth Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to correct the ſaid Error.

Adjournment *June* 21. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Buſineſs at preſent to lay before the Houſe.

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants near *Heads* Creek, in the Townſhips of *Cheſtnut-Hill* and *Domencing*, in *Northampton* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, complaining of great Inconveniences ſuffered by the Petitioners from a Saw-Mill Dam erected on the ſaid Creek, obſtructing the Navigation thereof, and praying Relief.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; Agent for this Province in *London*, dated the Fifteenth of *February* laſt, incloſing a Liſt of Six Acts of the General Aſſembly of this Province preſented to his Majeſty in Council the Fourteenth of the ſame Month, reſpectively entituled and paſſed as follows, *viz.*

No. 1. "*An Act for the Relief of* Samuel Sweet, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* "Philadelphia, *and* Thomas Bamford, *a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Lancaſter "*County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.*" *Paſſed 28th of September*, 1773.

No. 2. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province and Payment of* "*the public Debts.*" *Paſſed the ſame Day.*

No. 3. "*An Act to prevent counterfeiting the Paper-Monies of other Colonies.*" *Paſſed the ſame Day.*

No. 4. "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* "*An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable.*" *Paſſed the 23d July*, 1774.

No. 5. "*An Act for lending the Sum of* Eight Hundred Pounds *to the ſeveral and re-* "*ſpective Counties of* Bedford, Northumberland *and* Weſtmoreland *for building a Court-* "*Houſe and Priſon in each of the ſaid Counties.*" *Paſſed the ſame Day.*

No. 6. "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of* "*the public Debts.*" *Paſſed 29th September*, 1774.

All which Acts are herewith moſt humbly preſented this 14th Day of *February*, 1775. by me

HENRY WILMOT,
*Agent for the Proprietaries of* Pennſylvania."

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Wayne*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Edmonds* Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit to be ſunk by the Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend the Supplement to the Act, entituled, "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for* "*other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment *June* 22. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, and adjourned to Five o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit to be ſunk by the Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the* "*Government of this Province and Payment of the public Debts,*" which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Purſuant to Leave for that Purpoſe, a Member preſented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of the Heirs and Repreſentatives of* John Taylor, *late* "*of the County of* Cheſter, *Practitioner in Phyſic, deceaſed, in a certain Tract of Land in* "*the Townſhip of* Bradford, *in the ſaid County,*" which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to amend the* "*Act, entituled, "A Supplement to the Act, entituled, "An Act appointing Wardens for*

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"*the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. 1774. June 22.

Upon Motion,

The Bill brought in at the last Sitting, and once read, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* William Scott *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Strasburg, "*and County of* Lancaster," was read the second time, and ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of* "John Taylor, *late of the County of* Chester, *Practitioner in Physic, deceased, in a cer-* "*tain Tract of Land in the Township of* Bradford, *in the said County*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading. June 23.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and* "*Payment of the public Debts*," being also read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition and Memorial from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners reflecting upon the great and imminent Danger to which the Liberties of *America* are exposed by the open and declared Determination of the *British* Ministry, to enforce certain cruel and oppressive Acts of Parliament, and contemplating those mournful Events which have already happened, as well as those which may happen during this important Struggle, have been induced to form and recommend a Military Association within this City and Liberties;—that in forming such Association they have extended their Views beyond a mere Parade and useless Shew; and animated with a lively Sense of the inestimable Value of the Blessings of Civil Liberty themselves, they have endeavoured to inculcate upon others the Necessity of defending and supporting them by actual Service, if the Exigency of public Affairs should require it.—That under these Circumstances they find various Difficulties, which require the Aid and Assistance of the Honourable House: Reposing therefore the fullest Confidence in the Virtue and Spirit of their Representatives, they beg Leave to lay before them several Particulars which seem in a peculiar Manner to claim their Attention and Regard, *viz.*

That, in the first Place, there are great Numbers of able-bodied Men who have acquired some Skill in the Use of Arms, and in Case of Necessity would proceed to actual Service, but their Situation and Circumstances in Life (many having Families and others not sufficient Ability to support themselves) forbid their entering into any Engagements of this Nature, and in Case of an actual Call, their Ardor and Readiness to devote themselves to their Country's Service would be damped, if not extinguished by the alarming Consideration of leaving their Families subject to Want at Home, and experiencing all the Difficulties of unpaid Troops while in the Field—the Petitioners therefore humbly submit to the Honourable House, that as there is the highest Reason and Justice that all the Members of the Community, who are equally interested in the Preservation and Security of our common Liberties, should contribute to the Assistance and Support of those who take a more active, laborious and dangerous Part, it would be highly proper that a Vote of Credit should be passed ascertaining and promising suitable Pay and Subsistence to such Officers and Soldiers as shall solemnly engage to go into actual Service if required, and who shall, in Case of Necessity and public Danger, comply with such Engagements by meeting at any Rendezvous appointed, and performing such military Duty as shall be deemed necessary and may be demanded of them. And that such Provision may be extended to Camp, Equipage, Waggons for transporting Baggage, and such other Necessaries as actual Field Duty shall require;—that the Petitioners on this Subject would only add that the Provision here requested is no more than that made by the Militia Laws in *England*, and the neighbouring Provinces in Case of Invasion or Insurrection, and by all judicious and sensible Men deemed absolutely necessary to give Efficacy, Spirit, Vigor and Success to any military Association whatever.

That, in the second Place, the Petitioners beg Leave to lay before the Honourable House the very naked and defenceless State of this City and Harbour, now in its Turn become the Frontier, and exposed to equal Dangers and Difficulties, from which it has at different times chearfully contributed to rescue the more distant Parts of the Province. Vain are all our military Operations, useless and lost the Sums of Money generously given by this Honourable House for our Defence, if a single Ship of War may proceed, without any Interruption, to the very Front of the City, and impose such Terms of surrendering our Arms, or Contributions of Money and Provisions, as will reduce us to the melancholy Alternative of a disgraceful Compliance, or exposing the City to certain Destruction;—that great Quantities of large Cannon and some Stores lay in useless Heaps

1775. *June 23.* in various Parts of this City, which ſkilful Perſons have judged might, at no great Expence, be ſo employed as to make our Situation much more ſecure than it is at preſent; beſides which there are many other Devices calculated for obſtructing the Paſſage of Rivers and Harbours well worthy of immediate Attention, if ſome ſuitable Proviſion could be made for defraying the Expence which would be incurred by ſo eſſential a Service.

That, in the third Place, the Petitioners earneſtly recommend to the Patronage and Aſſiſtance of the Honourable Houſe a Manufacture of that valuable and neceſſary Article Saltpetre, while dependant on a precarious Supply from beyond Sea, and that under the Reſtraints which our cruel Oppreſſors have laid or procured, our Situation is truly alarming; but ſhould Succeſs happily attend the infant Manufactory, promoted and formed by the Petitioners, it may be extended ſo as to bid Defiance to all the Schemes of our Enemies to deprive us of the neceſſary Means of Defence, and afford the faireſt Proſpect of Relief from our preſent Difficulties and Diſtreſs.

Beſides theſe particular Objects, which, with all due Reſpect, the Petitioners ſubmit to the Conſideration of the Honourable Houſe, they beg Leave to add, that in Times ſo critical and important, when the Fate of our Country, the Safety and Security of all which can make Life valuable or deſirable to a free Citizen, is ſuſpended, when every Day brings with it ſome Event of a moſt intereſting Nature, particular and unforeſeen Exigences and Dangers ariſe, which require immediate Attention, and incur an immediate Expence:—That the Petitioners therefore ſubmit to the Conſideration of the Houſe the Neceſſity and Propriety of appointing Perſons out of their own Body, or in Conjunction with others, as a Committee of Safety and Defence, with diſcretionary Powers, upon the Credit, and under the Countroul of the Houſe, to act on ſuch Emergencies, to appropriate ſuch public Monies as may be already raiſed, or to raiſe ſuch further Sums upon Credit, or otherwiſe, as the alarming Situation of the Province may require.

*Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Committee of the City and Liberties of* Philadelphia,

JOSEPH REED, *Chairman.*"

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Five o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition and Memorial from the Committee for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June 24.* The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* "*A Supplement to the* "*Act, entituled,* "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for* "*other Purpoſes therein mentioned;*"—"*An Act for the Support of the Government of this* "*Province, and Payment of the public Debts;*"—"*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of the* "*Heirs and Repreſentatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County of* Cheſter, *Practitioner* "*in Phyſic, deceaſed, in a certain Tract of Land, in the Townſhip of* Bradford, *in the ſaid* "*County;*"—and, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* William Scott *in and to certain* "*Lands in the Townſhip of* Straſburg, *and County of* Lancaſter," being tranſcribed, according to Order, were read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved,* That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Slough* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

A Memorial from *Samuel Preſton Moore*, Eſquire, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that a late Houſe of Aſſembly, by their Reſolve of the 25th of *September*, 1771, was pleaſed to direct the then Committee of Accounts, to allow to the Memorialiſt, in their Settlement with him, the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, as a Compenſation for Four Years Services in tranſacting the whole Buſineſs of the late General Loan-Office, and for his Care of the Intereſt-Money ariſing therefrom;—that as the ſeveral Committees of Accounts, ſince appointed, have been of Opinion the ſaid Reſolve did not authoriſe or impower them to make any Allowance to the Memorialiſt for his Trouble in the ſaid Truſt ſince the Year above-mentioned, he prays the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and direct the preſent Committee, to allow, in the next Settlement with him, ſuch further Sum as the Houſe may think reaſonable for his Execution of the ſaid Office, now almoſt Four Years longer. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

An Account from *John Palmer*, Innkeeper at the Falls of *Schuylkill*, amounting to *Eight Pounds Seven Shillings* and *Seven-pence*, for Expences of the Committe of Aſſembly appointed to view the River *Schuylkill* laſt Spring, was preſented to the Houſe, and a Certificate for Payment thereof being drawn by Order, was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*.

A Member of this Houſe, and one of the Deputies to the Continental Congreſs, read in his Place, and then preſented at the Table, a Reſolve of the ſaid Congreſs, in the Words following, *viz.*

"*In*

" *In Congress, June* 22, 1775. 1775. *June* 24.

" *Resolved*, That the Colony of *Pennsylvania* raise two more Companies of Rifle-
" Men, and that these, with the six Companies before ordered to be raised by them,
" making eight Companies, be formed into a Battalion, under such Field- and Under-
" Officers as shall be recommended by the Assembly or Convention of the above
" Colony."

The House taking into Consideration the foregoing Resolve, relative to the Manner of recommending Field- and other Officers for the Battalion of Rifle-Men to be raised in this Province by Order of Congress, and to be in Continental Pay,

*Resolved*, That the Members of the Congress deputed by this Assembly, be a Committe to consider of, and recommend, proper Persons for Officers of the said Battalion.

A Petition from a Number of the Officers of the Association in the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, concurring with, and recommending to immediate Consideration, the Petition and Memorial from the Committee of the said City and Liberties, presented Yesterday, was delivered at the Chair, and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Ten o'Clock, *A. M.* Adjournment *June* 26.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a sufficient Number to proceed on Business being yet wanting, they adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment. *June* 27.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down a verbal Message, requiring a List of the Draughts and Certificates of Assembly, made payable out of the Supply Bill before him, and a List thereof being drawn at the Table accordingly,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Bartholomew* and Mr. *Wayne* wait on his Honour, and deliver the same.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor, and delivered the said List according to Order.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after some Debate thereon, *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Charles Thomson*, Mr, *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Wayne*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Edmonds* be a Committee to consider of, and report to the House, such Measures as may be expedient for putting this City and Province into a State of Defence.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, sent down the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to amend*
" *the Act, entituled,* " *A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* " *An Act appointing War-*
" *dens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and acquainted the House he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

The Secretary also returned the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for confirming the Estate of*
" William Scott, *in and to certain Lands in the Township of* Strasburg, *in the County of*
" Lancaster," and informed the House his Honour could not give his Assent to the same.

With the above, the Secretary likewise delivered the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for*
" *confirming the Estate of the Heirs and Representatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County*
" *of* Chester, *Practitioner in Physic, deceased, in a certain Tract of Land in the Township*
" *of* Bradford, *in the said County,*" with an Amendment to the same; which being read, and agreed to by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *June* 28.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sup-*
" *port of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts,*" with a written Message to the House, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN,*

' IT being unusual to make Provision for the Discharge of the Orders, drawn for the ' Payment of the public Debts, before the End of the Year, at which Time there ' may probably be a Sum sufficient for the Purpose in the Treasury arising from the ' Funds heretofore provided, I cannot think it proper to give my Consent to the Bill, ' entituled, *An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of* ' *the public Debts.*

*June* 28, 1775. *JOHN PENN.*" A written Message from the Governor to the House.

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Message,

*Ordered,*

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*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

*June* 28. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Five o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to take into Conſideration, and report to the Houſe, ſuch Meaſures as may be expedient for putting this City and Province into a State of Defence, reported they had eſſayed a Draught of ſome Reſolves for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read by Order, was referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*June* 29.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Ferree* and Mr. *Ewing* wait on the Governor, and enquire at what Hour To-day the Houſe ſhall attend him to enact into Laws the Bills that have been returned with his Aſſent.

The Members return, and report they had waited on his Honour, and delivered their Meſſage, according to Order, and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay he ſhould be immediately ready to meet the Houſe to paſs the ſeveral Bills which have been agreed on.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Time of Adjournment, agreed to meet again on *Monday*, the 18th of *September* next, with which the Speaker is deſired to acquaint his Honour when the Houſe ſhall wait on him to paſs the Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* join with the Members of Council appointed by the Governor, to compare the engroſſed Bill with its Original.

The Member reported he had aſſiſted in collating the engroſſed Bill with its Original, and found them to agree.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Parker* ſee the Great-Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills after they are enacted into Laws, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

*A Meſſage by the* SECRETARY.

" SIR,

" The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the " Houſe, to enact into Laws the Bills returned with his Aſſent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole Houſe waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that the Houſe had waited on his Honour, and preſented three Bills, reſpectively entituled, " *An Act to amend the Act, entituled,* " *A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* " *An Act* " *appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purpoſes therein men-* " *tioned;*"——" *An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Daniel Andrews, *in and to certain* " *Lands, in* Amity *Townſhip, in the County of* Berks,"——and, " *An Act for confirming* " *the Eſtate of the Heirs and Repreſentatives of* John Taylor, *late of the County of* Cheſter, " *Practitioner in Phyſic, deceaſed, in a certain Tract of Land, in the Townſhip of* Brad- " ford, *in the ſaid County*;"—to which Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into Laws.

Mr. Speaker alſo reported, that he had acquainted his Honour the Houſe purpoſed to adjourn to the 18th of *September* next, if the Governor approved thereof; to which he was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Objection to the propoſed Time of Adjournment.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bills, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem.*

The Committee appointed to ſtrike the Sum of *Twenty-five Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit directed by the Act, entituled, " *A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act* " *for erecting a new Gaol, Workhouſe and Houſe of Correction in the City of* Philadelphia," paſſed the Eighteenth of *March* laſt, produced to the Chair a Receipt from *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; one of the Commiſſioners of the County of *Philadelphia*, for the ſaid Sum of *Twenty-five Thouſand Pounds* in the ſaid Bills of Credit to him paid agreeable to the Directions of the ſaid Act.

The ſaid Committee alſo produced two extra Sheets unſigned, which had been printed to ſupply any Loſs or Deficiency happening in the ſaid Bills during the Signing and Numbering the ſame, which two extra Sheets containing Sixteen Bills of *Five Pounds* each, and Sixteen Bills of *Fifty Shillings* each, were burned, by Order of the Houſe, in the Preſence of the Members.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Reſolves of the Committee appointed to conſider of ſuch Meaſures as may be expedient for putting this City and Province into a State of Defence, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-

Adjournment

morrow Morning.

*June* 30.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the Conſideration of the Reſolves of the Committee, which being put to the Queſtion, were agreed to by the Houſe, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved,*

1775. June 30.

*Resolved*, 1. That this House approve the Association entered into by the good People of this Province for the Defence of their Lives, Liberty and Property.

*Resolved*, 2. That if any Invasion or Landing of *British* Troops, or others, shall be made in this or the adjacent Colonies during the present Controversy, or any armed Ships or Vessels shall sail up the River *Delaware* in an hostile Manner, and such Circumstances shall render it expedient in the Judgment of the Committee hereafter to be appointed, for any Number of the Officers and private Men of the Association within this Colony to enter into actual Service for repelling such hostile Attempts, this House will provide for the Pay and necessary Expences of such Officers and Soldiers performing such military Duty, while they are in such actual Service.

*Resolved*, 3. That the Pay of the Officers and Privates while in such actual Service, shall not exceed that of the Army raised by the Congress of the United Colonies, for the Defence of the Liberties of *America*.

*Resolved*, 4. That this House do earnestly recommend to the Board of Commissioners of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and of each County in this Province, that have not made the Provision herein after mentioned, and they are hereby enjoined, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and Safety of their Country, immediately to provide a proper Number of good new Firelocks, with Bayonets fitted to them, Cartridge Boxes, with Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridge in every Box, and Knapsacks, not less than Fifteen Hundred of each Article for the City and County of *Philadelphia*—Three Hundred for the County of *Bucks*—Five Hundred for the County of *Chester* — Six Hundred for the County of *Lancaster*—Three Hundred for the County of *York*—Three Hundred for the County of *Cumberland*—Four Hundred for the County of *Berks* — Three Hundred for the County of *Northampton*—One Hundred for the County of *Bedford*—One Hundred for the County of *Northumberland*, and One Hundred for the County of *Westmoreland*,——to be under the Care of the Commanding Officers of the Battalions of the said Counties, for the immediate Use of such Officers and Soldiers as shall be draughted from the Battalions from Time to Time for actual Service. And the said Commissioners and Assessors shall produce their Accounts for the Furnishing the Arms and Accoutrements aforesaid to the Committee herein after appointed, which being approved of by the said Committee, they shall draw Orders on the Treasurer for the Payment thereof, and he is hereby enjoined to pay the same out of the Bills to be emitted by the Resolution of this House.

*Resolved*, 5. That the Firelocks to be provided as aforesaid be of one Size and Bore, with Steel Rammers well fitted to the same; and that Patterns of the said Firelocks, Rammers and Bayonets be immediately made in the City of *Philadelphia*, and sent to the different Counties.

*Resolved*, 6. That this House do recommend to, and enjoin, the Officers and Committees of each County in this Province, to select a Number of Minute-Men, equal to the Arms, *&c.* provided for the same, to be in Readiness, upon the shortest Notice, to march to any Quarter in Case of Emergency.

*Resolved*, 7. That Provision be made for defending this Province, and the City in particular, against the Attacks of armed Vessels that may be sent to annoy them.

And whereas the Safety of a Country greatly depends on having within itself the Means of Defence, and it appears that sufficient Quantities of Saltpetre may be collected, not only for Defence, but for other Purposes,

*Resolved*, 8. That the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* be paid for every Hundred Weight of good merchantable Saltpetre that shall be made and manufactured in this Province, and delivered to the Committee of Safety herein after named, within the Space of Three Months from this Time; and that the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* be paid for every Hundred Weight of good merchantable Saltpetre that shall be made and manufactured in this Province, and delivered to the said Committee, within the Space of Three Months next following; and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Quantity.

*Resolved*, 9. That *John Dickinson*, *George Gray*, *Henry Wynkoop*, *Anthony Wayne*, *Benjamin Bartholomew*, *George Ross*, *Michael Swoope*, *John Montgomery*, *Edward Biddle*, *William Edmonds*, *Bernhard Dougherty*, *Samuel Hunter*, *William Thompson*, *Thomas Willing*, *Benjamin Franklin*, *Daniel Roberdeau*, *John Cadwalader*, *Andrew Allen*, *Owen Biddle*, *Francis Johnston*, *Richard Reily*, *Samuel Morris*, jun. *Robert Morris*, *Thomas Wharton*, jun. and *Robert White*, Gentlemen, be a Committee of Safety for calling forth such and so many of the Associators into actual Service, when Necessity requires, as the said Committee shall judge proper, for Paying and Supplying them with Necessaries, while in actual Service, for providing for the Defence of this Province against Invasion and Insurrection, and for encouraging and promoting the Manufacture of Saltpetre; which said Committee are hereby authorized and impowered to draw Orders on the Treasurer herein after appointed for the several Purposes above-mentioned.

*Resolved*, 10. That any Seven or more, of the said Committee shall be a Board for transacting the Business aforesaid, or any Part thereof.

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And for carrying the foregoing Reſolves into Execution, it is

*Reſolved*, 11. That Bills of Credit to the Value of *Thirty-five Thouſand Pounds* ſhall on or before the firſt Day of *Auguſt* next be prepared and printed on good ſtrong Paper, under the Care and Direction of *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſqrs; or any three of them, at the Charge of the Public, to be defrayed out of the ſaid Bills; which Bills ſhall be made and prepared in Manner and Form following, *viz.*

——According to the Reſolves of the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*, made on the Thirtieth Day of *June*, in the Fifteenth Year of his Majeſty GEORGE the Third——dated at *Philadelphia*, the Twentieth Day of *July*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five.

And the ſaid Bills ſhall have ſuch Eſcutcheons and Devices as the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon* ſhall think proper——each of which Bills ſhall be of the ſeveral and reſpective Denominations following, and no other, *viz.*

Seven Thouſand of the ſame Bills, of the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

Seven Thouſand of the ſame Bills, of the Sum of *Thirty Shillings*.

Seven Thouſand of the ſame Bills, of the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.

Seven Thouſand of the ſame Bills, of the Sum of *Ten Shillings*.

And the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon* ſhall uſe their beſt Care, Attention and Diligence, during the Printing of the ſaid Bills, that the Number and Amount thereof, according to their reſpective Denominations aforeſaid, be not exceeded, nor any clandeſtine or fraudulent Practice uſed by the Printer, his Servants, or other Perſons concerned therein.

*Reſolved*, 12. That the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any three of them, after the ſaid Bills are printed, ſhall deliver them to the Signers, to be ſigned and numbered by Parcels, for which they ſhall take the Receipts of the Signers.

*Reſolved*, 13. That *Sharp Delany*, *Lambert Cadwalader*, *Iſaac Howell*, *James Meas*, *Adam Hubley*, *John Benezet*, *Samuel Cadwalader Morris*, *Thomas Prior*, *Godfrey Twells*, *John Meas*, *John Purviance* and *William Allen*, junior, or any three of them, ſhall be the Signers of each and every of the ſaid Bills.

*Reſolved*, 14. That when the ſame Bills ſhall be ſigned they ſhall be delivered to *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; hereby appointed Treaſurer, who ſhall give his Receipt for the ſame and ſhall therewith pay off and diſcharge all ſuch Draughts and Certificates as ſhall be made by Order of Aſſembly, or the Committee of Safety aforeſaid.

*Reſolved*, 15. That the Treaſurer aforeſaid ſhall give Bond with two ſufficient Sureties to *John Morton* and *Charles Humphreys*, Eſqrs; in the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds* for the faithful Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in him.

And for the more certain Paying, Redeeming, Diſcharging and Sinking the ſaid Bills of Credit hereby emitted,

*Reſolved*, 16. That a Tax on all Eſtates, real and perſonal, within this Province, ſhall be raiſed and levied by the reſpective Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Counties within this Province, in the ſame Manner and Mode as the Provincial Tax by the Laws now in Force is raiſed, levied and recovered, and ſhall be paid to the Provincial Treaſurer, which ſaid Tax firſt mentioned ſhall commence immediately after the Sinking of the Bills of Credit, now remaining to be ſunk of thoſe Sums granted to the King during the Courſe of the laſt War; which Tax for the Purpoſes aforeſaid the ſeveral Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors are enjoined and required to raiſe, levy, recover and pay, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and Safety of their Country.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That the Committee of Safety draw an Order on their Treaſurer for *Fifty Pounds*, payable to *George Roſs*, Eſq; and another Order for the like Sum, payable to *James Wilſon*, Eſq; for their Services, as Deputies of this Province, in the Continental Congreſs.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration that many of the good People of this Province are conſcientiouſly ſcrupulous of bearing Arms, do hereby earneſtly recommend to the Aſſociators for the Defence or their Country, and others, that they bear a tender and brotherly Regard towards this Claſs of their Fellow-Subjects and Country-Men; and to theſe conſcientious People it is alſo recommended, that they chearfully aſſiſt, in Proportion to their Abilities, ſuch Aſſociators as cannot ſpent their Time and Subſtance in the public Service without great Injury to themſelves and Families.

Upon Motion,

The Memorial of *Samuel Preſton Moore*, Eſq; was again read, and after ſome Debate, referred to the Committee of Accounts to conſider the Service of the Memorialiſt, and report thereon at the next Meeting.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the 18th of *September* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

Mr. Speaker,

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*September* 18. Adjournment

*September* 19. Adjournment

*September* 20. Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

MR. Speaker, with Seventeen Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met this Morning; and a Number sufficient to proceed on Business being yet wanting, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Mr. Speaker, with the Members present Yesterday, met again this Morning; and several being still absent, adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *John Jacobs* and Mr. *Edmonds* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him a Quorum of the Representatives are met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and ready to receive any Business his Honour may be pleased to lay before them.

A Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Sum of Money granted last Year by the then Assembly for the Relief and Support of such infirm, sick and aged Neutrals as are still Residents among us, is nearly expended for the Purposes for which it it was granted, as by the Accounts herewith laid before the House will appear;——that the Remonstrants therefore think it their Duty to inform the Honourable House, that there is now a considerable Number of the said Neutrals, who from their Age, Sickness or Infirmities are rendered incapable of supporting themselves, and must suffer in this Time of general Calamity, unless immediate and constant Relief is afforded in such Manner as their particular Circumstances may from Time to Time require;——that the Remonstrants therefore request the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration and grant such Relief as they in their Wisdom shall think proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Committee and principal Inhabitants of the County of *York*, was presented to the House and read, praying, that in the next Appointment of Deputies for this Province to serve in the Continental Congress, an Inhabitant of the said County may be one of the Number. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, residing near the *Manhatawney* or *Reading* Road, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that some Years ago a Lottery was instituted and drawn for raising a Sum of Money to build a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, on the said *Manhatawney* Road, but through some Mismanagement or Inattention of the Managers of the said Lottery, or some of them, the Monies arisen therefrom remained in their Hands a considerable Time, and the Public, who had encouraged the said Lottery, in Hopes of a valuable Improvement on the said Road, becoming uneasy, applied to the then Assembly, who, in Consequence thereof, were pleased to appoint *Jacob Umstat*, and others, Commissioners to collect and receive all such Sums of Money as remained in the Hands of the Managers, and others, on Account of the said Lottery, and to build a Bridge over the said Creek at the Place originally intended;—but the said Commissioners finding great Difficulties attending the collecting of the said Monies, being obliged to sue for several Sums, which, together with one of the Managers (in whose Hands by far the greatest Balance remained) having absconded the Province, and the unavoidable Delays in the Settlement of his Affairs, whereby the Petitioners apprehend the said Commissioners have been prevented from proceeding in the Work so far as they would willingly have done, have hitherto retarded this Undertaking, yet there is good Grounds to expect the Building will be begun and prosecuted the ensuing Summer, as proper Materials to a considerable Amount are contracted for, and Part thereof delivered on the Spot;——that the Petitioners are, however, informed that some Persons, whose Interests it may suit, have proposed petitioning the Honourable House for Leave to apply the Monies raised as aforesaid to build a Bridge on another Road lower down the said Creek, and not knowing how far the said Persons may deceive the House by Misrepresentations, the Petitioners have taken the Liberty to present the foregoing short State of the Case to their View, praying, that if such Petition should be offered, it may be rejected, and the Commissioners allowed to erect a Bridge at the Place originally intended. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Commissioners of the County of *York* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Honourable Assembly of this Province, on the Thirtieth of *June* last, was pleased to direct that three hundred Muskets and the like Number of Cartridge-Boxes should be made in the said County; — that the Petitioners and the Board, in Consequence of such Direction, have set the Gunsmiths of the County to work at the said Arms, and have induced them with the Assistance of the Committee to lay aside all other Business till the same be finished;—that some of the said Gunsmiths cannot afford to purchase the necessary Materials, and carry on the said Work, without Money advanced to them;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House to pay the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, or such Sum as they may think proper, into the Hands of *Michael Swoope*, Esq; which Sum the Petitioners will advance to the said Gunsmiths in Order to enable them to carry on the said Work, and that the Petitioners will be accountable

1775. *September* 20. countable to the Houſe for the ſame;—that the Cartridge-Boxes are finiſhed, (a Bill for which is herewith ſent) and the Petitioners pray the Houſe to order the Treaſurer to pay the Amount of them to the ſaid *Michael Swoope*; —— that the Petitioners alſo beg Leave to repreſent that there is now a Quantity of Tin in the Town of *York*, ſufficient to make a Number of Camp-Kettles to ſupply the Minute-Men of this County, in Caſe they ſhould be called into actual Service, and unleſs it be ſoon engaged for this Purpoſe, will be worked up for other Uſes; that if the Houſe ſhould be of Opinion ſuch Kettles are neceſſary, the Petitioners will direct the ſame to be made and charged to the Province;—that the Petitioners apprehend, when the Number of the Militia (near Four Thouſand) in this County is conſidered, the Arms allotted for it is not a proper Proportion, and therefore ſubmit to the Judgment of the Houſe whether the Number of Arms ought not to be encreaſed;—that the Committee of the ſaid County ſome Time ago purchaſed a Quantity of Ammunition for public Uſe, (a Bill for which is herewith ſent) and the ſaid Committee advanced the Money for the ſame; — that the ſaid Ammunition is now lodged in *York* Town, to be made Uſe of on any Emergency, for the Security and Defence of this Province; that the Petitioners humbly conceive the ſaid Ammunition ſhould be paid for by the Province, in Order to take the Burden from Individuals, and therefore further pray the Houſe to order their Treaſurer to pay the Amount of the ſaid Ammunition to the ſaid *Michael Swoope*. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of incidental Expences for the paſt Year, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts.

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*September* 21. *Poſt Meridiem* — The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order; and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Buſineſs to lay before the Houſe at preſent.

A Petition from *Francis Owen*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Alexander Steward*, of *Acton*, in the County of *Armagh*, and Kingdom of *Ireland*, now a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Richard Ray*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Remonſtrance from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia* was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid to the ſaid Overſeers of the Poor by the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Relief and Support of ſuch aged, ſick and infirm Neutrals as remain in and about the City, and cannot provide for themſelves.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being made out accordingly, was ſigned by the Speaker.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for ſtriking the Sum of *Twenty-two Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Memorial from the Committee and principal Inhabitants of the County of *York*, together with the Petition from a Number of Inhabitants reſiding near the *Manhatawney* or *Reading* Road, reſpecting the Building of a Bridge over *Skippack* Creek, and after ſome Debate thereon, ordered that the ſaid Memorial and Petition do lie on the Table.

A Petition from *Richard Taylor*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment — The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 22. — Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

A Quorum

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment. 1775. September 22. Post Meridiem

A Petition from *Jacob Muck*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of the County of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Patterson*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that a Cash-Lottery in four Classes hath been set up and drawn on *Petties* Island, in the River *Delaware*, superintended by *Robert Porter*, *Adam Folk*, *Andrew Porter*, *James Burnside*, *Robert Curry*, *Stephen Ploom*, *John Porter*, *Adam Hoffman*, *Paul Bower* and *William Armstrong*, of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, as Managers, "for raising the Sum of *Fourteen Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, to "be applied to the following Purposes, *viz. Four Hundred Pounds* for finishing a *Pres-* "*byterian* Church in *Norriton* Township;—*Three Hundred* and *Fifty Pomnds* for pur- "chasing a Lot of Ground, and erecting thereon a *German Lutheran* Church in *Whit-* "*pane* Township, *Philadelphia* County;—*Three Hundred Pounds* for the *Newark* Aca- "demy, and the Residue (after defraying the Expences of the Lottery) to be given to "three Schoolmasters in *Philadelphia*, for the Purpose of purchasing some useful Books "and Mathematical Instruments for the Benefit of their Schools."—That your Petitioner, as well as divers other Persons, became Adventurers in the said Lottery, and confiding in the Honesty and Integrity of the Managers, advanced their Money in purchasing Lottery Tickets with a View of doing Good, and to enable the Managers to pay the fortunate Prizes drawn in the said Lottery;—that the Petitioner (among others) drew a Prize of the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* in the said Lottery, but notwithstanding the many and repeated Applications that have been made to some of the Managers for Payment of the fortunate Prizes, the Petitioner's Efforts, as well as others, in that Respect, have been hitherto wholly ineffectual; he therefore prays the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and pass an Act that will oblige the Managers of the said Lottery to pay the fortunate Adventurers the Prize-Monies they have respectively drawn, and to which they are justly entitled agreeable to the Scheme proposed.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to strike the Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, pursuant to the Directions of the Act, entituled, "*A Supplement to the Act, entituled,* "*An Act appointing Wardens for the Port of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein* "*mentioned*," passed the Twenty-ninth Day of *June* last, produced to the Chair a Receipt from *Owen Jones*, Esq; Provincial Treasurer for the said Sum of *Six Thousand Pounds* in the said Bills of Credit to him paid agreeable to the Direction of the said Act.

The said Committee also produced four extra Sheets unsigned, which had been printed to supply any Loss or Deficiency happening in the said Bills during the Signing or Numbering the same; which four extra Sheets, containing *Eight Pounds* each, were burnt by Order of the House, in the Presence of the Members.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Sup-* "*port of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Speaker having reported to the House, that Mr. *Humphreys*, and himself, pursuant to the Resolution of the Assembly on the Thirtieth of *June* last, had taken a Bond, with two sufficient Securities, from *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer to the Committee of Safety, it is hereby directed that the said Bond be proved and recorded in the Rolls Office, and remain for safe keeping in the Hands of the Speaker.

Upon Motion,

The Petitions from *Alexander Steward*, *Francis Owen*, *Richard Ray*, *Richard Taylor* and *Jacob Muck*, insolvent Debtors in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, were again read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances, for Enquiry into the Facts.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Rodmam*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *John Jacobs*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Wayne* be a Committee to collect from the Journals of the successive Assemblies of this Province since the Year 1763, all the Petitions and Remonstrances presented by the said Assemblies to the Crown and both Houses of Parliament, for Redress of *American* Grievances.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *September* 23.

A Petition from *James Mackey*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Northumberland* County, was presented to the House, read, and referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-one Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *September* 25. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

1775. A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*September* 26. The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and "Payment of the public Debts,*" being tranſcribed, according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roberts* and Mr. *Chapman* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Members return, and report they had waited on the Governor, and delivered the ſaid Bill, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would take the ſame into immediate Conſideration, and give it all the Diſpatch in his Power.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from the Board of Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that by Virtue of a Reſolve of the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, enjoining the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of each County in this Province to provide a Number of Arms, *&c.* for the Uſes and Purpoſes in the ſaid Reſolve mentioned, the Board have contracted with Workmen, and advanced a conſiderable Sum of Money, which they borrowed from the Treaſurer of the ſaid County, amounting to *Sixteen Hundred Pounds*; and as that Sum is not ſufficient to complete the Whole, they requeſt the Houſe to lend them the further Sum of *Eight Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* on the Credit of the Board, to be repaid in Arms by them to be provided, in Purſuance of the aforeſaid Reſolve, for the Uſe of ſaid County.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* be allowed and paid to *Jacob Meyer*, for his Trouble and Expence in viewing the River *Schuylkill*, by Direction of a Committee of this Houſe, in order to diſcover the moſt proper Place for a Bridge over the ſame.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn at the Table accordingly, was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Humphreys*.

The Committee appointed on *Friday* laſt, preſented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Buſineſs committed to them, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee. YOUR Committee appointed "to collect from the Journals of the ſucceſſive Aſ-"ſemblies of this Province, ſince the Year 1763, all the Petitions and Remonſtrances "preſented by the ſaid Aſſemblies to the Crown and both Houſes of Parliament for Re-"dreſs of Grievances," in Obedience to your Order, report, that they find upon the Journals of *January* the 14th, 1766, a Petition to the Houſe of Commons, concerning Paper Currency; *June* the 6th, in the ſame Year, an Addreſs of Thanks to the King, upon the Repeal of the Stamp-Act; *September* the 22d, 1768, Petitions to the King and both Houſes of Parliament, upon the Paper, Tea and Glaſs Act; and *March* the 5th, 1771, another Petition to the King, upon the ſame Subject.

*September* 26, 1775. BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW, JOHN DICKINSON, JOHN JACOBS, WILLIAM RODMAN, ISAAC PEARSON, JOHN BROWN."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do immediately make out fair Copies of the ſeveral Petitions, and the Addreſs therein referred to.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 27. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a verbal Meſſage, requiring a Liſt of the Orders and Certificates made payable out of the Supply-Bill now under his Conſideration.

The Committee for incidental Expences reported a Liſt of the Salaries and Accounts for the Services of the paſt Year, which being examined, and agreed to by the Houſe,

*Ordered*, That a Copy thereof be made out by the Clerk, and the ſame being done at the Table accordingly,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Wayne* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor, and deliver the ſaid Copy for his Conſideration and Concurrence.

A Repreſentation from the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office of this Province was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they are applied to by the Treaſurer of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, to pay him the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, directed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province to be applied to the building a Court-houſe and Priſon in the ſaid County;—that as at preſent there is no Place fixed upon for the County Town, ſo of Courſe there can be none for the erecting of a Priſon and Court-houſe in the ſaid County; from whence it appears to the Truſtees that the ſaid Sum of Money

cannot

cannot possibly at this Time be applied to the Purpose intended by the Legislature;—— that the Trustees are also of Opinion the Certificate of the Appointment of the Treasurer should be signed by a Majority of the Commissioners and Assessors; that under these Doubts of the Propriety of their Paying the Sum above-mentioned in the present Circumstances, they pray the Advice and Direction of the Honourable Assembly for that Purpose. 1775. September 27.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Officers of the three first Battalions of the military Association within the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that when the unhappy Emergency of public Affairs required the said Association should be formed, the Memorialists found it indispensably necessary, for carrying on the same, to advance Money from Time to Time, to provide Drums, Colours and other Necessaries, and to employ Adjutants, Fugal-Men, Serjeants, Drummers and Fifers, on Account of the Association;—that these Efforts of the Memorialists have been attended with very considerable Effects, which may be of great Service in Support of the common Cause of *America*, there being three Battalions within the City and Liberties regularly formed, and well disciplined for the Time they have been established;—that as the Memorialists were induced to incur the Expences above-mentioned by no other Motive than a Desire to promote the public Security and Welfare, and as the Honourable House has approved their Proceedings, they rely with a respectful Confidence in the Justice and Equity of the Representative Body, that they will not allow a few Individuals to remain any longer burthened with the Charge of Measures, that were designed for, and really tend, to the Benefit of the whole Community:——That the Memorialists therefore pray the Honourable House will make such Provision in the Premises as in their Wisdom shall seem proper; and beg Leave to present an exact Account of their Expences;—that the Memorialists think it their Duty to observe, that, in order to keep up and give Effect to the Association, it will be necessary to retain in Pay the Persons that are required in training the Battalions, an Estimate of the Expence whereof in future is herewith delivered;——that the Memorialists cannot omit to mention to the House, that in Pursuance of a Recommendation from the Committee for the City and Liberties aforesaid, sundry Sums of Money were collected from a Number of Persons who generously advanced the same towards the Expence of the Association, until some public and general Mode of raising Money should be fallen upon to discharge the Debts the Officers had already contracted;—that the Amount of the said Collections is very inadequate to the Purpose intended, as will appear by the Account thereof annexed, and Assurances were given to the Subscribers that the said Sums should be repaid as soon as sufficient public Monies were raised by Tax, or otherwise.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Memorial from the Officers of the military Association for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists, with great Concern, perceive that fatal Mischiefs will arise to the Association from the Lenity shewn towards Persons professing to be conscientiously scrupulous against bearing Arms;—that People *sincerely* and *religiously* scrupulous are but few in Comparison to those who upon this Occasion, as well as others, make *Conscience a Convenience*;—— that a very considerable Share of the Property of this Province is in the Hands of People professing to be of tender Conscience in military Matters;—that the Associators think it extremely hard that they should risk their Lives and injure their Fortunes in the Defence of those who will not be of the least Assistance in this great Struggle;—that the Memorialists therefore humbly conceive that some decisive Plan should be fallen upon to oblige every Inhabitant of the Province either with his Person or Property to contribute towards the general Cause, and that it should not be left, as at present, to the *Inclinations* of those professing tender Conscience, but that the Proportion they shall contribute, may be certainly fixed and determined;—that, in order to give Strength and Permanency to the Association, the Memorialists thought it absolutely necessary that some general Regulations should be formed to be offered to the Associators for their Government;—that under this Idea the Memorialists concurred with the Members of the Committees for the City, Liberties and County, and the Officers of the County Battalions, in requesting the Committee of Safety, who appeared to be vested with extensive Powers in the Recess of the Assembly, to form Rules and Regulations adequate to the Occasion;—that those Rules being formed and recommended by the Committee of Safety, and by the Memorialists offered to the Associators, they refused to sign or agree to them, for the Reasons contained in the Paper herewith presented to the Honourable House, in Pursuance of their Request;—that the House will perceive the Reason, which pervades almost the Whole of their Objections, is the Partiality and Inequality of the Association, which being once obviated, the Memorialists respectfully offer it as their Opinion, that the Associators will chearfully put up with many Inconveniences, and that all Jealousies and Suspicions about Forms will cease;—that the Memorialists therefore

1775. *September* 27. fore pray the Honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes into their Conſideration, and fall upon ſome effectual Plan to remedy the Inconveniences attendant on their preſent Situation, and to preſerve together, and properly direct, the Aſſociators, who expreſs every Wiſh to defend their Country in this Seaſon of Difficulty and Danger.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to audit and ſettle the public Accounts, reported a general State of the ſame in Writing, which being in Part read, by Order,

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*September* 28. Mr. Speaker, with ſome of the Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

*September* 29. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with a Liſt of the Orders and Certificates of the Houſe to be paid by the Supply Bill now before him, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, laid before the Houſe ſeveral Letters from *William M'Clay*, Eſquire, *Thomond Ball*, and others, dated at *Sunbury*, *Northumberland* County, the 22d and 26th Inſtant, acquainting his Honour, "That a Party of the *Connecticut* "Intruders, ſuppoſed to be a Detachment from Colonel *Butler's* Regiment, conſiſting, "as it is at preſent conjectured, of nearly Three Hundred Men, arrived laſt *Saturday* "Night at *Freeland's* Mill, on the *Warriors* Run, about thirteen Miles diſtant from the "ſaid Town, and that they immediately began to intrench themſelves; from which "Circumſtance, and that they brought neither Women or Children, but inſtead of "them, fortifying and intrenching Tools, and are accompanied by ſome of the Sellers "of Lands in this County, under *Connecticut* Rights, it is preſumed their Viſit cannot "be amicable."

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Committee of Safety, with an Eſtimate of Monies already expended and to be expended for the Defence of this Province, were laid before the Houſe, and being read, the ſaid Memorial follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *MEMORIAL* of the COMMITTEE of SAFETY,

*Reſpectfully ſheweth,*

A Memorial from the Committee of Safety to the Houſe.

THAT the ſaid Committee, in Obedience to the Orders of the Houſe, have taken upon them the Execution of the important Truſt committed to them, and have proceeded to ſuch Meaſures as appeared to them neceſſary to effectuate the Purpoſes for which they were appointed; the Minutes of their Tranſactions, together with an Eſtimate of the Expences incurred for the putting of this Province into a proper State of Defence, are with great Deference ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe. From theſe it will appear, that the Sum of Money, granted by the Houſe at their laſt Seſſions, has been either wholly expended or remitted for the Purchaſe of Arms and Ammunition; and that a conſiderable Sum is ſtill neceſſary to fulfil the Engagements already made for the above Purpoſes, and for the Paying and Victualling of the Men in the Service.

It muſt be obvious to the Houſe, that much yet remains to be done to accompliſh their ſalutary Intentions, particularly if the *Britiſh* Miniſtry ſhould obſtinately perſiſt in their preſent arbitrary Meaſures.——Should this be the Caſe, (which from the preſent Appearance of Things ſeems but too probable) this Opportunity may perhaps be the only one we ſhall be poſſeſſed of to prepare the neceſſary Means for the Defence of our juſt Rights; for there can be no Doubt that vigorous Exertions will be made to intercept future Supplies. The Committee therefore apprehend it to be their indiſpenſable Duty earneſtly to recommend it to the Houſe to grant ſuch further liberal Aids, at their preſent Seſſions, as may in their Wiſdom be judged adequate to the Exigencies of the Province at this very important Criſis. They beg Leave alſo to repreſent to the Houſe that there appears to be an immediate Neceſſity for conſtructing a Magazine or Magazines to receive the Powder already in the Province, and ſuch as may arrive hereafter; large Quantities are ſhortly expected, and there is no Place where it can be ſtored with Safety, or any way guarded againſt Accidents, which that Article from its Nature muſt be expoſed to, and which it is of conſiderable Moment to prevent.

The Committee having thus laid before the Houſe the Steps they have already taken, and their Opinion of ſome Meaſures which appear proper to be adopted, beg Leave, before they conclude this Report, to ſubmit to the Houſe a Matter intereſting to the public Welfare: The military Aſſociation entered into by Numbers of the good People of this Province, has received the Approbation of the Houſe, and undoubtedly deſerves every Encouragement, as a Body of Freemen, animated by a Love of Liberty, and trained to the Uſe of Arms, afford the moſt certain and effectual Defence againſt the

Approaches

Approaches of Slavery and Oppreſſion. It is wiſhed therefore that this Spirit could have been more univerſally diffuſed; but the Aſſociators complain, and, with great Appearance of Reaſon, that whilſt they are ſubjected to Expences to accoutre themſelves as Soldiers, and their Affairs ſuffer conſiderable by the Time neceſſarily employed in acquiring a Knowledge of the military Art, very many of their Countrymen, who have not aſſociated, are entirely free from theſe Inconveniences;—they conceive that where the Liberty of all is at Stake, every Man ſhould aſſiſt in its Support, and that where the Cauſe is common, and the Benefits derived from an Oppoſition are univerſal, it is not conſonant to Juſtice or Equity that the Burdens ſhould be partial. The Committee therefore would ſubmit it to the Wiſdom of the Houſe, whether, at this Time of general Diſtreſs and Danger, ſome Plan ſhould not be deviſed to oblige the Aſſiſtance of every Member of the Community; but as there are ſome Perſons, who, from their religious Principles, are ſcrupulous of the Lawfulneſs of bearing Arms, this Committee, from a tender Regard to the Conſciences of ſuch, would venture to propoſe that their Contributions to the common Cauſe, ſhould be pecuniary, and for that Purpoſe a Rate or Aſſeſsment be laid on their Eſtates equivalent to the Expence and Loſs of Time incurred by the Aſſociators. A Meaſure of this Kind appears to be founded on the Principles of impartial Juſtice, calculated to appeaſe the Complaints which have been made, likely to give general Satisfaction, and be of Courſe beneficial to the great Cauſe we are engaged in. 1775. *September* 29.

Your Committee beg Leave to repreſent, that it will be neceſſary to appoint a Commodore or Commander in Chief of the armed Boats, which has been delayed hitherto out of Reſpect to your Honourable Houſe.

*Signed by Order of the Committee,*

B. FRANKLIN, *Preſident.*"

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Committee of Grievances preſented to the Chair a Report in Writing on the Circumſtances of the ſeveral inſolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, who have applied to the Houſe for Relief, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they attended at the Gaol of this City, to hear, in the Preſence of their Creditors, the ſeveral Debtors who have petitioned the Houſe for Enlargement; and that no Creditor of *Richard Taylor* appeared to object to his Diſcharge. Report of the Committee of Grievances.

That *Jacob Muck* appears a proper Object for the Relief he ſolicits.

That the Creditors of *Alexander Stewart*, *Richard Ray* and *Francis Owen* have requeſted that they might have Time to examine further into the Circumſtances of the ſaid Debtors until the next Sitting of the Houſe, which your Committee apprehend will be proper.

That no Objections have been made to your Committee by any of the Creditors of *James Mackey*, of *Northumberland*.

*Submitted to the Houſe,*

GEORGE ROSS,
HENRY CHREIST,
WILLIAM EDMONDS,
BARN. DOUGHERTY,
JOSEPH PARKER,
JONATHAN ROBERTS,
JOHN FOULKE,
BENJ. BARTHOLOMEW,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS."

Upon Conſideration of the above Report,

*Ordered*, That the ſame be, and it is hereby recommended to the Attention of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Board of Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Cheſter* was again read, and after ſome Debate, referred to the Notice of the next Aſſembly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the two Memorials preſented on the 27th Inſtant from the Officers of the military Aſſociation for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to the Conſideration of the ſucceeding Aſſembly.

*Ordered*, That the Paper addreſſed to the ſaid Officers from the general Committee of Aſſociators, and preſented to the Houſe with the laſt of the ſaid Memorials, do lie on the Table.

The Houſe then proceeded in Reading the Report of the Committee on the State of the public Accounts, which being gone through, and carefully examined, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

1775. *September* 29. Report of the Committe of the Assembly on the State of the Public Accounts.

## REPORT of the COMMITTEE of the ASSEMBLY on the STATE of the Public ACOUNTS, 1775.

PURSUANT to the Appointment of the Houſe, We have inſpected and examined the ſeveral Public Accounts mentioned in this Report; and have burnt, ſunk and deſtroyed the different Parcels of Bills of Credit as mentioned and ſpecified in the ſame; the State of all which is as follows, viz.

WE find That,

Samuel Preſton Moore on behalf of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, hath received ſince laſt Year's Settlement ſundry Principal Sums or Quotas, due on the Mortgages [put under his Care by the ſaid Truſtees on the 21ſt October, 1767] for which he Credits the Province,

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| By Caſh received from ſundry Perſons, from Auguſt 27, 1774, to September 6, 1775, for Quotas due on the ſeveral Mortgages taken on the third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, Four Hundred and Eighty-four Pounds Ten Shillings, | | £ 484 10 0 |
| And he Charges, | | |
| To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Aſſembly and by them burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, | | £ 484 10 0 |

### On Account of Intereſt on the ſaid Mortgages he Credits,

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| BY Balance remaining in his Hands per Account ſettled laſt Year, | £ 3,089 13 6 | |
| By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons ſince laſt Settlement for Intereſt due on their ſeveral Mortgages, | 158 0 1 | |
| | | £ 3,247 13 7 |
| And he Charges, | | |
| To Caſh paid the following Orders of Aſſembly, viz. | | |
| Edward Biddle, Eſq; his Attendance on the late Congreſs, | £ 56 0 0 | |
| Joſeph Galloway, Eſq; ditto, | 45 0 0 | |
| John Morton, Eſq; ditto, | 45 0 0 | |
| Samuel Rhoads, Eſq; ditto, | 30 0 0 | |
| John Dickinſon, Eſq; ditto, | 11 0 0 | |
| Charles Humphreys, Eſq; ditto, | 45 0 0 | |
| George Roſs, Eſq; ditto, | 55 0 0 | |
| Thomas Mifflin, Eſq; ditto, | 45 0 0 | |
| The ſame for Expences paid for the Entertainment of the Members of the Congreſs, &c. &c. | 290 15 4 | |
| Michael Hillegas for ſundry Diſburſements for Neceſſaries ſupplied the Indians, | 99 5 1½ | |
| Owen Biddle and Thomas Barcley, | 1,800 0 0 | |
| | £ 2,522 0 5½ | |
| To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preſton Moore of the Intereſt-Money, | 725 13 1½ | |
| | | £ 3,247 13 7 |

Which Sum of Seven Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds Thirteen Shillings and One penny Half-penny we have counted.

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| QUOTAS remaining as per Report of the Committee laſt Year, | £ 1,468 10 0 | |
| Of which Samuel Preſton Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee ſince that Time, and by them hath been burnt and deſtroyed, as already mentioned, | 484 10 0 | |
| Quotas remaining due on 39 Mortgages. | £ 984 0 0 | |

The TRUSTEES of the preſent LOAN-OFFICE for emitting the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Thouſand Pounds* have laid before the Committee the following STATE of that LOAN, *viz.*

They Credit the Province,

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| BY Bills of Credit received of the Signers of that Emiſſion, agreeable to Act of Aſſembly, | | £ 150,000 0 0 |
| And they Debit the Province, | | |
| To Caſh paid the Treaſurer of the County of Bedford in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 23d of July, 1774, towards enabling that County to erect a Court-houſe and Priſon, | £ 800 0 0 | |
| To ditto paid the Treaſurer of the County of Northumberland, in Purſuance of the ſame Act for the like Purpoſes, | 800 0 0 | |
| | £ 1,600 0 0 | |
| To Caſh lent divers Perſons on 994 Mortgages, viz. | | |
| On 181 Mortgages in the City and County of Philadelphia, | £ 26,596 0 0 | |
| 137 Ditto, in the County of Bucks, | 18,620 0 0 | |
| 178 Ditto, in the County of Cheſter, | 26,784 0 0 | |
| 173 Ditto, in the County of Lancaſter, | 27,880 0 0 | |
| in York County none. | | |
| 133 Ditto, in the County of Cumberland, | 21,860 0 0 | |
| 57 Ditto, in the County of Berks, | 8,404 0 0 | |
| 28 Ditto, in the County of Northampton, | 4,536 0 0 | |
| 44 Ditto, in the County of Bedford, | 4,976 0 0 | |
| 61 Ditto, in the County of Northumberland, | 8,512 0 0 | |
| 2 Ditto, in the County of Weſtmoreland, | 232 0 0 | |
| 994 | 148,400 0 0 | |
| | | £ 150,000 0 0 |

The Truſtees inform your Committee, that on the 1ſt of March laſt they received in Diſcharge of a Mortgage, which they had taken, the whole Principal Sum, £ 200 0 0
Alſo the Intereſt then due, 9 5 6
Which Principal Sum was by them let out on Mortgage the following Day, and is included in the above State.
The Intereſt remains in their Hands to be accounted for.

STATE

## STATE of ACCOUNTS of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes, *viz.*

1775. *September 29.*

### *Philadelphia* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treasurer, Dr.

| | | | | | |
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| TO Balance remaining uncollected of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as settled by the Committee September 9, 1774, | | | | | £ 5,800 13 7¾ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already settled, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | | | £ 0 7 6 | |
| Cash paid Commissioners Orders, viz. | | | | | |
| Ward Assessors Fees, | | £ 2 5 0 | | | |
| Clerks Fees, Stationary, &c. | | 23 5 10 | | | |
| | | £ 25 10 10 | | | |
| 1774. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| Dec. 2. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Fourteen Shillings | £ 1,779 14 0 | | | | |
| Jan. 17. Nine Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds Eleven Shillings 7 Pence Half-penny, | 979 11 7½ | | | | |
| Feb. 14. One Thousand and Eleven Pounds 19/5. | 1,011 19 5 | | | | |
| Mar. 29. One Thousand and Sixty-two Pounds Five Shillings Three-pence, | 1,062 5 3 | | | | |
| Aug. 3. Five Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Twelve Shillings Five-pence, | 577 12 5 | | | | |
| | | 5,411 2 8½ | | 5,436 13 6½ | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 5,436 13 6½ at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | | 54 7 4 | |
| Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, | | | | 309 5 3¼ | |
| | | | | | £ 5,800 13 7¾ |

### On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

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| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | | | | £ 12,462 3 6 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, | | £ 180 17 6 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 307 0 3 | | £ 487 17 9 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 34 0 0 | | | | |
| County Assessors, ditto, | 96 0 0 | | | | |
| Township and Ward Assessors, ditto, | 121 5 0 | | | | |
| Clerks Fees and other Expences, | 112 1 8 | | | | |
| | | £ 363 6 8 | | | |
| 1775. By Cash paid Owen Jones Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| Aug. 3. Nine Hundred and Fifteen Pounds 10/6. | £ 915 10 6 | | | | |
| 10. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-three Pounds 16/11. | 1,863 16 11 | | | | |
| Sept. 7. One Thousand Two Hundred and Thirty-six Pounds 19/11. | 1,236 19 11 | | | | |
| | | 4,016 7 4 | | | |
| | | £ 4,379 14 0 | | | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 4,379 14 0 at 20*s.* p. Cent, | | 43 15 11¼ | | 4,423 9 11¼ | |
| Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, | | | | 7,550 15 9¾ | |
| | | | | | £ 12,462 3 6 |

### *Bucks* County for the Provincial Tax 1774, *Jos. Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

### On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

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| TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | | | £ 569 7 0 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges on the said Tax, exclusive of those settled last Year, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, &c. | | £ 22 3 6 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 12 19 3 | | £ 35 2 9 | |
| County Assessors Fees, | £ 0 10 0 | | | | |
| 1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | | | |
| May 23. Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds 1/6. | £ 460 1 6 | | | | |
| Sept. 6. Forty Pounds and Nine-pence, | 40 0 9 | | | | |
| | | 500 2 3 | | | |
| | | | | 500 12 3 | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 500 12 3 at 20*s.* per Cent, | | | | 5 0 1½ | |
| Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, | | | | 28 11 10½ | |
| | | | | | £ 569 7 0 |

*State*

1775. September 29.

*State of Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.*

*Bucks* County for the Provincial Tax 1774, *Joſ. Chapman*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

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| TO the whole Amount of ſaid Tax, | | | | £ 2,279 2 6 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, as ſettled by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ 10 15 6 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 43 11 4 | | | £ 54 6 10 |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | | £ 31 11 6 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors — ditto, | | 31 15 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | | 64 15 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. | | 43 14 0 | | |
| | | £ 171 15 6 | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| June 16. Seven Hundred and Twenty Pounds 6/3. | £ 720 6 3 | | | |
| July 22. Three Hundred and Eleven Pounds, | 311 0 0 | | | |
| Sept. 6. Four Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds 12/6. | 478 12 6 | | | |
| | | 1,509 18 9 | | £ 1,681 14 3 |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1,681 14 3, at 20/. per Cent, | | £ 16 16 4 | | |
| Mileage, | | 0 13 0 | | |
| | | | 17 9 4 | |
| | | | | 1,699 3 7 |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | | 525 12 1 |
| | | | | £ 2,279 2 6 |

*Cheſter* County for the Provincial Tax, 1773, *James Gibbons*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eigtheen-penny* Tax,

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 114 17 3½ | |
| To a Tax collected not before accounted for | | | 0 10 9 | £ 115 8 0½ |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By Deficiencies adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners ſince laſt Settlement, | | | | £ 5 12 4 |
| 1774. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| Dec. 7. Twenty-four Pounds 15/2 | | £ 24 15 2 | | |
| 1775. Mar. 2. Twelve Pounds 12/6 | | 12 12 6 | | |
| Sept. 18. Fifty-one Pounds 12/11 | | 51 12 11 | | |
| | | | 89 0 7 | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 89 0 7 at 20/. per Cent, | | | 0 17 9½ | |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | 19 17 4 | £ 115 8 0½ |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 1,991 13 0 | |
| To a Drawback of Collectors Fees, on Tax not collected, | | | 1 10 2 | £ 1,993 3 2 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges on the ſaid Tax excluſive of thoſe already ſettled, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies, | | | | £ 163 19 4 |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | | £ 2 5 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors —— ditto, | | 2 14 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | | 17 5 0 | | |
| Clerks —— ditto, | | 1 2 6 | | |
| | | | £ 23 6 6 | |
| 1774. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| Dec. 7. Five Hundred and Forty-ſix Pounds 12/9 | | £ 546 12 9 | | |
| 1775. Mar. 1. Forty-one Pounds 11/2 | | 41 11 2 | | |
| 2. Three Hundred and Seventy-five Pounds 1/7 | | 375 1 7 | | |
| 14. Fifteen Pounds, | | 15 0 0 | | |
| May 3. One Hundred and Fifteen Pounds and 6 d. | | 115 0 6 | | |
| June 19. Fifty-four Pounds 7/. | | 54 7 0 | | |
| Sept. 18. One Hundred and Forty-four Pounds 8/2 | | 144 8 2 | | |
| | | | 1,292 1 2 | |
| | | | | £ 1,315 7 8 |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1,315 7 8 at 20/. per Cent, | | | | 13 3 1 |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | | 500 13 1 |
| | | | | £ 1,993 3 2 |

State

*State of Accounts of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.* 1775. September 29.

*Chester* County for the Provincial Tax 1773, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer,

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | | £ 3,849 5 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax as adjusted by County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies, | £ 58 5 9 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 96 4 7½ | | |
| | | £ 154 10 4½ | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 33 15 0 | | |
| County Assessors — ditto, | 59 10 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 78 7 0 | | |
| Clerks ditto, &c. | 39 15 0 | | |
| | £ 211 7 0 | | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 211 7 0 at 20s. per Cent, | £ 2 2 3 | | |
| Mileage, | 0 12 0 | | |
| | 2 14 3 | | |
| | | 214 1 3 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 3,480 13 4½ | |
| | | | £ 3,849 5 0 |

*Lancaster* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Christian Wertz*, Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 1,350 15 6 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| 1774. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| Sept. 19. Two Hundred Pounds, for which the Provincial Treasurer gave Credit in his last Years Settlement, | £ 200 0 0 | | |
| 1775. June 24. One Thousand One Hundred and Thirty Pounds, | £ 1,130 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 12. Seven Pounds 8s 2 | 7 8 2 | | |
| | 1,137 8 2 | | |
| | | £ 1,337 8 2 | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 1,337 8 2 at 20s. per Cent, | | 13 7 4 | |
| | | | £ 1,350 15 6 |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of said Tax, | | £ 5,355 1 1 | |
| To Cash received of Daniel M'Pherson in pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed the 21st March, 1772, | | 72 12 6 | |
| | | | £ 5,427 13 7 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the said Tax, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies by Insolvents, &c. | £ 343 15 1 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 125 5 7 | | |
| | | £ 469 0 8 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 59 18 0 | | |
| County Assessors — ditto, | 77 5 0 | | |
| Township Assessors — ditto, | 134 5 0 | | |
| Clerks — ditto, | 26 10 0 | | |
| | £ 297 18 0 | | |
| 1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| June 24. Three Hundred and Eighty-three Pounds 2s 5 | £ 383 2 5 | | |
| Sept. 11. Two Thousand and Seventy Pounds 6s 9 | 2,070 6 9 | | |
| 12. Thirty Pounds 19s 4 | 30 19 4 | | |
| What had been received of Daniel M'Pherson, | 72 12 6 | | |
| | 2,557 1 0 | | |
| | | 2,854 19 6 | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 2,854 19 0 at 20s. per Cent, | £ 28 11 0 | | |
| Mileage, | 1 13 0 | | |
| | 30 4 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, | 2,073 9 11 | | |
| | | | £ 5,427 13 7 |

*York* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Robert M'Pherson*, late Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance as reported by the Committee last Year, | £ 181 10 6 | |
| Debit carried forward, | £ 181 10 6 | |

1775. *State of Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.*

September 29. *York* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Robert M'Pherſon*, late Treaſurer, Continued.

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Debit brought forward, | | £ 181 10 6 |
| CONTRA | | | | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer 1775, February 11, | | £ 119 16 3 | | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 119 16 3 at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | 1 3 11 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 60 10 4 | | |
| | | | | £ 181 10 6 |

On Account of Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-Reſidents, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Of which no Part hath been paid. | | £ 340 11 6½ |

*York* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Michael Swoope*, Eſq; Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 57 2 5 |
| CONTRA | | | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | £ 56 11 0 | | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | 0 11 5 | | |
| | | | £ 57 2 5 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected as ſettled by the Committe laſt Year, | | | | £ 689 19 8 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax (excluſive of thoſe ſettled laſt Year) as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies, | £ 46 7 2 | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 43 5 7 | | | |
| | | £ 89 12 9 | | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 14 13 0 | | | |
| Clerks Fees, | 7 0 0 | | | |
| | £ 21 13 0 | | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| May 6. Five Hundred and Eight Pounds 10*ſ.* 7. | £ 508 10 7 | | | |
| Sept. 18. Sixty-two Pounds 18/11. | 62 18 11 | | | |
| 19. One Pound 5*ſ.* 6. | 1 5 6 | | | |
| | 572 15 0 | | | |
| | | 594 8 0 | | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 594 8 0 at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | | 5 18 11 | | |
| | | | | £ 689 19 8 |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | £ 2,983 9 7 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying the ſaid Tax as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 33 2 0 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors — ditto, | 35 10 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors — ditto, | 98 5 0 | | | |
| Clerks, — ditto, | 29 5 0 | | | |
| | £ 196 2 0 | | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| June 20. Two Hundred and Two Pounds and 2 p. | £ 202 0 2 | | | |
| Sept. 18. Seven Hundred and Three Pounds and 7 p. | 703 0 7 | | | |
| | 905 0 9 | | | |
| | | £ 1,101 2 9 | | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1,101 2 9 at 20*ſ.* per Cent, | £ 11 0 2 | | | |
| Mileage, | 2 4 6 | | | |
| | | 13 4 8 | | |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | 1,869 2 2 | | |
| | | | | £ 2,983 9 7 |

*State*

*State of Accounts of the several Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.* 1775. September 29.

*Cumberland* County for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Esq; Treasurer, Dr.

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes,

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due on said Taxes of last Settlement, All which Balance remains undischarged. | | £ 243 0 6¼ |

On Account of the Thirteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due thereon at last Settlement, All which Balance remains undischarged. | | £ 264 16 7 |

On Account of the Fourteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due thereon at last Settlement, All which Balance remains undischarged. | | £ 177 7 3½ |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due thereon at last Settlement, | | | £ 292 10 8 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies, | £ 7 8 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 1 5 6 | | |
| | | £ 8 14 0 | |
| 1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | | | |
| Sept. 18. Twenty-three Pounds 16/8. | £ 23 16 8 | | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 23 16 8 at 20/. per Cent, | 0 5 0 | | |
| | | 24 1 8 | |
| Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, | | 259 15 0 | |
| | | | £ 292 10 8 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due at last Settlement, | | | £ 380 12 2 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges on said, Tax exclusive of those already adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies, | £ 5 12 6 | | |
| Collectors Fee, | 1 2 6 | | |
| | | £ 6 15 0 | |
| 1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | | | |
| Sept. 18. Six Pounds 15/9. | £ 6 15 9 | | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 6 15 9 at 20/. per Cent, | 0 1 6 | | |
| | | 6 17 3 | |
| Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, | | 366 19 11 | |
| | | | £ 380 12 2 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due at last Settlement, | | | £ 812 15 3 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies, | £ 45 7 0 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | 11 10 6½ | | |
| | | £ 56 17 6½ | |
| Township Assessors Fees, | £ 3 0 0 | | |
| 1775. By Cash paid the Provincial Treasurer, | | | |
| Sept. 18. Two Hundred and Nineteen Pounds, | 219 0 0 | | |
| | | 222 0 0 | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 222 at 20/. per Cent, | | 2 4 4½ | |
| Balance due to the Province said to be Outstanding, | | 531 13 4 | |
| | | | £ 812 15 3 |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the said Tax, | | £ 2,804 4 5 |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ 2,804 4 5 |

1775. September 29.

*State of Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.*

*Cumberland* County for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Eſq; Treaſurer, Continued.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Debit brought forward, | £ 2,804 4 5 |
| CONTRA | | | | | Cr. |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting ſaid Tax as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | | £ 36 9 0 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors — ditto, | | 36 5 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | | 82 0 0 | | | |
| Clerks — ditto, &c. | | 41 13 6 | | | |
| | | | £ 196 7 6 | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | | | |
| June 29. One Hundred and Sixty-five Pounds 19/11. | | £ 165 19 11 | | | |
| Sept. 18. One Hundred Pounds 10/9. | | 100 10 9 | | | |
| | | | 266 10 8 | | |
| | | | | £ 462 18 2 | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 462 18 2 at 20/. per Cent. | | | £ 4 12 7 | | |
| Mileage, | | | 3 0 0 | | |
| | | | | 7 12 7 | |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding. | | | | 2,333 13 8 | |
| | | | | | £ 2,804 4 5 |

*Berks* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Chriſtopher Witman*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | | £ 101 0 9 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | | |
| Sept. 6. One Hundred Pounds and 9d. | | £ 100 0 9 | | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 100 0 9 at 20/. per Cent, | | 1 0 0 | | |
| | | | | £ 101 0 9 |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | £ 2,693 6 6 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | | £ 39 17 3 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 59 8 3 | | |
| | | | £ 99 5 6 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 27 15 9 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors — ditto, | 38 10 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 58 0 0 | | | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. | 20 17 8 | | | |
| | | £ 145 3 5 | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | | |
| Sept. 6. One Thouſand Five Hundred and Forty-five Pounds, | | 1,545 0 0 | | |
| | | | 1,690 3 5 | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1,690 3 5 at 20/. per Cent, | | £ 16 18 0 | | |
| Mileage, | | 1 9 0 | | |
| | | | 18 7 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | 885 10 7 | |
| | | | | £ 2,693 6 6 |

*Northampton* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Herman Schnyder*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax,

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining uncollected as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | | £ 241 15 8 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| Mar. 14. Two Hundred Pounds, | | £ 200 0 0 | | |
| Sept. 8. Thirty-nine Pourds 7/9½ | | 39 7 9½ | | |
| | | | £ 239 7 9½ | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 239 7 9½ at 20/. per Cent, | | | 2 7 10½ | |
| | | | | £ 241 15 8 |

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*State of Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.* 1775. September 29.

*Northampton* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Herman Schnyder*, Treaſurer, Continued.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | | £ 1,550 9 3 |
| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | | | £ 6 8 6 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | | 38 12 0 | | |
| | | | | £ 45 0 6 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 30 4 6 | | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors — ditto, | 29 5 0 | | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 51 0 0 | | | | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. | 37 7 6 | | | | |
| | | £ 147 17 0 | | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | |
| Mar. 14. One Hundred and Five Pounds, | £ 105 0 0 | | | | |
| Apr. 22. Two Hundred Pounds, | 200 0 0 | | | | |
| May 23. Six Hundred and Forty-one Pounds, | 641 0 0 | | | | |
| Sept. 8. Eighty Pounds 3/8. | 80 3 8 | | | | |
| | | 1,026 3 8 | | | |
| | | | | 1,174 0 8 | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 1,174 0 8 at 20/. per Cent, | | | £ 11 14 9½ | | |
| Mileage, | | | 1 10 0 | | |
| | | | | 13 4 9½ | |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | | 318 3 3½ | |
| | | | | | £ 1,550 9 3 |

THE Treaſurer for the County of BEDFORD hath not exhibited any Account of the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money to the Provincial Treaſurer on Account of the ſame, or on the Balances due from that Country on the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Taxes reported laſt Year.

*Northumberland* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Alexander Hunter*, Treaſurer,

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 723 3 8 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | |
| Sept. 18. Sixty-eight Pounds 2/3. | £ 68 2 3 | | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 68 2 3 at 20/. per Cent, | | 0 13 7 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 654 7 10 | |
| | | | £ 723 3 8 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due on this Tax as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 1,053 1 11½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | |
| Sept. 18. Sixty-nine Pounds 11/4. | £ 69 11 4 | | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 69 11 4 at 20/. per Cent, | | 0 13 11 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | | 982 16 8½ | |
| | | | £ 1,053 1 11½ |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | £ 1,695 17 0 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in Levying and Collecting the ſaid Tax as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Collectors Fees on £ 160, | | | £ 4 0 0 | |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ 34 8 0 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſors — ditto, | 29 5 0 | | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſors ditto, | 18 0 0 | | | |
| Clerks Fees, | 15 0 0 | | | |
| | | £ 96 13 0 | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | | | |
| Sept. 15. Fifty-nine Pounds 7/. | | 59 7 0 | | |
| | | | 156 0 0 | |
| County Treaſurers Commiſſions on £ 156 0 0 at 20/. per Cent, | | £ 1 10 1 | | |
| Mileage, | | 3 5 0 | | |
| | | | 4 15 1 | |
| Balance due to the Province ſaid to be Outſtanding, | | | 1,531 1 11 | |
| | | | | £ 1,695 17 0 |

1775. *State of Accounts of the ſeveral Counties for the Provincial Taxes, Continued.*

*September* 29. THE Treaſurer for the County of WESTMORELAND hath not exhibited any Account either for the Seventeenth or Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, nor has he paid any Money on Account of either to the Provincial Treaſurer.

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the Honourable the* PROPRIETARIES.

The Eſtate of the Honourable the Proprietaries of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as ſettled by the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province at Settlement laſt Year [excluſive of the Tax on their Lands in Cumberland and Weſtmoreland in the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax] — — — | | £ 1,425 9 2¼ | |
| To Amount of their Tax in the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz. | | | |
| Cumberland County, not brought in—— | | | |
| Weſtmoreland County, not brought in—— | | | |
| To Amount of their Tax in the 18th Eighteen-penny Tax, viz. | | | |
| Philadelphia County, — — — | £ 144 15 0 | | |
| Bucks County, — — — | 30 12 0 | | |
| Cheſter County, — — | 47 16 9 | | |
| Lancaſter County, — — — | 147 17 6 | | |
| York County, — — — | 117 16 9½ | | |
| Cumberland County, — — — | 129 12 10 | | |
| Berks County, — — — | 191 5 0 | | |
| Northampton County, — — | 124 14 1 | | |
| Bedford County not brought in— | | | |
| Weſtmoreland County not brought in— | | | |
| Northumberland County, — — | 205 13 9½ | | |
| | £ 1,140 3 9 | | |
| | | £ 2,565 12 11¼ | |
| CONTRA — — — | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, — — | | £ 621 0 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, — — — — | | 1,944 12 11¼ | |
| | | £ 2,565 12 11¼ | |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the EXCISE on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS *in the ſeveral Counties*, viz.

The Eſtate of *Joſeph Stretch*, deceaſed, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, — — Of which no Part hath been paid. | | £ 320 12 7½ |

*William Criſpin*, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, — — | £ 597 10 9 | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1774, to July 1, 1775, — | 5,127 2 8 | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, — — | 387 0 0 | |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, — — — | 34 2 6 | |
| | | £ 6,145 15 11 |
| CONTRA — — — | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, — | £ 5,300 0 0 | |
| By Commiſſions on £ 5,300 at 5 per Cent, — — | 265 0 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, — — | 580 15 11 | |
| | | £ 6,145 15 11 |

*John Woolſton*, Collector for *Bucks* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1774, to the 1ſt July, 1775, — | £ 542 0 8 | |
| To ſundry Retailers per Annum, — — — | 58 11 10 | |
| | | £ 600 12 6 |
| CONTRA — — — | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, — — | £ 540 11 3 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, — — — | 60 1 3 | |
| | | £ 600 12 6 |

*Thomas Tucker*, Collector for *Cheſter* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, — — | £ 86 13 0 | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from Aug. 1, 1774, to Aug. 1, 1775, — — | 1,133 15 8 | |
| To ſundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — — | 75 0 4 | |
| To one Moiety of three Fines, — — — — — — | 7 10 0 | |
| | | £ 1,302 19 0 |
| | Debit carried forward, | £ 1,302 19 0 |

*State of the Accounts of the Exciſe on Spirituous Liquors in the ſeveral Counties, Continued.* 1775. September 29.

*Thomas Tucker*, Collector for *Cheſter* County, Continued.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | Debit brought forward, | £ 1,302 19 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Amount of Debts of Perſons who became Inſolvent, &c. | £ 16 3 4 | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, | 916 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | 91 12 0 | |
| By Balance due to the Province, | 279 3 8 | |
| | | £ 1,302 19 0 |

*Sebaſtian Graaff*, Collector for *Lancaſter* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | £ 362 16 9 | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 10, 1774, to July 10, 1775, | 975 15 0 | |
| To Amount of ſundry Retailers per Annum, | 75 11 6 | |
| To a Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | 14 10 0 | |
| | | £ 1,428 13 3 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer at ſundry Times, | £ 885 13 3 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | 88 11 4 | |
| By Balance due to the Province, | 454 8 8 | |
| | | £ 1,428 13 3 |

*Note.* No Account of EXCISE hath been rendered by Henry Miller, Collector for YORK County, but we find his Deputy, Michael Hahn, has paid the Provincial Treaſurer on Account One Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds Nine Shillings and Seven-pence, — — — — £ 195 9 7

*Thomas Beard*, Collector for *Cumberland County*, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Amount of Exciſe from Auguſt 1, 1773, to Auguſt 10, 1774, | £ 103 7 6 |
| CONTRA | Cr. |
| By Caſh paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treaſurer, as reported by the Committee, Septtember 26, 1774, | £ 64 0 0 |
| 1774. Dec. 9. By Caſh paid ditto, | 29 0 9 |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | 10 6 9 |
| | £ 103 7 6 |

*Note.* This Account was ſettled with THOMAS BEARD December 10, 1774, ſince which no further Account hath been rendered—nor any more Money paid unto the Provincial Treaſurer,—the ſaid Thomas Beard, Collector of Exciſe for Cumberland County being deceaſed.

The ESTATE of *Jaſper Scull*, deceaſed, late Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance due as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Of which no Part hath been paid. | £ 135 10 2 |

*John Biddle*, preſent Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance due as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Of which no Part, nor of the preſent Year's Exciſe hath been paid, nor any Account rendered by the Collector. | £ 114 7 1 |

*Jeſſe Jones*, Collector for *Northampton* County, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | £ 34 0 2 | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1774, to July 1, 1775, | 344 2 0 | |
| To ſundry Retailers per Annum, | 35 5 0 | |
| | | £ 413 7 2 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | £ 360 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10 per Cent, | 36 0 0 | |
| By Balance due to the Province, | 17 7 2 | |
| | | £ 413 7 2 |

NO Account hath been rendered by THOMAS URIE, Collector of Exciſe for the County of BEDFORD, for theſe *Three Years* paſt, nor has he paid any Money into the Provincial Treaſury—he requeſts the Houſe would appoint another Collector in his Stead.

*State*

1775. *State of the Accounts of the Exciſe on ſpirituous Liquors in the ſeveral Counties, Continued.*

*September* 29. THOMAS LEMON, late Collector for NORTHUMBERLAND County hath not rendered any Account of Exciſe for two Years before laſt Settlement, nor from thence to the Time he died—nor has he, or any for him, paid any Money on that Account into the Provincial Treaſury ſaving Forty-two Pounds Eleven Shillings, reported laſt Year.

ALEXANDER HUNTER, the preſent Collector for the ſaid County, hath not exhibited any Account for Exciſe received ſince his Appointment, but we find he has paid into the Provincial Treaſury Twelve Pounds Three Shillings and Ten-pence.

JAMES KINKEAD, Collector for the County of WESTMORELAND, hath not rendered any Account for Exciſe for *Three Years* paſt, nor has any Money been paid into the Provincial Treaſury on that Account.

## STATE of other Accounts, *viz.*

### *Thomas Coombe*, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, appropriated for Supporting a Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Amount of the Duties on the Tonnage of Ships, entered and cleared in the Port of Philadelphia, from Auguſt 30, 1774, to Auguſt 30, 1775. | £ | 2,094 19 7 | |
| To Balance due to Thomas Coombe, | | 0 2 10 | |
| | | | £ 2,095 2 5 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | £ | 1,969 8 6 | |
| Commiſſions at 6 per Cent, | | 125 13 11 | |
| | | | £ 2,095 2 5 |

### *Thomas Coombe* on Account of the Monies received for the Hoſpital on the *Province Iſland*, in Purſuance of the Act of Aſſembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into "this Province,*" paſſed *January* 22, 1774, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of ſundry Perſons for 2,751 Paſſengers and Servants arrived in different Veſſels at Philadelphia, from September 19, 1774, to September 4, laſt, | £ | 68 15 6 | |
| To Balance due to Thomas Coombe, | | 0 3 4 | |
| | | | £ 68 18 10 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Balance due to Thomas Coombe at laſt Settlement, | £ | 0 4 4 | |
| By Caſh paid the Provincial Treaſurer, | | 67 1 0 | |
| His Commiſſions at 2½ per Cent, | | 1 13 6 | |
| | | | £ 68 18 10 |

NO Account of NEGRO DUTY hath been rendered theſe two Years paſt, but we find, that at the Settlement with Thomas Coombe, September 1773, there remained in his Hands £ 9 11 7, the Outſtanding Debts then uncollected being £ 407 10 0, ſince which he has paid into the Hands of the Provincial Treaſury as follows,

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Before laſt Year's Settlement, as reported by the Committee, | £ | 112 0 0 | |
| And ſince the laſt Settlement, | | 66 19 6 | |
| Amounting together, to | | | £ 178 19 6 |

JOSEPH FOX, Eſquire, Barrack-Maſter in PHILADELPHIA, hath rendered his Account and Vouchers for ſundry Materials and Repairs on the Barracks, amounting to £ 3 0 9
For which he is in Advance.

SAMUEL PENROSE hath not, as we find, paid any Money to the Provincial Treaſurer, ſince laſt Settlement.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| The Balance at that Time in his Hands amounted to | | | £ 167 9 8 | |
| The Rent of the Iſland to the 6th of September Inſtant, | £ | 401 0 0 | | |
| The Intereſt of the £ 570, the Amount of the new Improvements, | | 34 4 0 | | |
| | | | 435 4 0 | |
| | | | | £ 602 13 8 |

Which is the Sum at preſent due from him.

### *Thomas Mifflin*, Eſq; in Behalf of himſelf and the reſt of the Committee appointed by the Aſſembly, has laid before the Committee of Accounts the following Account,

### The Province of *Pennſylvania*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh paid Daniel Smith for the Entertainment, and to ſundry Perſons as per Account rendered, | £ | 290 15 4 | |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By Caſh received of Samuel Preſton Moore, Eſq; out of the Intereſt-Money in his Hands, agreeable to the Directions of the Aſſembly. | £ | 290 15 4 | |

*State*

*State of other Accounts, Continued.*

1775. *September* 29.

## The Wardens of the Port of *Philadelphia* appointed per Act of Assembly passed the 26 *February*, 1773, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, as settled by the Committee, September 21, 1774, | | | £ 2,586 | 15 | 11¼ |
| To Cash received of the Provincial Treasurer towards Support of the Light-house, &c. out of the Monies arising from the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, the Sum of | £ 950 | 0 0 | | | |
| To ditto received of the same out of the £ 12,000 issued in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed 26 February, 1773, | 40 | 6 0 | | | |
| To ditto received of the same out of the £ 6,000 issued in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly passed 18th March last, | 5,200 | 0 0 | | | |
| | 6,190 | 6 0 | | | |
| | | | £ 8,777 | 1 | 11¾ |

| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid sundry Persons for Materials and Workmanship on the Piers in the River Delaware, Shallop Men, Flat-Men and Labourers Wages, Wardens Attendance, &c. &c. as per Account and Vouchers, | | | £ | 3,009 | 10 | 3 |
| *Note.* The Sums charged last Year to be accounted for being now considered. | | | | | | |
| By ditto paid sundry Persons for Support of the Light-house, &c. including John Hitchcock's Wages to the 10th of September, 1775, and for fixing Buoys, &c. &c. as per Account and Vouchers, | | | | 967 | 0 | 2¾ |
| | | | £ | 3,976 | 10 | 6¼ |
| Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, | | | | 4,800 | 11 | 5½ |
| | | | £ | 8,777 | 1 | 11¾ |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of* OWEN JONES, PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

### On Account of the Duties and Tonnage per Act of Assembly passed 1758, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of Account as reported by the Committee last Year, | | | £ | 2 | 10 7½ |

| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Benjamin Franklin, Esq; being the Balance of this Account in Part of his Certificate of £ 500 Sterling, as appropriated by Act of Assembly, passed 29th of September, 1774, | | | £ | 2 | 10 | 4½ |
| Commissions 10*s.* per Cent, | | | | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| | | | £ | 2 | 10 | 7½ |

### On Account of the *Province Island*, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance in his Hands, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | £ | 622 | 17 | 10 |
| To Cash received of Thomas Coombe, being Monies by him collected from sundry Persons in Pursuance of the Act of Assembly, entituled, "*An Act to prevent infectious Diseases being brought into this Province,*" | | | 67 | 1 | 0 |
| | | £ | 689 | 18 | 10 |

| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1774. Oct. 5. By Cash paid James Lees, for 12 Bedsteds, &c. | | £ | 13 | 17 | 6 |
| Dec. 16. By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, junior for Blankets, | | | 28 | 18 | 0 |
| 1775. Mar. 30. By ditto paid John Little for hauling Earth in the State-House Yard, | | | 3 | 7 | 8 |
| Apr. 6. By ditto paid Luke Morris, Thomas Wharton and Samuel Morris, | | | 183 | 11 | 9 |
| 21 By ditto paid Hugh and George Roberts, | | | 6 | 16 | 9 |
| May 19. By ditto paid Cooper and Harrison, | | | 9 | 11 | 8 |
| 24. By ditto paid Owen Biddle and Thomas Barclay, | | | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| 26. By ditto paid Everard M'Clees for Repairs, | | | 27 | 18 | 11 |
| July 17. By ditto paid John Wear and Thomas Faries, | | | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| 25. By ditto paid John Wear, | | | 3 | 16 | 6 |
| 29. By ditto paid Isaac Hendrickson, | | | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Aug. 8. By ditto paid William Stuart for hauling Stones, | | | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. By ditto paid Henry Peterson for Isaac Weaver, | | | 9 | 18 | 0 |
| 21. By ditto paid John Wear, | | | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| 29. By ditto paid John Crosby, Jun. | | | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Sept. 23. By ditto paid Michael Hillegas for Necessaries for Negro Dublin, &c. | | | 22 | 8 | 2½ |
| | | £ | 562 | 4 | 11½ |
| By his Commission at 5 per Cent, | | | 28 | 2 | 2½ |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | 99 | 11 | 8 |
| | | £ | 689 | 18 | 10 |

### On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Thomas Coombe, Collector, | | £ | 66 | 19 | 6 |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ | 66 | 19 | 6 |

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

## On Account of the Duties on Slaves imported, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Debit brought forward, | | £ 66 19 6 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 66 12 11 | |
| By his Commissions at 10*s.* per Cent, | 0 6 7 | |
| | | £ 66 19 6 |

## On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Use, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, | £ 701 11 0 | |
| To Cash received of John Reynell on Account of the Goods sold to Baynton, Wharton and Morgan, by the Commissioners of the Indian Trade, which Goods belonged to the Province, | 219 14 3 | |
| | | £ 921 5 3 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Cash paid being the Balance of the £ 701 11 0, appropriated by Act of Assembly passed 29th September, 1774, in Part of Benjamin Franklin, Esq; Certificate of £ 500 Sterling, | £ 698 1 3 | |
| By his Commissions at 10*s.* per Cent, | 3 9 9 | |
| Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, | 219 14 3 | |
| | | £ 921 5 3 |

## On Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships for Supporting the Light-house at Cape *Henlopen*, Dr.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| TO the Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, | £ 1,756 5 4 | |
| To Cash received of Thomas Coombe, in several Payments, | 1,969 8 6 | |
| | | £ 3,725 13 10 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Cash paid Peter Reeve towards Support of the Light-house, &c. the Sum of | £ 950 0 0 | |
| By Bills of Credit of the £ 12,000 and of the 6,000 delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | 2,457 18 0 | |
| By his Commissions at 10*s.* per Cent, | 17 0 9 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 300 15 1 | |
| | | £ 3,725 13 10 |

## On Account of the Act for raising and applying £ 3,000 towards removing *Indian* Discontents, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance due as reported by the Committee last Year, | £ 3 9 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. |
| By Cash paid Benjamin Franklin, Esq; being the Balance of this Account in Part of his Certificate of £ 500 Sterling, as appropriated per Act of Assembly passed 29th September, 17-4, £ 3 8 8 | |
| By his Commissions, 0 0 4 | |
| | £ 3 9 0 |

## On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of William Crispin, | Collector of | Philadelphia County, | £ 5,300 0 0 | |
| of John Woolston | | Bucks, | 540 11 3 | |
| of Thomas Tucker | | Chester, | 916 0 0 | |
| of Sebastian Graaf | | Lancaster, | 885 13 3 | |
| of Henry Miller per his Deputy, | | York, | 195 9 7 | |
| of Thomas Beard | | Cumberland, | 29 0 9 | |
| of John Biddle | | Berks, | 0 0 0 | |
| of Jesse Jones | | Northampton, | 360 0 0 | |
| of Thomas Urie | | Bedford, | 0 0 0 | |
| of Alexander Hunter | | Northumberland, | 12 3 10 | |
| of James Kinkead | | Westmoreland, | 0 0 0 | |
| | | | | £ 8,238 18 8 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| 1775. July 15. By Cash paid Thomas Leech for signing Bills, | £ 12 15 1 | | |
| 17. By ditto, paid James Stevens ditto, | 10 8 9 | | |
| By ditto, paid Robert Tuckniss ditto, | 16 16 0 | | |
| Sept. 2. By ditto, paid William Crispin, ditto, | 12 7 5 | | |
| 13. By ditto, paid Samuel Preston Moore, ditto. | 10 12 0 | | |
| 16. By ditto, paid Jos. Hillborn, Treasurer to the Pennsylvania Hospital, for ditto, | 276 14 9 | | |
| | | £ | 339 14 0 |
| Credit carried forward | | £ | 339 14 0 |
| Debit carried forward, | | £ | 8,238 18 8 |

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1775. *September* 29.

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Debit brought forward, | £ 8,238 18 8 |
| | | Credit brought forward, | £ 339 14 0 |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, viz. | | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £ 20,000 | £ 424 0 0 | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £ 16,000 | 867 0 0 | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £ 7,000 | 365 11 3 | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, being Part of the 25,000 | 2,786 3 10 | | |
| | | 4,442 15 1 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5 per Cent, | | 239 2 5 | |
| Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, | | 3,217 7 2 | |
| | | | £ 8,238 18 8 |

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of Robert M'Pherson, York County, £ 119 16 3

| CONTRA | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ 119 10 4 | |
| By his Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 5 11 | |
| | | £ 119 16 3 |

On Account of the Fifteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

TO Cash received of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, £ 23 16 8

| CONTRA | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit, delivered the Committtee and by them burnt, | £ 23 15 6 | |
| By his Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | 0 1 2 | |
| | | £ 23 16 8 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eigtheen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining in his Hands 26th September, 1774, | | £ 2,682 13 7½ | |
| To Cash received of James Gibbons, | Chester County,, | 89 0 7 | |
| of Michael Swoope, | York, | 56 11 0 | |
| of John Montgomery | Cumberland, | 6 15 9 | |
| of Alexander Hunter | Northumberland, | 68 2 3 | |
| | | | £ 2,903 3 2½ |

| CONTRA | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ 2,895 18 5½ | |
| By his Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | 7 4 9 | |
| | | £ 2,903 3 2½ |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining in his Hands 26th September, 1774, | | £ 12,839 9 5 | |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, | Philadelphia County, | 5,411 2 8½ | |
| of Joseph Chapman | Bucks, | 500 2 3 | |
| of James Gibbons | Chester, | 1,292 1 2 | |
| of Christian Wertz | Lancaster, | 1,137 8 2 | |
| of Michael Swoope | York, | 572 15 0 | |
| of John Montgomery | Cumberland, | 219 0 0 | |
| of Christopher Witman, | Berks, | 100 0 9 | |
| of Herman Sneider | Northampton, | 239 7 9½ | |
| of Alexander Hunter | Northumberland, | 69 11 4 | |
| | | | £ 22,380 18 7 |

| CONTRA | Cr. | |
|---|---|---|
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ 11,881 13 9½ | |
| By his Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | 29 14 0½ | |
| Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law, | 10,469 10 9 | |
| | | £ 22,380 18 7 |

*State*

1775. *September* 29.

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treaſurer, Continued.*

## On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Barnaby Barnes | Philadelphia County, | | £ | 4,016 | 7 | 4 |
| of Joſeph Chapman | Bucks, | | | 1,509 | 18 | 9 |
| of James Gibbons | Cheſter, | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| of Michael Diffenderfer, late Treaſurer for Lancaſter County, what he received of James Webb, junior, in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 21ſt March, 1772, | | | | 87 | 5 | 5 |
| of Chriſtian Wertz, the preſent Treaſurer of Lancaſter County, | | | | 2,557 | 1 | 0 |
| of ditto ſince his Settlement with the Committee, | | | | 250 | 0 | 0 |
| of Michael Swoope | York, | | | 905 | 0 | 9 |
| of John Montgomery | Cumberland, | | | 266 | 10 | 8 |
| of Chriſtopher Witman | Berks, | | | 1,545 | 0 | 0 |
| of Herman Sneider | Northampton, | | | 1,026 | 3 | 8 |
| of | Bedford, | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| of Alexander Hunter | Northumberland, | | | 59 | 7 | 0 |
| of | Weſtmoreland, | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | £ | 12,222 14 7 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| Remains in the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit in order to be ſunk according to Law, | | £ 12,222 14 7 |

## On Account of the HONOURABLE PROPRIETARIES Taxes, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Edmund Phyſick, Eſq; | £ 621 0 0 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee and by them burnt, | £ | 619 9 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*ſ.* per Cent, | | 1 11 0 | |
| | | | £ 621 0 0 |

## On Account of the £ 5,000 appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties per Act paſſed 14th *May*, 1762, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance of this Account as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Which Sum ſtill remains in his Hands. | £ 331 12 3 |

## On Account of the Act for appropriating £ 5,000 to purchaſe Ground adjoining the State-Houſe Lots, paſſed 14th *May*, 1762, Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| TO Balance of this Account as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Which ſtill remains in his Hands. | £ 998 10 8 |

## On Account of the Act for raiſing £ 25,000 for the Support of Government, paſſed 21ſt *March*, 1772, Dr.

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| TO Balance of Account ſettled by the Committee 26th September, 1774, | £ 5,623 3 9 |

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| CONTRA | | | | Cr. |
| By Caſh paid the following Certificates and Orders, viz. | | | | |
| 1774. Sept. 28. David Rittenhouſe per Order of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, | £ | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| 29. Arthur St. Clair Preſents to the Indians | | 81 | 5 | 9 |
| William Thompſon, Eſq; | | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| William Thompſon, Eſq; Proviſions for the Indians, | | 30 | 13 | 4 |
| William Thompſon, Eſq; Pay for the Rangers, | | 682 | 19 | 2 |
| 30. William M'Clay, Indian Expences, | | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| Michael Hillegas, Eſq; Caſh advanced, | | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| The ſame for Indian Expences, | | 4 | 17 | 0 |
| The ſame for Services on Committee of Accounts, | | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| The ſame for Extra Services, | | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Charles Moore, Clerk of Aſſembly, | | 175 | 3 | 6 |
| Samuel Ridley, Glazing State-Houſe Windows, | | 7 | 16 | 0 |
| Iſaac Pearſon, Eſq; Services on Accounts, | | 11 | 10 | 0 |
| The Honourable JOHN PENN, Eſq; | | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| Joſeph Shippen, Eſq; Clerk of the Council, | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Ditto, — for Warrants, Proclamations, &c. | | 26 | 0 | 3 |
| Ditto, — for Poſtage of Letters, | | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, | | 18 | 15 | 10 |
| Ditto, — Indian Expences, | | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| Oct. 1. Daniel Evans, for Smiths Work, | | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| John Morton, Eſq; Aſſiſtant Judge, | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Ditto, — Service as Provincial Commiſſioner, | | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Samuel Taylor, for Binding the Votes, | | 51 | 8 | 3 |
| Daniel Richards, for Sundries at the State-Houſe, | | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Credit carried forward, | £ | 1,824 | 15 | 5 |
| Debit carried forward, | | | £ | 5,623 3 9 |

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1775. *September* 29.

On Account of the Act for raising £ 25,000 for the Support of Government, passed 21st *March*, 1772, Continued.

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| | | | | Debit brought forward, | | £ 5,623 3 9 |
| | | | | Credit brought forward, | £ 1,824 15 5 | |
| Oct. | 3. | Samuel Rhoads, Esq; Services on the Committee of Accounts, | | | 9 10 0 | |
| | | Ditto, — his Account for Disbursements, | | | 1 11 4 | |
| | | Benjamin Loxley, for unspiking the Cannon, &c. | | | 219 11 5½ | |
| | | Matthew Clarkson, Clerk to the Provincial Commissioners, | | | 4 18 3 | |
| | | Ditto, — for examining the Tax-Books, | | | 12 19 6 | |
| | 5. | Joseph Fox, Esq; for Expences at the Barracks, | | | 160 16 8 | |
| | | Ditto, — his Salary as Barrack-Master, | | | 60 0 0 | |
| | | Thomas Morris, for mending State-House Windows, | | | 1 5 0 | |
| | | Abel Evans, Assistant-Clerk to the House, | | | 30 0 0 | |
| | 6. | William Sheed, Door-keeper to the Council, | | | 4 7 6 | |
| | | To Ditto, Serjeant of Arms, | | | 10 0 0 | |
| | 7. | William Parr, Esq; Keeper of the Rolls, | | | 9 7 1 | |
| | | William Allen and Benjamin Chew, Esquires, Chief Judges, | | | 400 0 0 | |
| | | Andrew Allen, Esq; Attorney General, | | | 75 0 0 | |
| | | Hall and Sellers, for Printing, | | | 26 4 6 | |
| | | Estate of David Hall for Stationary, | | | 5 7 0 | |
| | 9. | Edward Duffield, for his Care of the State-House Clock, &c. | | | 20 15 0 | |
| | 15. | Benjamin Chapman, Esq; his Services on the Committee of Accounts, | | | 8 10 0 | |
| | 18. | Evan Peters for repairing Pumps at the State-House, | | | 0 12 6 | |
| | | Benjamin Franklin, Esq; the Remainder of his Certificate of £ 500 Sterling, | | | 145 19 8½ | |
| | 21. | Overseers of the Poor for the French Neutrals, | | | 100 0 0 | |
| | | Hall and Sellers per Order of the Trustees of the Loan-Office, | | | 300 10 0 | |
| | 25. | Henry Miller, for Printing the 4th Volumn of the Votes, | | | 483 15 0 | |
| | | Ditto, — for Votes, Advertisements, &c. | | | 76 2 6 | |
| | | William Bausman, Barrack-Master at Lancaster, | | | 20 0 0 | |
| | | Ditto, — for Disbursements, | | | 6 6 6 | |
| | 29. | George Dunlap, for paving round the Pumps, | | | 2 5 0 | |
| Nov. | 2. | Samuel Miles, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts, | | | 9 10 0 | |
| | | Dr. William Kennersly, for curing John Hendricks, an Indian, | | | 10 0 0 | |
| | 3. | Thomas Mifflin, Esq; for his Services on the Committee of Accounts, | | | 2 0 0 | |
| | 9. | William Murdock, for lodging John Hendricks, | | | 6 15 0 | |
| | | Reuben Haines, for Sundries bought for John Hendricks, | | | 0 16 11 | |
| | 15. | Thomas Willing, Esq; the Judges Expences on the Circuit, | | | 17 12 3 | |
| | 22. | John Lawrence, Esq; Assistant-Judge, | | | 200 0 0 | |
| Dec. | 24. | Thomas Willing, Esq; Assistant-Judge, | | | 200 0 0 | |
| | 27. | William Thompson, Esq; on Account of the Rangers, | | | 1,141 19 6½ | |
| | | | | | £ 5,609 3 7½ | |
| | | His Commissions at 5*s.* per Cent, | | | 14 0 1½ | |
| | | | | | | £ 5,623 3 9 |

## On Account of the £ 12,000 struck for the Use of the Light-house, building Piers, &c. per Act passed the 26th *February*, 1773, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 40 10 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Peter Reeve per Order of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, | £ 40 6 0 | | |
| Provincial Treasurers Commissions at 10*s.* per Cent, | 0 4 0 | | |
| | | | £ 40 10 0 |

## On Account of the £ 6,000 struck for the building Piers, &c. as per Act passed the 18th *March*, 1775, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Bills of Credit struck in Pursuance of the said Act, and paid to him by Michael Hillegas, Esq; — | | | £ 6,000 0 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | | |
| By Cash paid Peter Reeve at sundry Times per Orders of the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, | £ 5,200 0 0 | | |
| Provincial Treasurer's Commissions, at 10*s.* per Cent, | 26 0 0 | | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 774 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ 6,000 0 0 |

ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, the following Balances, viz.

| | | |
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| On Account of the Province Island, | £ 99 11 8 | |
| On Account of the £ 24,000, granted to the King's Use, per Act passed 1763, — | 219 14 3 | |
| On Account of Duties on Tonnage of Ships, for the Support of the Light-house, — | 300 15 1 | |
| On Account of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law, | 3,217 7 2 | |
| On Account of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law, — | 10,469 10 9 | |
| On Account of the 18th Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law, | 12,222 14 7 | |
| On Account of the £ 5,000 appropriated for Indian Treaties, | 331 12 3 | |
| On Account of the £ 5,000 appropriated for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-House Lots, | 998 10 8 | |
| On Account of the £ 6,000 struck for building Piers, &c. per Act passed 18th March, 1775, | 774 0 0 | |
| | | £ 28,633 16 5 |

Which Sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-three Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Five-pence the Provincial Treasurer produced to us in Gold and Silver, and Paper Bills of Credit of this and the neighbouring Governments.

*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

1775. *September* 29. WE have received of the Treasurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £ 14,000 issued per Act of Assembly, passed February 18, 1769, the Sum of — — — — £ 828 19 10
Which Sum we have burnt and destroyed according to Law.

WE have likewise received of the Treasurer appointed by the Commissioners elected by Virtue of the Act passed in the 9th Year of his present Majesty's Reign, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, "paving and cleaning the Highways, Streets, Lanes and Alleys, &c. of the City of* Philadelphia," in Part of the £ 8,000 formerly lent the City, the Sum of Two Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings in the proper Bills of Credit issued in Pursuance of an Act of Assembly, passed 9th March, 1771, which Sum of £ 292 15 0 we have burnt and destroyed according to Law, — £ 292 15 0

THE Amount of the Paper Bills, burnt and destroyed by the Committee of Assembly this Year, is £ 24,113 17 11, viz.

| | | | | | |
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| On Account of the Quotas received of Samuel Preston Moore, on the Old Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the late Trustees of the Loan-Office, — | | | | £ 484 10 0 | |
| On Account of the Provincial Taxes, viz. | | | | | |
| On the Tax of the Honourable the Proprietaries, — | £ 619 | 9 | 0 | | |
| On Negro Duty, — — — | 66 | 12 | 11 | | |
| On the Twelfth Eighteen-penny Tax, — — | 119 | 10 | 4 | | |
| On the Fifteenth — ditto, — — | 23 | 15 | 6 | | |
| On the Sixteenth — ditto, — | 2,895 | 18 | 5½ | | |
| On the Seventeenth — ditto, — — | 11,881 | 13 | 9½ | | |
| | | | | 15,607 | 0 0 |
| On Excise, as follows, viz. | | | | | |
| Of the £ 20,000 issued per Act passed May 20, 1767, — | £ 424 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Of the £ 16,000 issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, — | 867 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Of the £ 7,000 Part of the £ 15,000 issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, — — — | 365 | 11 | 3 | | |
| Of the £ 25,000 issued per Act passed March 21, 1772, — | 2,786 | 3 | 10 | | |
| | | | | 4,442 | 15 1 |
| On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships of the Bills issued per Acts, passed 26th February, 1773 and March 18th, 1775, — — | | | | 2,457 | 18 0 |
| On Account of the £ 14,000 for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, per Act passed February 18, 1769, of that Emission, — | | | | 828 | 19 10 |
| On Account of the £ 8,000, Part of the £ 15,000 issued per Act of Assembly passed 9th March 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emission, received of the Treasurer appointed by the Street Commissioners of the City of Philadelphia, — | | | | 292 | 15 0 |
| | | | | | £ 24,113 17 11 |

## DEBTS OUTSTANDING, *due to the Province.*

### On Account of the *Provincial Taxes*, viz.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| From Philadelphia County | on the 17th Eighteen-penny Tax, — | £ 309 | 5 | 3¼ | | | |
| | on the 18th — ditto, — | 7,550 | 15 | 9¾ | | | |
| | | | | | £ 7,860 | 1 | 1 |
| Bucks — | on the 17th — ditto, — | £ 28 | 11 | 10½ | | | |
| | on the 18th — ditto, — | 525 | 12 | 1 | | | |
| | | | | | 554 | 3 | 11½ |
| Chester — | on the 16th — ditto, — | £ 19 | 17 | 4 | | | |
| | on the 17th — ditto, — | 500 | 13 | 1 | | | |
| | on the 18th — ditto, — | 3,480 | 13 | 4½ | | | |
| | | | | | 4,001 | 3 | 9½ |
| Lancaster — | on the 18th — ditto, — | — | | | 2,073 | 9 | 11 |
| York — | on the 12th — ditto, — | £ 60 | 10 | 4 | | | |
| | on Estates of Non-Residents, — | 340 | 11 | 6½ | | | |
| | on the 18th Eighteen-penny Tax, — | 1,869 | 2 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | 2,270 | 4 | 0½ |
| Cumberland — | on the 10th, 11th and 12th ditto, — | £ 243 | 0 | 6¾ | | | |
| | on the 13th — ditto, — | 264 | 16 | 7 | | | |
| | on the 14th — ditto, — | 177 | 7 | 3½ | | | |
| | on the 15th — ditto, — | 259 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| | on the 16th — ditto, — | 366 | 19 | 11 | | | |
| | on the 17th — ditto, — | 531 | 13 | 4 | | | |
| | on the 18th — ditto, — | 2,333 | 13 | 8 | | | |
| | | | | | 4,177 | 6 | 4¼ |
| Berks — | on the 18th — ditto, — | — | | | 885 | 10 | 7 |
| Northampton — | on the 18th — ditto, — | — | | | 318 | 3 | 3¾ |
| Bedford — | on the 15th — ditto, — | £ 601 | 6 | 5½ | | | |
| | on the 16th — ditto, — | 271 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| | on the 17th — ditto, — | 331 | 7 | 5 | | | |
| | so far for Bedford County as per last Years Report; | | | | 1,204 | 7 | 10½ |
| | on the 18th Eighteen-penny Tax not brought in. | | | | | | |
| Northumberland | on the 16th — ditto, — | £ 654 | 7 | 10 | | | |
| | on the 17th — ditto, — | 982 | 16 | 8½ | | | |
| | on the 18th — ditto, — | 1,531 | 1 | 11 | | | |
| | | | | | 3,168 | 6 | 5½ |
| Westmoreland — | on the 17th and 18th Eighteen-penny Taxes not brought in. | | | | | | |
| The Honourable the PROPRIETARIES (exclusive of their Taxes in several Counties not brought in) — — — — | | | | | 1,944 | 12 | 11¼ |
| | | | | | | £ 28,457 | 10 3½ |

Carried forward, £ 28,457 10 3½

*Debts*

*Debts Outstanding, due to the Province, Continued.* 1775.

Brought forward, £ 28,457 10 3½ *September* 29.

On Account of Excise, *viz.*

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| From the Estate of Joseph Stretch, late Collector of Philadelphia County, — | £ 320 12 7½ | | |
| of William Crispin, Collector of ditto, — — | 580 15 11 | | |
| of Thomas Tucker, Collector of Chester, — — | 279 3 8 | | |
| of Sebastian Graff, Collector of Lancaster, — — | 454 8 8 | | |
| of Henry Miller, Collector for York County not settled. | | | |
| the Estate of Thomas Beard, deceased, late Collector of Cumberland County, not settled. | | | |
| the Estate of Jasper Scull late Collector of Berks, — — | 135 10 2 | | |
| John Biddle, present Collector of Berks County, (besides the present Year's Excise not accounted for) — — | 114 7 1 | | |
| Jesse Jones, Collector for Northampton County, — | 17 7 2 | | |
| Thomas Urie, Collector for Bedford County, not settled. | | | |
| the Estate of Thomas Lemon, late Collector for Northumberland County, not settled. | | | |
| Alexander Hunter, present Collector for ditto, not settled. | | | |
| James Kinkead, Collector for Westmoreland County, not settled. | | | |
| | | 1,902 5 3½ | |
| Also | | | |
| From the Wardens of the Port of Philadelphia, — — | £ 4,800 11 5½ | | |
| Samuel Penrose, Rent of the Province Island, — — | 602 13 8 | | |
| Thomas Coombe on Account of Negro Duty, not settled. | | 5,403 5 1½ | |
| Besides the following Debts reported by former Committees, viz. | | | |
| From the Commissioners appointed by Law for clearing and making navigable the River Schuylkill, — — — | £ 22 0 7½ | | |
| the Estate of Richard Pearne, — — — | 1,818 5 11 | | |
| the Commissioners of the Indian Trade, not settled. | | 1,840 6 6½ | |
| | | £ 37,603 7 3 | |

*All which is submitted to the Consideration of the House, by*

*September* 29, 1775. MICHAEL HILLEGAS, BENJAMIN CHAPMAN, GEORGE GRAY, ISAAC PEARSON."

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *September* 30.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to hear the Petitioners from *Chester* County, complaining of the Hardships they are likely to be subjected to by a Road laid out, and, a Resurvey of the said Road made by Order of the Governor and Council through the said County, reported they had heard the Parties concerned, and are of Opinion, that many of the Petitioners have just Cause of Complaint;—that as Matters now stand, in some Places two Roads within a few Rods run nearly parallel to, and sometimes intersect each other through several Plantations, that the Owners of these Plantations are thereby Sufferers, and the Inhabitants of the Townships subjected to Suits for not supporting two Roads, one of which the Committee apprehend, will be found unnecessary, and therefore ought to be vacated and made void.

*Submitted to the House by*

*September* 29, 1775. WILL. RODMAN, MICHAEL HILLEGAS, BENJ. CHAPMAN, CHARLES THOMSON, WILL. EDMONDS, JOHN BROWN."

Mr. *Hillegas* presented at the Table an Account of Expences incurred by making some late Repairs to the Banks of Deep Water Island, amounting to £ 45 4 1½, which being examined by the House, was allowed, and a Certificate drawn by Order, for the Payment thereof.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Memorial from the Committee of Safety, and after some Time spent therein, recommended the same to the serious Attention of the succeeding Assembly.

The Petition from *John Patterson*, of *Philadelphia*, Grocer, was again read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House taking into Consideration the several Letters sent down Yesterday by the Governor, acquainting him with the Intrusion of a Number of People into this Province, under a pretended Claim of the Colony of *Connecticut*, to the great Annoyance of the good People of this Province.

*Resolved*, That the Delegates for this Province be specially directed to lay the same before the Congress, with the mischievous Tendency the pursuing such Measures will have, and procure the Aid of that Assembly to quiet the Minds of the good People of this Province, and prevent further Intrusion or Extension of Settlements under the said Claim, until the Matter shall be determined by the King and Council, to whom both Sides have submitted the Dispute.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support of the Government of this Province, and Payment of the public Debts*," and acquainted the

1775. *September* 30. the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame whenever preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Parker* wait on the Governor, and requeſt to know at what Hour To-Day the Houſe ſhall attend his Honour to enact the ſaid Bill into a Law.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Governor's Support,

*Reſolved*, That the additional Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable JOHN PENN, Eſquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, for his Support for the paſt Year.

And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being made out accordingly, was ſigned by the Speaker, to be preſented to his Honour when the Houſe ſhall wait on him with the Bill to be paſſed.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would be in the Council-Chamber immediately, to paſs the Bill that has been agreed upon.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Parker* do ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bill, after the ſame ſhall be paſſed into a Law, and depoſite the ſaid Law in the Rolls Office.

*A* MESSAGE *by* Mr. *Secretary*.

SIR,

"The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Houſe, to enact into a Law the Bill to which he has given his Aſſent."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor; and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and preſented a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Support "of the Government of this Province, and the Payment of the public Debts*," to which his Honour had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent, by enacting the ſame into a Law. The Speaker alſo reported that he had preſented to his Honour the Certificate of the Houſe for the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, for which he was pleaſed to ſay he was obliged to the Houſe.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Law juſt paſſed, and to depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service, according to Order.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Memorial of *Samuel Preſton Moore*, Eſq; and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Forty Pounds per Annum*, for Four Years laſt paſt, be allowed to the ſaid *Samuel Preſton Moore*, for his Care and Trouble in managing the Affairs of the late Loan-Office of this Province.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That the Governor be requeſted to iſſue his Proclamation, offering the Reward of *Fifty Pounds*, for apprehending and ſecuring in ſome Gaol of this Province, a certain *Flemming Elliott*, charged with the Murder of *John Faughnar*, late of *Cheſter* County, Pedlar, to be paid upon the Conviction of the ſaid *Elliott*.

The Houſe then taking into Conſideration the Service of the Deputies for this Province in Congreſs,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Deputies be allowed each the Sum of *Twenty Shillings per Diem* for their Attendance on that Service. And a Certificate to *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; for £ 91 15 0; to *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; for £ 74 15 0; to *John Morton*, Eſq; for £ 59 15 0; to *Charles Humphreys*, Eſq; for £ 85 15 0; to *George Roſs*, Eſq; for £ 62 15 0; and to *James Wilſon*, Eſq; for £ 30 15 0; being made out at the Table, by Order of the Houſe, the ſame were ſigned by the Speaker, to be delivered to the ſaid Gentlemen reſpectively.

The Clerk produced at the Table, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, ſundry Copies of Petitions to the King, Lords and Commons, and of an Addreſs to his Majeſty, preſented by the different Houſes of Aſſembly of this Province ſince the Year 1763, dated reſpectively as follows, *viz.* A Petition to the Houſe of Commons, *January* 14, 1766; an Addreſs of Thanks to the King, *June* 6, 1766; a Petition to the King, *September* 22, 1768; another to the Houſe of Lords, of the ſame Date; another to the Houſe of Commons, of the ſame Date; and another to his Majeſty, *March* 5, 1771;—which ſeveral Copies were committed to the Care of *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſquire, to be ſent to *England* by the firſt Opportunity.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Liſt of incidental Expences, reported by the Committee, and the Accounts therein referred to, being allowed, Mr. Speaker, in the Chair, ſigned the ſeveral Certificates and Orders for Payment of the Wages of the Members and Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers, and other contingent Charges of the paſt Year.

The Houſe then roſe.

INCIDENTAL

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1775.

1775. *September 30.* Incidental Expences.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| To the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor and Commander in Chief, *&c.* —— —— —— —— | £ 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| To Ditto, for Disbursements as per Account, —— —— | 35 | 11 | 11 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; late Agent for this Province in *London*, £ 260 13 4 Sterling Exchange at 70 per Cent Advance, —— | 453 | 6 | 8 |
| To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, —— | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant Judges of Ditto, —— | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; Ditto of Ditto, —— —— | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Morton*, Esq; Ditto of Ditto, —— —— | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; his Salary as Attorney General of Ditto, — | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Mifflin*, Esq; for one Day on the Committee of public Accounts, —— —— —— —— | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for his Service on Ditto—21 Days at 10*s.* per Diem, —— —— —— | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto—21 Days at Ditto, —— | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| To *George Gray*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto—21 Days at Ditto, —— | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto—18 Days at Ditto, | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Esq; for Ditto on Ditto—5 Days at Ditto, —— | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| To *Charles Moore*, Esq; for his Attendance as Clerk of the House and for transcribing and engrossing Bills, Messages, *&c. &c. &c.* —— | 200 | 2 | 6 |
| To Mr. *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Assistant Clerk, —— | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; for his Salary as Clerk of the Council, —— | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To Ditto, for his Accounts of Postage of public Letters, —— —— | 12 | 14 | 4 |
| To Ditto, for Stationary for the Governor and for Proclamations, *&c. &c.* | 18 | 3 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Edward Duffield*, for his Care of the State-House Clock Six Months, —— —— —— —— | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *David Rittenhouse*, for Ditto Half a Year, —— —— | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack Master at *Philadelphia*, — | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| To Ditto, as per Account delivered, —— —— | 3 | 0 | 9 |
| To Mr. *William Bowsman*, as Barrack Master at *Lancaster*, —— | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| To Ditto as per Account delivered, —— —— | 3 | 9 | 0 |
| To *Edmund Physick*, Esq; as Keeper of the Great Seal, —— | 12 | 6 | 0 |
| To *William Parr*, Esq; Master of the Rolls Office——Account not brought in, —— —— —— —— | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| To Messrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for Printing Laws, Proclamations, *&c.* as per Account, —— —— —— | 124 | 1 | 0 |
| To the Estate of *David Hall*, deceased, as per Account, —— | 7 | 17 | 0 |
| To Mr. *William Sheed*, as Serjeant at Arms to the House, — — | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To Ditto, as Door-Keeper to the Council—30 Meetings at 2*s*6 — | 3 | 15 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, as Door-Keeper to the House and for Disbursements, —— —— —— | 25 | 9 | 7 |
| To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for Printing Votes, *&c. &c.* as per Account, | 317 | 12 | 6 |
| To Messrs. *Hugh* and *George Roberts*, as per Account, —— — | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| To Mr. *Israel Pemberton*, his Account for *Indian* Expences, —— | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| To the Committee appointed to view the River *Schuylkill*, —— | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Joseph Ogden*, for Expences of Committee viewing Ditto, — | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| To Mr. *Jacob Myers*, for his Attendance and Draughts of Bridges for the said River, —— —— —— | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Samuel Taylor*, for Book-Binding for the House, — — | 50 | 12 | 0 |
| To the Overseers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, —— | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Arthur Donaldson*, for his Machine for cleansing Docks, *&c.* | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *John Reed*, for his Map of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Richard Mason*, for unspiking Cannon, —— —— | 16 | 7 | 6 |
| To *William Thompson*, Esq; for the Payment of the Troops raised by Government for the Defence of the Frontiers, —— —— | 759 | 1 | 7 |
| To Ditto for his Services as Paymaster of the said Troops, —— | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Dewees*, Esq; as per Account, —— —— | 16 | 9 | 0 |
| To Mr. *John Palmer's* Account of Expences for the *Schuylkill* Committee, | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| To Mr. *Caleb Parrey*, for Ditto, for Ditto, —— — | 4 | 1 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Thomas Shute's* Account for Repairs at the State-House, — | 34 | 15 | 4 |
| To Mr. *John Reed*, as per Account, —— —— | 15 | 1 | 6 |
| To Messieurs *Hugh* and *George Roberts*, as per Account, — — | 4 | 17 | 9 |
| To *John Morton*, Esq; Cash paid for Postage of Letters, —— | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Carried forward, | £ 4,685 | 13 | 10 |

1775. INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, for the Year 1775, Continued.

*September* 30.

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| Brought forward, | £ 4,685 | 13 | 10 |
| To Mr. *Thomas Dewees*, for apprehending *Andrew Stewart*, —— | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Committee of Aſſembly appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the Rangers, —— —— — | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for Extra Services, —— — | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| To Ditto for Diſburſements for repairing the Banks of Deep *Water Iſland*, | 45 | 4 | 1 |
| | £ 4,855 | 17 | 11 |

WE the Committee for incidental Expences have examined the ſeveral Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as uſual.

*Philadelphia*, *September* 26, 1775.

JOSEPH PARKER,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
BENJAMIN BARTHOLOMEW,
ANTHONY WAYNE,
JOHN MONTGOMERY."

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## *At an* ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini 1775, *P. M.*

*October* 14. *Poſt Meridiem*

BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties, it appears that the following Gentlemen were duly elected to ſerve in Aſſembly as Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, for the enſuing Year, *viz.*

For the County of *Philadelphia*.
*John Dickinſon*,
*Michael Hillegas*,
*George Gray*,
*Thomas Potts*,
*Samuel Miles*,
*Joſeph Parker*,
*Robert Morris*,
*Jonathan Roberts*.

For the City of *Philadelphia*.
*Benjamin Franklin*,
*Thomas Mifflin*.

For the County of *Bucks*.
*William Rodman*,
*John Heany*,
*Gerardus Wynkoop*,
*John Foulke*,
*Benjamin Chapman*,
*David Twining*,
*John Brown*,
*Thomas Jenks*.

For the County of *Cheſter*.
*John Morton*,
*Benjamin Bartholomew*,
*James Gibbons*,
*Iſaac Pearſon*,
*John Jacobs*,
*Charles Humphreys*,
*Joſeph Pennock*,
*Joſeph Pyle*.

For the County of *Lancaſter*.
*Curtis Grubb*,
*Matthias Slough*,
*George Roſs*,
*James Webb*.

For the County of *York*.
*James Ewing*,
*Michael Swoope*.

For the County of *Cumberland*.
*William Allen*,
*John Montgomery*.

For the County of *Berks*.
*Edward Biddle*,
*Henry Chreiſt*.

For the County of *Northampton*.
*Peter Kachlein*,
*George Taylor*.

For the County of *Bedford*.
*Bernhard Dougherty*.

For the County of *Northumberland*.
*Samuel Hunter*.

For the County of *Weſtmoreland*.
*William Thompſon*.

A Majority of the above Gentlemen met this Day, purſuant to Charter and the Laws of the Province, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to *Monday* next at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment

*October* 16. *Poſt Meridiem*

A Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, proceeded, according to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of the Province, to the Choice of a Speaker, when *John Morton*, Eſq; was unanimouſly choſen Speaker of the Houſe, for the enſuing Year, and placed in the Chair accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Allen*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Kachlein* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to wait on the Governor and acquaint him, that purſuant to the Charter of Privileges and the Laws of this Province, a Quorum of the Repreſentatives, being met, have proceeded to chuſe a Speaker

Speaker for the ensuing Year, and request to know at what Hour To-morrow his Honour will be pleased to receive the House, that they may present their Speaker for his Approbation. 1775: October 16.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. October 17.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Message of last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would be in the Council-Chamber at Ten o'Clock this Morning to receive the House with their Speaker.

*A* MESSAGE *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the House "with their Speaker."

Then Mr. Speaker, with the whole House, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair and reported, that the House had waited on his Honour and presented their Speaker, of whom the Governor had been pleased to approve, and that the Speaker had then in the Name and on Behalf of the House claimed their usual Privileges, *viz.*

*First*, That the Members of the House during their Sitting may enjoy Freedom of Speech in all their Propositions and Debates.

*Secondly*, That they may at all seasonable Times have free Access to the Governor the better to enable them to discharge the Business of the Public.

*Thirdly*, That their Persons and Estates may be free from all Manner of Arrests, Molestations and Injuries during the Time of accustomed Privilege.

*Fourthly*, That the Governor would be pleased to take no Notice of any Report concerning any Matter or Thing moved or debated in the House, until the same shall be passed into Resolves, nor give the least Credit to such Report.

*Fifthly*, That his own (the Speaker's) unwilling Mistakes may be excused and not imputed to the House, but that he may have Liberty of resorting to them for an Explanation of their true Intent and Meaning, and reporting the same to the Governor.

All which he had claimed as the just and indefeasible Rights and Privileges of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, derived and confirmed to them by the Laws and Charter of the said Province; and that the Governor was pleased to say, "They "were the undoubted Rights and Privileges of the House, in which they might rely on "his Protection."

The Qualification by Law appointed to be taken by Members of Assembly, and the Test of Abjuration being prepared were then taken and subscribed first by the Speaker in the Chair, and afterwards by the Members present in their Order.

The House then proceeding as usual to the Appointment of their Officers and Committees for the ensuing Year,

*Resolved*, That *Charles Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Clerk of this House, for the ensuing Year, and he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

*Resolved*, That *Abel Evans* be, and he is hereby appointed assistant Clerk to the House, for the ensuing Year, and he took and subscribed the usual Qualification accordingly.

*Resolved*, That *William Sheed* be, and he is hereby appointed Serjeant at Arms to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That *Andrew M'Nair* be, and he is hereby appointed Door-keeper to this House for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pearson*, with the Speaker be a Committee of Correspondence for the ensuing Year.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Twining*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Ross*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Kachlein* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee of Grievances for the ensuing Year; and that they have Power to send for Persons, Papers and Records as Occasions require.

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Chapman* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to audit and settle the Accounts of the General Loan-Office of this Province, and other public Accounts of the ensuing Year; and that they have full Power and Authority to send for Persons, Records and Papers by the Serjeant at Arms to this House, in order that the said Accounts be fully adjusted and made ready to be laid before the House on the first Day of their Meeting in *September* next.

*Resolved*, That the Minutes of the Proceedings of this House be printed and published weekly, being first revised by the Committee to be appointed for that Purpose; and that the Speaker do appoint the Printing thereof, and that no Persons, but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, That if any four Members, upon the Decision of a Question, shall desire to have the Yeas and Nays, with the Names of the Members, entered on the Journals of the House, it shall be allowed.

*Resolved*,

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*Reſolved*, That *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of this City for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *William Bowſman*, of the Borough of *Lancaſter* be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Maſter of the Barracks in the ſaid Borough for the enſuing Year.

A Petition from *Owen Biddle*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he has been informed the Houſe has an Intention of appointing a new Provincial Treaſurer, and praying that in Caſe they ſhould not think proper to continue the late Treaſurer, the Petitioner may be appointed to the ſaid Office.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Michael Hahn*, of the Town of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying to be appointed the Collector of Exciſe for the County of *York*, in the Place of *Henry Miller*, the late Officer, now abſent in the Continental Service at *Boſton*.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe proceeding in the Appointment of their Officers,

*Reſolved*, That *William Criſpin*, of the City of *Philadelphia* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Philadelphia*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *John Woolſton* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Bucks* for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Tucker* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cheſter*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Sebaſtian Graff* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Lancaſter*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Michael Hahn* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *York*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Beard* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Cumberland*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *John Biddle* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Berks*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Jeſſe Jones* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northampton*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Robert Moore* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Bedford*, for the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That *Alexander Hunter* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Exciſe in the County of *Northumberland*, for the enſuing Year.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*October* 18.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Gibbons* this Day appearing was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to ſtate an Account of the ſeveral Grants made by this Province to the Crown from the Year 1755 to the Year 1764, incluſive, which were to be ſunk by Taxes, *&c.* and report the Balances outſtanding, with thoſe in the Hands of the Treaſurer, that the Houſe may be aſcertained of the Sum yet to be raiſed to complete the ſaid Grants.

A Motion being made and ſeconded for re-appointing the Committee of Safety, with an Addition of ſome new Members, the ſaid Motion was referred for Conſideration till To-morrow Morning.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to examine the Laws of this Province, and report ſuch to the Houſe as are expired or near expiring, together with the ſeveral Matters recommended over by the late Aſſembly to the Conſideration of this Houſe.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Owen Biddle* for the Office of Provincial Treaſurer, was again read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, That *Owen Jones*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed Treaſurer of the Province for the enſuing Year.

A Member preſented at the Table a Letter from the Continental Congreſs to the Committee of Safety for this Province, incloſing certain Reſolves of the ſaid Congreſs paſſed the Ninth and Twelfth of this Inſtant, which were read by Order, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

A Letter from the Continental Congreſs to the Committee of Safety.

GENTLEMEN, *Congreſs Chamber, October* 12, 1775.

THE preſent Situation of Affairs renders it abſolutely neceſſary in the Opinion of the Congreſs for the Protection of our Liberties and Safety of our Lives to raiſe

ſeveral

several new Battalions, and therefore the Congress have come into the inclosed Resolutions, which I am ordered to transmit to you. 1775. October 18.

The Congress have the firmest Confidence, that from your experienced Zeal in this great Cause, you will exert your utmost Endeavours to carry into Execution the said Resolutions, and raise the Battalion recommended to be raised with all possible Expedition.

The Commissions I will fill up with the Names of the Persons you determine upon, immediately on the Receipt of the List. I am, *Gentlemen*,

*Your most obedient Servant*,

*To the* Gentlemen *of the Committee of Safety for* Pennsylvania.

JOHN HANCOCK, *President*.

In Congress, *Monday*, *October* 9, 1775.

On Motion made,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Convention of *New-Jersey*, that they immediately raise at the Expence of the Continent, two Battalions consisting of Eight Companies each, and each Company of Sixty-eight Privates, and officered with One Captain, One Lieutenant, One Ensign, Four Serjeants and Four Corporals.

That the Privates be enlisted for a Year, at the Rate of Five Dollars per Calender Month, liable to be discharged at any Time on allowing them one Month's Pay extraordinary.

That each of the Privates be allowed, instead of a Bounty, a Felt Hat, a Pair of Shoes and a Pair of Yarn Stockings; the Men to find their own Arms.

That the Pay of the Officers for the present, be the same as that of the Officers in the present Continental Army, and in Case the Pay of the Officers is augmented, the Pay of the Officers in these Battalions shall in like Manner be augmented from the Time of their engaging in the Service.

*October* 12, 1775.

*Resolved*, That each Captain and other commissioned Officer, while in the recruiting Service of this Continent, or on their March to join the Army, shall be allowed Two Dollars and Two Thirds of a Dollar per Week for their Subsistance; and that the Men, who enlist shall each of them, whilst in Quarters, be allowed One Dollar per Week, and One Dollar and One Third of a Dollar when on their March to join the Army for the same Purpose.

That the President transmit to the Convention of *New-Jersey* blank Commissions to be filled up by the said Convention to the Captains and Subaltern Officers in the said two Battalions, and that the Appointment of the Field-Officers be for the present suspended until the Congress shall take Order on that Matter.

The Form of the Enlistment to be in the following Words, *viz.*

"I———have this Day voluntarily enlisted myself as a Soldier in the *American* Con-
" tinental Army for one Year, unless sooner discharged, and do bind myself to conform
" in all Instances to such Rules and Regulations as are or shall be established for the Government of the said Army."

*Resolved*, That a similar Recommendation issue to the Assembly or Committee of Safety of *Pennsylvania* to raise one Battalion on the same Terms as those ordered to be raised in *New-Jersey*, and to be officered in like Manner.

*Resolved*, That the Men enlisted be furnished with a Hunting Shirt not exceeding in Value *One Dollar* and *One Third of a Dollar*, and a Blanket, provided these can be procured, but not to be made Part of the Terms of Enlistment.

*A Copy from the Minutes*,

CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary*.

*By Order of the Congress*,

JOHN HANCOCK, *President*."

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Representation and Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Manufacture of Saltpetre has been attempted under the Patronage of the said Committee, and that it is now at a Stand for the Want of a sufficient Fund to carry it on;—that the Petitioners, being sensible of the vast Importance of this Article to the Province of *Pennsylvania*, and the Colonies in general, beg Leave to recommend to the Honourable House to take the said Manufacture under their Patronage. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *George Jacob Housman*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That one Dozen and an half of *Windsor* Chairs be immediately procured for the Use of the House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

1775. *October* 18. *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The Rules of the Houſe for regulating the Conduct and Attendance of the Members were read, as uſual, and agreed to be obſerved, with the following additional Reſolves, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That every Member abſent upon any Meeting of the Houſe, ſhall be liable to be ſent for by the Members preſent, at the Expence of ſuch abſent Member.

*Reſolved*, That every Member who ſhall abſent himſelf from the Service of the Houſe, without Leave from the Speaker for ſo doing, ſhall be ſubject to a Fine of *Five Shillings* for every Day's Abſence, unleſs ſuch Member can aſſign to the Houſe a ſatisfactory Reaſon for the ſame.

*Reſolved*, That ſuch Members as do not appear at the Place of Meeting within half an Hour after the Time appointed in the Fore- and Afternoon, ſhall pay *One Shilling*; but if a Quorum be not preſent at the ſame Time, then each abſent Member ſhall pay *Two Shillings*; and *Eighteen-pence* for every Hour's Abſence after; unleſs he can ſhew Cauſe to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, which ſhall be determined by an immediate Vote.

*Reſolved*, upon the Queſtion,

That Mr. *Swoope* be, and he is hereby appointed to demand and collect all Fines incurred by any Breach of the ſaid Rules, for the Uſe of the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*October* 19.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to examine the Laws of the Province, with the Minutes of the late Aſſembly, and report ſuch of the Laws as are expired, or near expiring, together with the ſeveral Matters recommended by that Aſſembly to the Conſideration of this Houſe, reported, that upon Inſpection of the ſaid Minutes, they find the late Aſſembly left unfiniſhed and referred to their Succeſſors the ſeveral Matters following, *viz.*

Report of the Committee.

THE reſpective Caſes of *Richard Taylor*, *Jacob Muck*, *Alexander Stewart*, *Richard Ray*, *Francis Owens and James Mackey*, inſolvent Debtors.

The Petition from the Board of Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the County of *Cheſter*.

Two Memorials from the Officers of the military Aſſociation of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*.

The Memorial from the Committee of Safety.

And that, upon examining the Laws of the Province, it appears to the Committee that the Act, entituled, "*An Act for puniſhing wicked and evil-diſpoſed Perſons going* "*armed in Diſguiſe*, &c." paſſed *February* the 24th, 1770, was limited to Five Years, and from thence to the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

"*An Act for the Relief of the Poor*," paſſed *March* 9, 1771, limited to Five Years, and from thence to the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

"*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch*, &c." paſſed *March* the 9th, 1771, limited to Five Years, and from thence to the next Sitting of Aſſembly.

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

*October* 19, 1775.

SAMUEL MILES, ISAAC PEARSON,
JOSEPH PARKER, BARNARD DOUGHERTY."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report, the Memorial and Eſtimate from the Committee of Safety, with the two Memorials from the Officers of the military Aſſociation of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, were read by Order, and after ſome Debate, referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Letter and Reſolves from the Continental Congreſs preſented at the Table Yeſterday by a Member of the Committee of Safety, reſpecting the Appointment of Officers for the new Battalion propoſed to be raiſed in this Province for the General Service, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will on *Wedneſday* next, the 25th Inſtant, receive the Applications of ſuch Perſons as ſhall offer themſelves for Commiſſions in the ſaid Battalion.

Purſuant to the Reſolution of Yeſterday, the Houſe took into Conſideration the Motion for a Re-appointment of the preſent Committee of Safety, with the Addition of ſome new Members, and approving the Perſons propoſed,

*Reſolved*, That *Benjamin Franklin*, *John Dickinſon*, *George Gray*, *Samuel Miles*, *Robert Morris*, *Benjamin Bartholomew*, *George Roſs*, *Michael Swoope*, *John Montgomery*, *Edward Biddle*, *George Taylor*, *Barnard Dougherty*, *Samuel Hunter*, *Daniel Roberdeau*, *John Cadwalader*, *Andrew Allen*, *Joſeph Read*, *Owen Biddle*, *Henry Wynkoop*, *Anthony Wayne*, *Francis Johnſton*, *Richard Reily*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, *Samuel Morris*, jun. *Thomas Wharton*, jun. *Robert White*, *George Clymer*, *Samuel Howell*, Merchant, *Alexander Wilcox*, *John Nixon*, *James Meas* and *James Biddle*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Safety for this Province, during the enſuing Year.

*Reſolved*, That any Seven, or more, of the ſaid Committee, with the Preſident, or, in his

his Absence, the Vice-President, be a Board for transacting any Business that may properly come before them. 1775.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* *October* 19. Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Manufacture of Saltpetre in this Province, and after a Debate of some Length,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearson*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Kachlein* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to enquire and report to the House what Progress has been made in the Manufacturing of Saltpetre in the City of *Philadelphia*, what Sum is required to prosecute this Business to Effect, and whether it be expedient to encourage making the said Article in a more general Way, among People in different Parts of the Country, by advancing the Price already offered, or by any other probable Means not hitherto attempted in this Province.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *October* 20.

A Petition from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Honourable the Continental Congress has "recommended to the Inhabitants of all the United *English* Colonies in *North-America*, "that all able-bodied effective Men between sixteen and fifty Years of Age immediately "form themselves into regular Companies of Militia, *&c.*" and that although a considerable Number of the Freemen of this Province had before the said Recommendation associated for the Purpose of Defence against all Invaders, yet the said Recommendation has not been fully complied with, and in our Opinion it is become absolutely necessary that general Regulations should be made to take Place throughout the Province;—that this Honourable House being the Body from whom the People most earnestly wish to receive the Regulations which are become so indispensably necessary, the Petitioners do most earnestly pray that this Honourable House will recommend to the Inhabitants of this Province such military Regulations, as, in their Wisdom, they shall think will carry the said Recommendation of the Honourable Continental Congress effectually into Execution;—that the Petitioners, being sensible "there are some People, who from reli-"gious Principles cannot bear Arms in any Case," wish not to do "Violence to their "Consciences," but as by the Exertions of the Associators, the Liberty, Property and Lives of those People will be equally defended with their own, (without any Danger to the Lives, Liberty or Property of the said People) the Petitioners further pray, that the Terms of Exemption may be adequate to the Dangers, Loss of Time and Expence incurred to those who shall associate under the proposed Regulations.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to report to the House a State of the several Grants made by this Province to the Crown, from the Year 1755, to the Year 1764, and the Sum remaining to be raised to complete the said Grants, presented to the Chair a Report thereon in Writing which was read by Order.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, on *Tuesday* next the Twenty-fourth Instant, to take into their Consideration the present critical State of this Province.

The Petition of *George Jacob Housman*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia*, was, on Motion, again read, and referred, with the several insolvent Petitions recommended over by the late Assembly, to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration Part of the Memorial from the Committee of Safety recommending the Appointment of a Commodore or Commander in Chief of the armed Boats provided for the Defence of this City and River, and after some Time spent therein,

*Resolved*, That it is their Opinion such an Officer is at this Time necessary, and that it be referred to the Committee of Safety to consider of, and report to the House, a Person proper for the Service.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

A Motion was made and seconded for appointing a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for preventing Tumults and riotous Assemblies, *&c.* and after some Debate thereon, was postponed for further Consideration. *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *October* 21.

A Petition from the Committee of the Privates of the Association of the City of *Philadelphia*, and its Districts, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners have lived to see the unhappy Time when the Liberties of *America* must be finally lost, unless preserved by arming the Inhabitants thereof in their Defence;—that the

1775. *October* 21. the Strength and Power of the Enemy, and the determined Spirit with which the War is likely to be proſecuted, render the utmoſt Efforts of this, as well as of the Reſt of the United *Engliſh* Colonies abſolutely neceſſary. — That the Petitioners do therefore humbly pray the Honourable Houſe in their Wiſdom to recommend to their Conſtituents ſome general Plan of a Militia Law, which ſhall equally extend to all the good People of this Province, and that any Indulgence which may be thought neceſſary to be granted by the Houſe to any Freemen of the Province may be equally open to all, and granted on ſuch Terms as the Houſe may think adequate to the many difficult and dangerous Services of thoſe who are willing to hazard their Lives and Fortunes in Defence of their Country;—that this, the Petitioners are perſuaded would give ſuch general Satisfaction to thoſe who have already aſſociated, that they would chearfully exert their utmoſt Abilities in the Service of their Country. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment *October* 23. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment *October* 24. Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

A Quorum met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night.

Mr. *Dickinſon* and Mr. *Pyle*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon* be added to the Committee of Correſpondence, and Mr. *Miles* to the Committee of Accounts.

The Order of *Friday* laſt, for reſolving the Houſe into a Committee of the whole Houſe on this Day, to conſider the preſent critical State of the Province, being called for, was read by Order, and the Execution thereof poſtponed to *Thurſday* next, the 26th Inſtant.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*October* 25. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. *Jacobs*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince his Election, was qualified as uſual, and took his Seat accordingly.

Purſuant to the Reſolution of *Thurſday* laſt, a Number of Applications for Captains, Lieutenants and Enſigns Commiſſions in the new Battalion to be raiſed in the Province of *Pennſylvania*, were this Day received by the Houſe, with the reſpective Recommendations produced in Favour of the Applicants, which were ſeverally read, and referred to the Afternoon for Conſideration.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the ſeveral Petitions and Applications preſented in the Forenoon, for Captains Commiſſions in the new Battalion, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Reſolved*, That *William Allen*, jun. *Jonathan Jones*, *William Williams*, *Joſiah Harman*, *Marien Lamar*, *Thomas Dorſey*, *William Jenkins* and *Auguſtine Willet* be, and they are hereby appointed Captains in the ſaid Battalion, and recommended to the Honourable Continental Congreſs for Commiſſions accordingly.

A Memorial from the Committee choſen by the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to ſolicit Aſſiſtance, and deviſe Means, for keeping the Peace of the ſaid Counties, and defending them againſt the *Connecticut* Intruders, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The MEMORIAL of the Subſcribers, being a Committee choſen by the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to ſolicit Aſſiſtance, and deviſe Means, for keeping the Peace of the ſaid Counties, and defending them againſt the *Connecticut* Intruders,

*Sheweth*,

A Memorial from the Committee of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*.

THAT the late Houſe of Aſſembly taking into Conſideration "the Intruſion of a Number of People into this Province, under a pretended Claim of the Colony of "*Connecticut*, to the great Annoyance of the good People of this Province, did ſpecially "direct their Delegates to lay the ſame before the Congreſs, with the miſchievous "Tendency the purſuing ſuch Meaſures will have, and to procure the Aid of Congreſs "to quiet the Minds of the good People of this Province, and prevent *further Intruſions* "and Extenſion of Settlements under the ſaid Claim, until the Matter ſhall be deter-"mined by the King in Council, to whom both Sides have ſubmitted the Diſpute."

That the Honourable Congreſs were pleaſed to appoint Five of their Body as a Committee to hear the Parties, and to deviſe ſome effectual Means for anſwering the aforeſaid Purpoſes; and the ſaid Committee being attended by your Memorialiſts on the Part of

of the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, and by the *Connecticut* Delegates in Behalf of the Claimants and Intruders from that Colony, did condescend, with great Patience and Candour, to hear what was offered on each Side; declaring, that as it was not the Intention of the Congress to take upon them the Decision of any Matters touching the Merits of the Controversy, it would be sufficient for the Parties to confine themselves to such Points only as might enable the said Committee to answer the Purposes of their Appointment, namely to "devise some Way by which "the Recommendation and Authority of Congress may be reasonably interposed for "keeping the Peace till a Decision of this Matter, agreeable to the aforesaid Request "of Assembly." 1775. October 25.

Wherefore, waving the principal Arguments touching the Merits of the Controversy, and particularly the Settlement of the *Western* Bounds of *Connecticut*, under a Royal Commission in 1664, then solemnly assented to and accepted by themselves, and since that adjudged absolute and final in several Instances (as we doubt not it will in the present); we say, waving these Points, your Memorialists insisted on the following, *viz.*

That were it even possible for the *Connecticut* Claim to derive the least Support from the Charter, they have prosecuted it in an unwarrantable and riotous Manner, holding their present Possessions only by *forcible Entry*, and unjust Depredations upon the Property of the good People of this Province.

That near Fifty Years ago all that Part of *Delaware* which they now claim, from 41° upwards, was settled by *Pennsylvania*, as far as then purchased from the *Indians*; and the Settlements still extended farther as new Purchases were made, without any Claim made known, or Interruption offered, on the Part of *Connecticut*.

That their Claim is a *novel* Thing, or at least was not heard of among *Pennsylvanians* till a little before the *Indian* Treaty and Congress at *Albany* in 1754, and was hardly considered by any Body as a serious Thing, till at that Treaty it was made known that they were privately dealing with the *Indians*, by Two's and Three's at a Time, at the House of one *Lydius*, for some Lands on *Susquehannah*.

That the Deed, (if any) signed by the *Indians* at that Time, was not obtained as usual from their Chiefs in *Public Council* or *Treaty*, but *privately*, and through the Persuasion of the said *Lydius*, and also contrary to the Laws of *Connecticut* itself, which prohibits all Purchases from the *Indians* without Leave of their General Court.

That if the said pretended Deed was not void on the foregoing Account, it is absolutely so for the following Reasons,

*First*, Because at a solemn Treaty held between the Governor of *Pennsylvania* and the *Indians October* the 25th, 1736, in a Deed for the Lands from the Mouth of *Susquehannah* up to the Mountains—The *Indians* made a further Covenant and Declaration of Trust, in the Words following: "That neither they, nor any in Authority in their "Nations, would at any Time bargain, sell, grant, or by any Means make over, to "any Person or Persons whatsoever, whether White Men or *Indians*, other than the "Proprietors of *Pennsylvania*, Children of *William Penn*, or to Persons by them autho-"rized and appointed to agree for and receive the same, any Lands within the Limits "of *Pennsylvania*, as it is bounded Northward by *New-York*. But when we are willing "to dispose of any further Rights to Lands within the said Limits of *Pennsylvania*, we "will dispose of them to the said *William Penn's* Children, and no other." And the Consideration mentioned by the *Indians*, as inducing them to make this Deed and Declaration, was the upright Conduct of *William Penn*, who, although he had, in the Year 1696, purchased the *Susquehannah* Lands within the Northern Part of his Charter from Governor *Dungan*, who had purchased them for him, the said *William Penn*, in 1683, yet was willing to pay the *Indians* over again, as he had Occasion to settle them.

That on the 6th Day of *July*, 1754, in a Public Council at *Albany*, Colonel *Johnson* and the Commissioners or Delegates of all the neighbouring Provinces being present, the *Indians* gave a Deed to the Proprietors of *Pennsylvania* for another Parcel of the *Susquehannah* Lands from the Mountains nearly up to the Forks, including also a great Part of the Lands on *Delaware* now claimed by *Connecticut*, but declared they would not yet sell the *Shamokin* and *Wyoming* Lands, but reserve them for their Hunting-Grounds, and appointed *John Shickalamy*, a noted Chief, to live on them, and prevent any Settlements of White People.

But it being then suggested to the *Indians* that some private Persons were endeavouring to obtain Deeds from some of their People for Part of these Lands, and the aforesaid Deed of 1736 being shewn to them, by which they declare, that they held the said Lands in Trust, to be disposed of only to the Children of *William Penn*, they did accordingly the Ninth Day of *July*, 1754, sign and execute an Indorsement on the Back of the Deed of 1736, "for themselves, their Children and Children's Children, con-"firming, ratifying, and holding good the same, covenanting, promising and engaging "to and with *Thomas* and *Richard Penn*, Esquires, that neither they, nor any under "their Authority, should sell, grant or convey to any other than the said *Thomas Penn*

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" and *Richard Penn*, their Heirs and Aſſigns, any Lands within the Limits of their " Province," *&c.*

That on the 9th Day of the ſaid Month of *July*, 1754, the Commiſſioners of the Colonies met in Congreſs, drew up a State to be laid before his Majeſty; and as if foreſeeing the evil Conſequences that would enſue from private Purchaſes of Lands from the *Indians*, and the exorbitant and unwieldy Claims of ſome Northern Colonies, under their Charters, agreed to the following Articles, *viz. Firſt*, " That all future Pur- " chaſes of Lands from the *Indians* be void, unleſs made by the Government where ſuch " Lands lie, and from the *Indians* in a Body in their Public Councils."——*Second*, " That the Bounds of thoſe Colonies, which extend to the South Sea, be contracted and " limited by the *Allegheny* or *Apalachian* Mountains, and Meaſures be taken for ſettling " from Time to Time, Colonies of his Majeſty's Proteſtant Subjects Weſtward of ſaid " Mountains, in proper Cantons."

That the *pretended Indian* Deed to ſome Perſons in *Connecticut*, being poſterior to all this, and dated *July* 11, 1754, muſt, in every Senſe and View, be *fraudulent* and *void*. It muſt be *void*, becauſe the *Indians* could not convey that on *July* 11, to any other Perſons, which they had twice before declared they held in Truſt, to be conveyed *only* to the Proprietaries of *Pennſylvania*. It is *fraudulent*, not only as being obtained *privately*, contrary to a Reſolution of the Colonies in Congreſs, made two Days before, with the Aſſent of Commiſſioners from *Connecticut* itſelf, but alſo as extending *beyond the Mountains*, which they had agreed ſhould limit all Colonies claiming to the South Sea.

That the *Connecticut* Claimants, no Doubt conſcious of the Weight of theſe Reaſons, did not pretend to make any Settlement under their own Charter, or the ſaid pretended *Indian* Purchaſe, but thought proper to petition his Majeſty, " that it might be his " Royal Pleaſure (not to extend the *Old Colony*) but to grant them the ſaid Lands to " erect and ſettle thereon a *New Colony*, in ſuch Form and under ſuch Regulations, as " might be conſiſtent with his Royal Wiſdom."

That failing in this Application, (as it might be juſtly expected his Majeſty would not grant thoſe Lands a ſecond time, which were before granted to *William Penn*) they recurred to their pretended *Indian* Purchaſe, and ſet up their Charter Claim, but never durſt ſettle any of the Lands in their own Right, till they were firſt purchaſed by the Proprietaries of *Pennſylvania* in *November*, 1768, at which Time the *Indians* in Public Council ſolemnly denied ever having made any Sale of the Lands in Queſtion to the People of *Connecticut*; as the *Six Nations* had before diſclaimed the ſame by the Sachem *Hendrick*, and other Chiefs, ſent to *Philadelphia* for that Purpoſe in *January*, 1755.

That the *Connecticut* Claimants were not only thus prevented by the *Indians* from ſettling under their own pretended Purchaſe, and obliged to wait till they could come in under the Purchaſe of *Pennſylvania*; but even now dare not ſettle one Foot of their ſaid Purchaſe, which reaches over or beyond the *Pennſylvania* Purchaſe; and that upon the Whole, they had intruded themſelves into this Province without any Shadow of Right, and hold their preſent Poſſeſſions by *forcible Entry* and Invaſions of the Property of Perſons holding under this Province. In Proof of which, your Memorialiſts produced Numbers of Affidavits and other Vouchers, ſetting forth their firſt Intruſion, and Attempt to diſpoſſeſs Mr. *Ogden*, and other Settlers at *Wyoming*, in *February*, 1769; their being twice taken by the Sheriff of *Northampton*, and defeated in their Deſigns; their Eſcapes from Priſon and Bail; Breach of their Faith; Returning again to the Lands, and taking to their Aſſiſtance Fugitives from the Juſtice of this Province, till at Length they ſucceeded in their preſent Lodgement at the ſaid *Wyoming*, a Place within the undoubted Charter Limits of this Province, and to which its Laws and Juriſdiction were actually extended by our Legiſlature, long before any Act of the Colony of *Connecticut* for that Purpoſe.

That the Peace of the Province has for ſeveral Years paſt been conſtantly interrupted by theſe Intruders, and endeavouring to extend their Settlements, and to draw off our Inhabitants to their Party by every undue Means in their Power; tempting ſome of the loweſt of them with Offers of Commiſſions, Civil and Military; and others, particularly thoſe who hold as Tenants, to become Landlords themſelves, by Offers of the Lands on eaſier Terms than thoſe of *Pennſylvania*.

That their late Attempt to extend themſelves Weſtward at leaſt 50 Miles from *Wyoming* to the Weſt Branch of *Suſquehannah* was attended with the moſt provoking Circumſtances of Treachery, as well as Want of Sympathy for the Diſtreſſes of their Country, or Regard for *Public Union*.—Becauſe in *May* laſt, after actual Hoſtilities had commenced between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies, the Aſſembly of *Connecticut* made a *new* Law, extending their Juriſdiction to the ſaid Weſt Branch of *Suſquehannah*, and thereby exciting their People to make further Intruſions upon us, which was moſt ungenerouſly attempted by them in an hoſtile Manner the latter End of *September* laſt, in open Diſregard of the Injunctions of the *Continental Congreſs*, at a Time when they thought

thought our People were leaſt expecting them and leaſt prepared to receive them; many of the beſt Men of the County being abſent in the Public Service as Rifflemen.— 1775. October 25.

That upon this State of the Matter, and in the preſent Temper of the Frontier Inhabitants of this Province, whoſe Minds are ſo juſtly inflamed againſt thoſe Intruders, as a Set of Men who have made repeated Attacks on their Property, and to whoſe future Engagements no *Faith* can be due, your Memorialiſts took the Liberty to ſuggeſt to the worthy Committee of *Congreſs* their Apprehenſions that the ſaid Frontier Inhabitants, now conſidering themſelves under the Neceſſity of repelling Force by Force, can be no way quieted, or the public Peace preſerved, " but by thoſe *Connecticut* People yielding " up the Lands of which they have taken forcible Poſſeſſion, and retiring within their " Old Bounds *Eaſt* of *New-York*, there patiently to wait the Deciſion of the Contro- " verſy by that Authority to which both Sides have ſubmitted, and which may ſoon be " expected."

The Reply made to theſe Arguments appeared to us too evaſive and inconcluſive to trouble your Honourable Houſe with a Recital of them. Upon the Whole, inſtead of acquieſcing in our Propoſal to withdraw theſe Intruders, the *Connecticut* Delegates gave in the following written Propoſal, calculated, under the Sanction of the Congreſs, if it could be had, to obtain for their People a ſtill ſtronger Eſtabliſhment in a Tract of Land almoſt as large as all *Connecticut*; thereby delivering them the quiet Poſſeſſion and Uſe of Lands, honeſtly purchaſed and paid for, to an immenſe Value, by Multitudes of good People belonging to all Parts of our Province.

FORM *of a* RESOLUTION *of* CONGRESS *propoſed by the* CONNECTICUT DELEGATES.

" WHEREAS it is repreſented to this Congreſs, that ſome Diſturbances have lately happened among the People inhabiting the Lands in Controverſy between the Colony of *Connecticut* and the Proprietors of the Colony of *Pennſylvania*, which, unleſs ſpeedily quieted, may interrupt the Harmony and weaken the Union of the confederated Colonies, when their united Efforts are neceſſary for the Defence of their common Rights and Liberties; and that the Peace of ſaid Inhabitants cannot be preſerved, nor Offenders duly puniſhed there by the Civil Authority of the Colonies of *Connecticut* and *Pennſylvania*, or either of them, by Reaſon of their interfering Claims of Juriſdiction, and the Aſſembly of the Colony of *Pennſylvania* and the Delegates of the Colony of *Connecticut* have requeſted the Interpoſition and Advice of the Congreſs in the Premiſes.

" Reſolved that in the Opinion of the Congreſs, it is expedient for preſerving the Peace of ſaid Colonies that a *Temporary Line of Juriſdiction* be fixed between them, and therefore recommend for the preſent, and until there ſhall be a *legal* Settlement of ſaid Controverſy, or ſome other Regulation eſtabliſhed, that the Colony of *Connecticut* confine the Exerciſe of its Juriſdiction (at the Place in Controverſy) to that Part of a Townſhip incorporated by the Aſſembly of that Colony by the Name of *Weſtmoreland*, that lieth Eaſt of a Meridian Line beginning at Latitude 41° North, at the Diſtance of 15 *Engliſh* Miles Weſt from the Eaſt Branch of *Suſquehannah* River, and from thence running North to the North Line of the Lands in Controverſy. And that the Colony of *Pennſylvania* forbear to exerciſe Juriſdiction within thoſe Limits, unleſs the South Limit of ſaid Town include any of the Inhabitants who ſettled and hold under the Claim of the Proprietors of *Pennſylvania*, that then thoſe Inhabitants remain under the Juriſdiction of *Pennſylvania*, and that all the Inhabitants, on ſaid controverted Lands, be ſuffered peaceably to occupy the Lands now in their actual Poſſeſſion.

" Provided nevertheleſs, that nothing contained in this temporary Proviſion ſhall any way affect or prejudice the legal Title or Claim of either Party to any of the ſaid Lands. And it is further recommended that all Perſons who have been arreſted only for attempting to enter upon and take Poſſeſſion of any of the vacant or uncultivated Lands in Controverſy, be forthwith releaſed, and that all their Effects be reſtored to them. And that for the future all concerned carefully avoid whatever may tend to diſturb the Peace, or interrupt the Harmony and Friendſhip that ought at all Times, and more eſpecially the preſent, to ſubſiſt among all true Lovers of their Country."—

On the foregoing Propoſal it was obſerved firſt by your Memorialiſts that the Bounds pointed out would extend the Juriſdiction of *Connecticut* not only over the *Wyoming* Lands and fifteen Miles Weſt of *Suſquehannah*, but alſo *Eaſtward* to *Delaware* over the *Miniſink* and other Lands ſettled and governed under *Pennſylvania* for 50 Years paſt. They further obſerved an affected Obſcurity and the Uſe of ambiguous Words in the Propoſal, where it ought to have been explicit and clear—As for Example—a Temporary Line of Juriſdiction is propoſed, " until there ſhall be a *legal* Settlement of the Controverſy"—But when they were aſked what they meant by a *legal* Settlement, and whether the expected Determination by the King in Council would be acquieſced in by them

1775. *October* 25. them as ſuch, no deciſive Reply was obtained, but rather a Suggeſtion that they would not conſider ſuch Determination as final in their Caſe. The like Ambiguity was obſerved with reſpect to the Words—"Actual Poſſeſſion"—they affecting to conſider all Lands, on which no Perſons live, as vacant and free for their People to ſit down upon; and we conſidering all Lands for which we have paid and which have been ſurveyed off to us, as our *Actual* Poſſeſſion, which no Man has a Right to enter upon without our Leave, whether we occupy them or not. And as to a *Temporary Line* of Juriſdiction, your Memorialiſts declared it to be a Matter which they could neither conſent to nor have any Concern in adviſing, for the following Reaſons:

*Firſt*, Becauſe the Legiſlature of this Province did extend its Juriſdiction over the whole Lands in Controverſy long before the Colony of *Connecticut* made any Act for the like Purpoſe, and therefore that Juriſdiction can neither be ſuſpended or limited but by the Legiſlature of this Province itſelf, or by the general Conſent of thoſe intereſted.

*Secondly*, Becauſe ſuch general Conſent can never be expected. For wherever ſuch Temporary Line may be fixed, it muſt give Diſſatisfaction to Multitudes, and ſacrifice (at leaſt for a Time) the Property of one Part of the Country for the Peace or Convenience of the other.

*Thirdly*, Becauſe Application being heretofore made on the Part of *Connecticut* to the Honourable Proprietaries of *Pennſylvania* for ſuch *Temporary Line*, they refuſed to conſent to the ſame, conſidering that it would be injurious to their Cauſe, and an Admiſſion that the Lines of *Connecticut*, ſettled more than an Hundred Years ago *Eaſt* of *New-York*, could now extend *Weſt* of the ſame, and approach thoſe of *Pennſylvania*.

*Fourthly*, Becauſe it ſeems evidently intended by the Propoſing ſuch Temporary Lines to give thoſe *Connecticut* Intruders an Opportunity of introducing ſtill greater Numbers of their People, and rendering themſelves ſo ſtrong as to be able to diſpute the Poſſeſſion, whatever may be determined reſpecting the Merits of the Controverſy.—And that on the Whole a *Temporary Line*, being involved in ſuch Difficulty, affecting not only the Rights and Eſtate of the Honourable Proprietaries of this Province, but of Multitudes within it, and which however determined muſt ruin and give Diſſatisfaction to many—Your Memorialiſts could not but think it a Matter, in which it would be wrong even to wiſh the Interpoſition of Congreſs, all whoſe Recommendations ſhould be received with Reverence and without murmuring, and that therefore ſome other Mode ſhould be agreed upon, in order to be ſtrengthened by the Recommendation of Congreſs—Either *Firſt*, That thoſe Intruders who have ſo juſtly alarmed their Neighbours ſhould withdraw as originally propoſed to the Committee of Congreſs by your Memorialiſts; or *Secondly*, that a Plan ſhould be deviſed for preventing their further Extenſion of Settlements, the Introducing any more of their People, or any Way moleſting the Inhabitants of this Province in their Perſons or Property, till a Determination of the Controverſy by the King in Council, with ſome proper Security that they will abide by that Determination, and in the mean Time ſubmit to the Laws of *Pennſylvania*. But on a Matter of ſo great Weight and Concern to the Province in general, We declared further, that we wiſhed to take the Advice of your Honourable Houſe.

Being therefore convinced that any Accommodation by Means of a *Temporary Line* is an Idea never entertained by the late or preſent Houſe, we pray you would take the Premiſes under your wiſe Conſideration, and adviſe us whether the Peace of this Province can be beſt preſerved by the Firſt or Second of the above Propoſitions, or whether any other Plan might be more agreeable to you; And as the Settlement as well as Execution of any Plan of this Kind may be attended with Difficulties and Delays, of which theſe Intruders may wiſh to take Advantage, as uſual, We further *pray* that the Inhabitants of the ſaid two Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton* may in the mean Time be duly ſtrengthened and ſupported for the Defence of their Property againſt all ſuch Invaſions and inſidious Attempts as that lately made upon them:—And your Memorialiſts ſhall pray, *&c.*

*October* 25, 1775.

WILLIAM SMITH,
HENRY KEPPELE, jun.
TENCH FRANCIS,
WILLIAM SITGREAVES,
ROBERT HARRIS,
FRANCIS ALLISON,
JOHN COX,
SAMUEL MEREDITH,
REUBEN HAINES."

Adjournment *October* 26. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment; and, upon Motion, reſumed the Conſideration of the Memorial from the Committee choſen by the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to ſolicit Aſſiſtance, and deviſe Means, for keeping the Peace of the ſaid Counties, and defending them againſt the *Connecticut* Intruders, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to conſider the Contents of the ſaid Memorial, and report thereon to the Houſe.

A Memorial

A Memorial and Remonſtrance from the Committee of *Cheſter* County was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Memorialiſts, animated with a fervent Deſire of conveying to their Poſterity unſullied and inviolate thoſe ineſtimable Privileges which their Anceſtors hardly earned with much Loſs of Blood and Treaſure, and being fully ſenſible that a regular Syſtem hath long ſince been formed by an infatuated Miniſtry, and now carrying into Execution, to deprive us of thoſe Privileges, and ſubjugate this devoted Country, beg Leave to repreſent to the Honourable Houſe the preſent weak and defenceleſs Situation of this Country;—that the Houſe are too well acquainted with the Inconveniences under which the Memorialiſts labour, to require a minute Detail of them;—let it ſuffice, the County of *Cheſter* is in the preſent unnatural Conteſt the Frontier County in this Province on the River *Delaware*, and conſequently ſubject to the Attacks of armed Veſſels, Parties of Marines, *&c.* who may eaſily carry off our Live Stock to ſupport the Miniſterial Troops, effect the Deſtruction of the Borough of *Cheſter*, (and thereby the Deſtruction of all our public Records) *Marcus Hook*, and every other Building or Improvement on the River below the *Chevaux de Frize*;—that, purſuant to a Reſolve of the Honourable Houſe, of the 30th of *June*, Five Hundred Stand of Arms, and the other neceſſary Accoutrements, are at this Time nearly compleated, for the Uſe of the Minute-Men, who hold themſelves in Readineſs to enter upon their neceſſary Service, as ſoon as the Houſe will grant them that Encouragement which they are naturally led to expect, and without which it is conceived they can never be obtained;—that the Memorialiſts beg Leave to acquaint the Houſe that there are Five Battalions in the ſaid County, each of which has agreed to furniſh One Hundred Men, which will complete the Number of Minute-Men required, who, having their All within the ſaid County, and ſurrounded by the tendereſt Connexions, will naturally exert their utmoſt Vigour in its Defence, which in Effect will be a Protection to the City of *Philadelphia*, and the other Parts of the Province;—that the Memorialiſts further beg Leave to repreſent, that, notwithſtanding the Honourable Continental Congreſs recommended a general Aſſociation of all able-bodied Men from Sixteen to Fifty Years of Age, yet great Numbers have neglected or refuſed to aſſociate, many of whom are Men of conſiderable Property and Influence;—which Neglect or Refuſal hath an evident Tendency to diſcourage the preſent Aſſociators, by inducing them to believe that the Burthen will chiefly fall on them;—that as the Cauſe is of general Concern, the neceſſary Waſte of Time attending their Preparation for Defence, or an Equivalent thereto, ſhould likewiſe be general;—that there are many Perſons zealous in the Cauſe of Liberty, who would chearfully aſſociate, but are deſtitute of Arms and Ammunition, and totally unable to procure them;—that under the preſent Circumſtances of the Aſſociation, the Memorialiſts apprehend no proper Subordination can take Place, nor effectual Service be rendered to the Public: That the Memorialiſts having thus ſtated a few of the Inconveniences to which this County and the preſent Aſſociation are ſubject, they confide in the Wiſdom and Integrity of the Honourable Houſe for ſuch Relief, as the Premiſes may require. 1775. October 26.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Choice and Nomination of Officers for the new Battalion to be raiſed in this Province, when *Benjamin Davis*, *Samuel Watſon*, *Jacob Aſhmead*, *Peter Hughes*, *Adam Hubley*, *John Reece*, *Frederick Blankenburg* and *Richard Standley* were appointed Lieutenants in the ſaid Battalion, and recommended to the Continental Congreſs to be commiſſioned accordingly.

Upon Motion,

The Order of the Houſe, to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe on this Day, was again read, and further poſtponed till Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe then adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe took into Conſideration the ſeveral Applications produced at the Table for Enſigns Commiſſions in the new Battalion, and having examined the reſpective Vouchers of the Candidates,

*Reſolved*, That *Roger Steiner*, *Philip Clumburg*, jun. *Jacob Zeigler*, *George Jenkins*, *Chriſtian Staddle*, *Thomas Ryerſon*, *William Moore* and *Amos Wilkinſon* be, and they are hereby appointed Enſigns in the ſaid Battalion, and recommended to the Honourable Continental Congreſs to be commiſſioned accordingly.

A Memorial and Petition from the Officers of the Four Battalions aſſociated in the County of *Philadelphia*, for Defence of *American* Liberty, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Memorialiſts, purely with a View to ſerve their Country's Cauſe, have freely given much Time to perfect themſelves, and the Men they have been choſen to command, in military Exerciſes, and have incurred an Expence for Drums and Colours, and the Payment of Adjutants, Fugal-Men, Serjeants, Drummers, Fifers, *&c.*—that ſome of the Petitioners have exerted their utmoſt Endeavours to procure ſufficient Arms and Accoutrements, which were put into the Hands of ſuch able-bodied Men under their Command, whoſe Circumſtances did not permit to pay for themſelves;—that the Petitioners beg Leave to preſent juſt Accounts of Expenditures, and to place

1775. Reliance on the Wiſdom and Juſtice of the Honourable Houſe for Reimburſement of
*October* 26. the paſt and Proviſion for future neceſſary Expences. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers languiſhing Debtors in the Gaol of this City was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they are ſubjected to great Inconveniences and Hardſhips from their Friends and Families having been of late debarred Acceſs to them, and praying Relief. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Chriſtopher Tully* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that he is the firſt Perſon who perfected and introduced in this Province a Machine for Spinning Twenty-four Threads at once by one Man or Woman, with the ſame Facility and Diſpatch as a ſingle Thread can be ſpun on a common Wheel; and it being the firſt of the Kind made here, the Petitioner loſt a great Deal of Time, and was at extraordinary Expence in compleating it;—that the Petitioner has alſo engraved the Figure of the ſaid Machine for the *Pennſylvania* Magazine, and with it a Deſcription of every Part in ſo particular a Manner, that any Workman may make one by the engraved Plate and the Deſcription; whence it is probable this very uſeful Invention may ſoon become as common here as in *England*, which cannot but be a great Advantage to the induſtrious Part of the People in this Country, and the Public in general;—that if the Honourable Houſe ſhould therefore think the Petitioner deſerving of any Gratuity for his Trouble and Expence in perfecting and publiſhing the ſaid Machine, it will be gratefully received and acknowledged by him. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*October* 27. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to conſider the Memorial of the Committee choſen by the Freeholders of the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*, to ſolicit Aſſiſtance, and deviſe Means, for keeping the Peace of the ſaid Counties, and defending them againſt the *Connecticut* Intruders, reported, "That they had taken the ſaid Memorial into their "ſerious Conſideration, and are ſatisfied that the Matters and Things therein repreſented, "are juſtly ſtated, and deſerve the Attention of the Houſe."

*Ordered*, That the above Report be taken into Conſideration in the Afternoon.

The Order of Yeſterday, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe at Ten o'Clock this Morning, was read by Order, and poſtponed to *Tueſday* next.

A Committee from the Meeting of Repreſentatives of the People called *Quakers*, this Day waited on the Houſe, and, being admitted, preſented an Addreſs in Behalf of that Society, which being read by one of the Committee, they withdrew, and the ſaid Addreſs follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *ADDRESS* of the People called QUAKERS,

*Reſpectfully ſheweth,*

An Addreſs of the People called *Quakers*

THAT we have with deep Concern and Affliction conſidered the ſorrowful Alteration in the State of this once peaceful Province, and the preſent Conjuncture appearing to us the moſt critical and important ever known among us, we requeſt our Addreſs to you at this Time may obtain your ſerious, weighty and deliberate Conſideration.

We obſerve by the Minutes of your Proceedings, and the Copy of a Petition with which you have favoured us, that ſeveral Memorials and Petitions have been preſented to you by divers Inhabitants chiefly of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, the Conſideration of which hath ſo weightily impreſſed our Minds, that we apprehend we ſhall fall ſhort of our Duty to ourſelves, to our Country, and to Poſterity, if we do not expreſs our Concern on the Endeavours uſed to induce you to enter into Meaſures ſo manifeſtly repugnant to the Laws and Charter of this Province, and which, if enforced, muſt ſubvert that moſt eſſential of all Privileges, *Liberty of Conſcience*, and we apprehend will not only increaſe the public Diſtreſſes, but occaſion grievous Sufferings to many conſcientious People of divers religious Denominations.

It is well known, that for above One Hundred Years paſt we, as a religious Society, have declared to the World that we could not for Conſcience Sake bear Arms, nor be concerned in warlike Preparations, either by perſonal Service or by paying any Fines, Penalties or Aſſeſsments, impoſed in Conſideration of our Exemption from ſuch Services.

That for many Years after becoming a diſtinct religious Society, our Anceſtors ſuffered many grievous Perſecutions and Oppreſſions for adhering to theſe our religious Principles, which we are convinced are founded on the Example and expreſs Injunction of CHRIST our LORD and Lawgiver.

That in Expectation of being entirely relieved from the divers Oppreſſions, to which they were ſubjected on this and other Accounts, and of enjoying perfect Liberty of ſerving GOD, and of walking before him in the Way and Manner they believed to be moſt agreeable

agreeable to him, our Ancestors were induced to leave their native Land, and encounter the Dangers and Difficulties of settling this, then a Wilderness; and although they were assured that our Honourable Proprietor *William Penn* was united with them in religious Profession and Principles, yet in order to secure this inestimable Privilege of *Liberty of Conscience* to themselves and their Posterity in the fullest Manner they could, before they came from their native Land, they entered into a solemn Contract with him for this Purpose, as appears by the 35th Section of Laws, agreed upon in *England*, the 5th Day of the Third Month, 1682, in the following Words, *viz.* 1775. October 27.

"That all Persons living in the Province, who confess and acknowledge the one al-
"mighty and eternal GOD to be the Creator, Upholder and Ruler of the World, and
"that hold themselves obliged in Conscience to live peaceably and justly in civil Society,
"shall in no wise be molested or prejudiced for their religious Persuasion, or Practice in
"Matters of Faith and Worship, nor shall be compelled at any Time to frequent or
"maintain any religious Worship, Place or Ministry whatsoever."

This hath ever been understood to be the fundamental Part of the Constitution of this Province from its first Settlement, and that it was not limited to the Acts of public Worship only, in the Manner many, for Want of full Consideration, would now interpret it, is very evident from the first Clause of our present Charter of Privileges, *viz.*

"Because no People can be truly happy, though under the greatest Enjoyment of
"Civil Liberties, if abridged of the Freedom of their Consciences, as to their religious
"Profession and Worship; and almighty GOD being the only Lord of Conscience, Father
"of Lights and Spirits, and the Author, as well as Object, of all divine Knowledge,
"Faith and Worship, who only doth enlighten the Minds, and persuade and convince
"the Understandings of People; I do hereby grant and declare that no Person or Per-
"sons, inhabiting in this Province or Territories, who shall confess and acknowledge
"one almighty GOD, the Creator, Upholder and Ruler of the World, and profess him
"or themselves obliged to live peaceably under the Civil Government, shall be in any
"Case molested or prejudiced in his or their Person or Estate, because of his or their
"*Persuasion* or *Practice*, nor be compelled to frequent or maintain any religious Wor-
"ship, Place or Ministry, contrary to his or their Mind, nor to do or suffer any other
"Act or Thing contrary to their religious Persuasion."

This Charter was received by the Representatives of the People, in Confirmation of their Rights and Privileges, and we desire may ever be considered and regarded as the most firm Compact between the Proprietaries and People of this Province; the Wisdom manifested therein being so conspicuous, as to engage the Attention and Approbation of the most judicious and knowing Men of our own and other Nations, and especially in the great Care taken to guard against the Instability of future human Councils, by providing in the most solemn Manner in the last Paragraph of this Charter, that this most essential Liberty and Privilege should be preserved inviolate, in the following memorable Conclusion of it, *viz.*

"But because the Happiness of Mankind depends so much on enjoying Liberty of
"their Consciences as aforesaid, I do hereby solemnly declare, promise and grant for
"me, my Heirs and Assigns that the first Article of this Charter relating to Liberty of
"Conscience and every Part and Clause therein, according to the true Intent and Meaning
"thereof, shall be kept and remain without any Alteration inviolable forever. And lastly,
"I the said *William Penn*, Proprietor and Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania* and
"Territories thereunto belonging, for myself, my Heirs and Assigns have solemnly de-
"clared, granted and confirmed, and do hereby solemnly declare, grant and confirm that
"neither I, my Heirs or Assigns, shall procure, or do, any Thing or Things whereby
"the Liberties in this Charter contained, and expressed, nor any Part thereof, shall be
"infringed or broken; and if any Thing shall be procured or done by any Person or
"Persons contrary to these Presents, it shall be of no Force or Effect."

On these Principles this Province was first settled, and the Blessing of divine Providence signally attending the pious Care of those entrusted with the Powers of Government, soon became populous, and Truth, Equity and Mercy directing their Councils they gave Proof of their Desire that the Blessings they enjoyed should be diffused to others which encouraged great Numbers to remove hither and settle among them. We cannot therefore but sorrowfully lament, that any should now forget the Equity and Justice of their Laws and Government, and by prefering their own Schemes, overlook the Importance of inviolably maintaining and supporting these Principles.

We have a just Sense of the Value of our Religious and Civil Liberties, and have ever been and are desirous of preserving them by all such Measures as are not inconsistent with our Christian Profession and Principles; and though we believe it to be our Duty to submit to the Powers, which in the Course of divine Providence are set over us, where there hath been, or is any Oppression, or Cause of Suffering, we are engaged with Christian Meekness and Firmness to petition and remonstrate against them, and to endeavour by just Reasoning and Arguments to assert our Rights and Privileges, in order to obtain Relief.

We

1775. October 27. We therefore earneſtly entreat you carefully to guard againſt any Propoſal or Attempt to deprive us and others of the full Enjoyment of *Liberty of Conſcience*, and that the ſolemn Aſſurance given us in the Charter, that we ſhall not be obliged "*to do or ſuffer* "*any Act or Thing contrary to our religious Perſuaſion*," may not be infringed.—The Power of judging reſpecting our Sincerity belongeth only to the Lord of our Conſciences, and we hope in a Province heretofore remarkable for the Preſervation of Religious and Civil Liberty, the Repreſentatives of the People will ſtill be conſcientiouſly careful that it may remain inviolate.

We fervently deſire the moſt conciliatory Meaſures for removing the impending Calamities, and for reſtoring Peace to the Colonies in general, may be purſued, and that all ſuch may be avoided as are likely to widen or perpetuate the Breach with our Parent State, or tend to introduce Perſecution and Suffering among us.

We are not inſenſible of the Difficulties and Trials which attend your Station in this Time of public Calamity, and are deſirous that divine Wiſdom may influence your Minds, and guide your Councils, ſo that your Determinations may tend to the Honour of GOD, the Promotion of Peace, and the Happineſs of the People.

*Signed in and on Behalf of a Meeting of the Repreſentatives of the ſaid People, held at* Philadelphia, *the 26th Day of the* Tenth Month, 1775, *by*

JOHN PEMBERTON, *Clerk.*"

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Addreſs be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee of the whole Houſe.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe, purſuant to the Order of the Forenoon, taking into Conſideration the Report of their Committee on the Memorial of the *Northumberland* and *Northampton* Committee, together with certain Reſolutions of a former Houſe of Aſſembly, paſſed on the 13th of *January*, 1774, concerning certain Intruders from the Colony of *Connecticut*, "who, in a riotous and tumultuous Manner, have taken Poſſeſſion of a Tract of "Country within the known Limits and Boundaries of this Province, and retain their "Poſſeſſion in an hoſtile Manner, to the great Diſturbance of the Peace of the ſame, "confederating in Defiance of the Laws and executive Powers of this Government, "with a Number of ill-diſpoſed Perſons, and affording Protection to Offenders of the "moſt atrocious Kind:—Whereupon the ſaid Houſe reſolved, that they would concur "with the Governor in every reaſonable Meaſure, to ſtrengthen the Hands of Govern-"ment in preſerving the Peace, and ſuppreſſing all Riots, Tumults and illegal At-"tempts to diſturb the Inhabitants of this Province in their peaceable Poſſeſſions." And whereas it appears that the ſaid *Connecticut* Intruders, in Contempt of the Authority of this Province, and to the great Annoyance of its peaceable Inhabitants, do ſtill continue their Intruſions and Invaſions of private Property, and particularly in the latter End of *September* laſt, regardleſs of the public Union, and taking an ungenerous Advantage of the Calamities of the Times, did attempt to extend their Settlements to the Weſt Branch of *Suſquehannah*, near Fifty Miles from *Wyoming*:—Wherefore

*Reſolved*, That the Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, ſettled under the Juriſdiction of this Province, were juſtifiable, and did their Duty in repelling the ſaid Intruders and preventing the further Extenſion of their Settlements.

And whereas the Juriſdiction of the Counties of *Northampton* and *Northumberland* is extended by Acts of Aſſembly to the North Bounds of this Province, and the Matter in Controverſy between *Connecticut* and this Province is ſubmitted to the Determination of the King in Council—wherefore

*Reſolved*, That to admit or agree to any Temporary Line of Juriſdiction between the Inhabitants of this Province and the ſaid Intruders, would be ſacrificing the juſt Rights and Powers of this Government, would prejudice the Cauſe in Queſtion, and be injurious not only to the Proprietaries of this Province, who have already refuſed to agree to any ſuch Temporary Line, but likewiſe to all thoſe who have purchaſed and hold Lands in thoſe Parts under the Faith and Sanction of our Laws.

*Reſolved*, That thoſe *Connecticut* Intruders having, in a forcible and hoſtile Manner, obtained their Poſſeſſions in this Province, ought, for the Preſervation of the Peace thereof, to ſurrender up thoſe Poſſeſſions, and wait for a proper and legal Deciſion of their Claim.

*Reſolved*, nevertheleſs, That this Houſe will acquieſce in any Plan that ſhall be recommended by the Honourable Continental Congreſs, agreeable to the Requeſt of the late Houſe, whereby thoſe Intruders may be permitted to enjoy their preſent Settlement till a Determination of the Controverſy by the King in Council; provided Aſſurance be given that they will abide by that Determination, and in the mean Time introduce no more Settlers upon the controverted Lands and ſubmit to the Laws of this Province.

*Reſolved*, That if ſuch an Agreement cannot be obtained, this Houſe will concur with

with the Governor in every reasonable Measure for protecting and supporting the Inhabitants of the said Counties of *Northampton* and *Northumberland* in the Defence of their Property and just Rights. 1775. October 27.

A Memorial from the Officers of the Military Association, within the County of *Chester*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists have been induced, from Motives of Humanity as well as Self-preservation, to enter into and form an Association for mutual Defence, and in their Endeavours to carry the same into Effect they have found it indispensably necessary from Time to Time to advance Money for the Payment of Fugal Men, Adjutants, Drummers and Fifers, as well as Drums, Colours, &c.——That these Efforts of the Memorialists (notwithstanding numberless Attempts to render them abortive) have been attended with very considerable Effects, there being now within the said County, Five Battalions regularly formed, and so well disciplined for the Time they have been established, that they may be of singular Service in Support of the great and common Cause of *America*, if put under proper Regulations; that the Memorialists being called to the Station they now hold by the free Suffrages of the People, they were induced to incur the Expences above-mentioned by no other Motive than a Desire to promote to the utmost of their Power the public Security and Welfare; and as the Honourable House, by their Vote of the Thirtieth of *June* last, was pleased to approve of their Proceedings, they rely, with a respectful Confidence, in the Justice and Impartiality of the present Assembly, that they will not suffer a few Individuals to remain any longer burthened with the Charge of Measures which were designed for, and really tend to the Benefit of the whole Community;—that the Memorialists therefore pray the House will be pleased to make such Provision in the Premises, as in their Wisdom shall seem proper, and beg Leave to present herewith an exact Account of their Expences for the Purposes aforesaid, omitting many others (although vastly superior to those exhibited) which they have been necessitated to incur;—that the Memorialists also beg Leave to inform the House, that it will be necessary to retain in Pay one Drummer and one Fifer for each Company, and an Adjutant and a Fugal Man for each Battalion, whose Pay the Memorialists would wish the House to regulate.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from Captain *Benjamin Loxly*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, Storekeeper of Artillery, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that by the Direction of several Members of the Honourable House, and at the Request of the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, the Petitioner hath provided divers Carriages for the Ordnance, and Stores of various Kinds, whereby a Balance of *Three Hundred* and *Fifty-three Pounds Seven Shillings* is now due to him, which he prays the House will order to be paid.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into their further Consideration the Resolve of Congress for raising a Battalion in this Province, find it necessary that Money should be advanced to the several Captains for that Purpose, *October* 28.

*Resolved*, therefore, That the Congress be requested to order a sufficient Sum of Money to be put into the Hands of the Committee of Safety of this Province, to be immediately applied in raising the said Battalion.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *October* 30.

A Motion was made, and seconded, that the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified to elect Members of Assembly be admitted to hear the Debates of the Committee of the whole House To-morrow, and after some Time spent in the Consideration thereof, the Question being called for, and put by the Speaker, it passed in the Negative. *Post Meridiem*

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| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Twining*, |
| Mr. *Morris*, | Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Brown*, |
| Mr. *Grubb*, | Mr. *Potts*, | Mr. *Jenks*, |
| Mr. *Ross*, | Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Gibbons*, |
| Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *Haney*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Kachlein*, | Mr. *Wynkoop*, | Mr. *Pyle*, |
| Mr. *Taylor*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Slough*, |
| Mr. *Dougherty*. | Mr. *Chapman*. | Mr. *Webb*. |

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *October* 31.

Mr. *Pennock* and Mr. *Allen*, this Day appearing in the House, were qualified as usual, and took their Seats accordingly.

A Petition and Remonstrance from the Committee of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

1775. October 31. *To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

## The PETITION and REMONSTRANCE of the COMMITTEE of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia,*

*Moſt humbly ſheweth,*

A Petition from the Committee of the City of *Philadelphia.*

THAT your Petitioners have ſeen the Copy of an Addreſs to your Honourable Houſe, entituled, "An Addreſs of the People called *Quakers*," which, in the Opinion of your Petitioners, bears an Aſpect unfriendly to the Liberties of *America*, and maintains Principles deſtructive of all Society and Government, and highly reflecting upon the glorious Revolutions which placed the preſent Royal Family upon the *Britiſh* Throne.—Though we are firmly perſuaded that a Majority of that Society have too much Sincerity, Candour and good Senſe, to be influenced by ſuch Principles, yet our Duty to ourſelves, to our Country, and to our Poſterity at this alarming Criſis, when every Thing dear and valuable is at Stake, conſtrains us to uſe our utmoſt Endeavours to prevent the fatal Conſequences that might attend your Compliance with the above Application. Theſe Gentlemen want to withdraw their Perſons and their Fortunes from the Service of their Country, at a Time when their Country ſtands moſt in need of them.

If the Patrons and Friends of Liberty ſucceed in the preſent glorious Struggle, *they* and *their* Poſterity will enjoy all the Advantages derived from it, equally with *thoſe* who procured them, without contributing a ſingle Penny, and with Safety to their Perſons. —If the Friends of Liberty fail, *they* will riſk no Forfeitures, but be entitled by their Behaviour to Protection and Countenance from the *Britiſh* Miniſtry, and will probably be promoted to Office:——This they ſeem to deſire and expect.——Though ſuch Conduct manifeſtly tends to defeat the virtuous and wiſe Meaſures planned by the Congreſs of the Thirteen United Colonies, and appears at the firſt Bluſh to be ſelfiſh, ungenerous and unjuſt, yet we beg Leave to animadvert upon the Arguments they have uſed to induce the Honourable Houſe to favour and ſupport it. The Addreſſors ſay, "They are "of a religious Society, who, for above an Hundred Years paſt, have declared to the "World, that they could not, for Conſcience ſake, bear Arms, nor be concerned in "warlike Preparations, either by perſonal Service, or by paying any Fines, Penalties "or Aſſeſsments, impoſed in Conſideration of their Exemption from ſuch Services."— That theſe Principles are founded "on the Example and expreſs Injunction of CHRIST, "our LORD and Lawgiver."——That "although they were aſſured that our Honour"able Proprietor *William Penn* was united with them in religious Profeſſion and Prin"ciples," yet their Anceſtors obtained from him a Charter, by which the Enjoyment of theſe Principles is ſecured inviolate for ever—and that they hold the Doctrine of Paſſive Obedience and Non-reſiſtance: — Your Petitioners will not undertake to ſay how long this Society have held ſuch Principles, but they do poſitively ſay, that the Scriptures of the Old and New Teſtament muſt be wreſted and tortured, with more than Jeſuitical Art, to furniſh a ſingle Argument to ſupport them. They alſo deny, that the Clauſe in the Proprietary Charter, which they cite, is by them truly conſtrued, and humbly conceive this will be evident not only by a due Attention to the Words themſelves, and a Conſideration of the Royal Charter granted to the ſaid *William Penn*, but alſo from the Act of Aſſembly, entituled, "The Law concerning Liberty of Conſcience."

If the People called *Quakers* held theſe Principles "upwards of an Hundred Years "ago," and the firſt Proprietor of this Province the Honourable *William Penn*, Eſq; was "united with them in religious Profeſſion and Principles," which they expreſsly alledge, it is very unaccountable to your Petitioners, that the ſaid *William Penn* ſhould receive a Charter from King *Charles* the Second, in the Year 1681, in the 16th Section of which we find "a Power given to him, his Heirs and Aſſigns, by themſelves or their "Captains, or other their Officers, to levy, muſter and train all *Sorts* of Men, of what "*Condition* ſoever, or whereſoever born in the Province, for the Time being, and to "make War, and to purſue Enemies and Robbers, as well by Sea as by Land, even "without the Limits of this Province, and, by GOD's Aſſiſtance, to vanquiſh and take "them, and being taken, to put them to Death, by the Laws of War, or to ſave them, "at their Pleaſure, and to do all and every other Thing, which unto the Charge and "Office of a Captain General of an Army belongeth, or hath accuſtomed to belong, as "fully and freely as any Captain General of an Army hath ever had the ſame."

If alſo none but *Quakers* came over at firſt to this Province with the ſaid Proprietor, and the Colony was intended for them, as the Addreſſors ſeem to intimate, your Petitioners cannot conceive that any other Perſons could be made Captains or Officers, or could be levied, muſtered or trained at that Time, but themſelves.—Be this as it may, —your Petitioners beg Leave to deliver as their humble Opinion, that Self-preſervation is the firſt Principle of Nature, and a Duty that every Man indiſpenſably owes not only

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to himself, but to the supreme Director and Governor of the Universe, who gave him a Being; and that in a State of political Society and Government all Men, by their original Compact and Agreement, are obliged to unite in defending themselves and those of the same Community against such as shall attempt unlawfully to deprive them of their just Rights and Liberties; — that those who withdraw themselves from this Compact, cannot be entitled to the Protection of the Society;—that the Safety of the People is the supreme Law;—that he who receives an equal Benefit, ought to bear an equal Burthen; —that the Doctrine of Passive Obedience and Non-resistance is incompatible with our Freedom and Happiness, and stands condemned by the Conduct of the great Queen *Elizabeth*, who first assisted the *Scotch*, and then the *French*, and to the End of her Days continued to protect the *States*, who not only resisted, but shook off the *Spanish* Yoke, and set up a new Form of Government; by the Conduct of her Parliaments and Convocations, who gave her Subsidies for those Purposes; by King *James* the First his whole Reign; by King *Charles* the First, who in the Beginning of his Reign protected the *Rochellers*, had Supplies from the *Parliament* for that Purpose, and ordered a Fast and Prayers to be made for them;—and by the glorious Revolution, under which the said Society of *Quakers*, as well as others, enjoy their present religious and civil Rights;—— that it is also against the Laws of *England*, and is reprobated by two solemn Decisions in the House of Lords, the first against Doctor *Manwaring* in 1628, and the other against Doctor *Sachevill* in 1710, after the most solemn and fair Trials,—and in a late Instance by the House of Commons, in the Case of Doctor *Nowell*, and also by the repeated Acts of the Assembly of this Province.——And your Petitioners cannot avoid thinking that even the Addressors of your Honours, though at a Distance, and in casuistical Reasoning, they may affect to exclude all Resistance, would yet hearken to the Voice of Nature, when evident Ruin, both to themselves and the Public, must attend a strict Adherence to such Principles, if there were no other Persons in the Community to defend them.

Upon the Whole, your Petitioners rest assured, you will exert every Power you are possessed of, for the Security and Happiness of the good People of this Province, and that you will do *equal* Justice to all your Constituents, and therefore they again repeat their Request, that you will not, at a Time when the united Strength of *North-America*, and the Aid of every Individual, is wanted to preserve our common Rights, exempt many of the Wealthiest among us from co-operating with their Countrymen in some Way or other, for their common Safety.

And your Petitioners will pray, *&c.*

*Signed by an unanimous Order of the Committee,*

GEORGE CLYMER, *Chairman.*"

A Memorial from the Officers of the military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The MEMORIAL of the *Officers* of the *Military* ASSOCIATION of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

*Humbly sheweth,*

A Memorial from the Officers of the military Association of the City of *Philadelphia.*

THAT your Memorialists have been favoured with a Copy of an Address, said to be that of the People called Quakers, containing Matter of so much Importance to the Opposition now so universally gone into, against ministerial Oppression, that your Memorialists cannot pass it by with Silence, though they apprehend that the Contents of it cannot make the intended Impression on the Minds of Men so enlightened as the Representatives of this Province.—But as we know by fatal Experience, that Papers of a public Nature, coming from a Body of Men supposed by the Ministry to have very general Influence in the Province, have contributed to draw upon us our present Calamities, we are constrained to remonstrate against the Address; and this with a View not only of expressing our Abhorrence of the Doctrines contained in it, but of justifying ourselves from the groundless Aspersions thrown on us, among the other Bodies of Freemen, who, out of Zeal for the public Service, have presented Petitions and Memorials to your Honourable House:—We cannot but see with Astonishment, the antiquated and absurd Doctrine of *passive Obedience* held up in this Age of Science, and that before the Representative Body of this Province, whose Existence, as a constitutional House of Assembly, depends on the contrary to this slavish Opinion:——We do, in the most solemn Manner, protest, that we mean not to violate the Rights of Conscience, as we are unjustly charged; but cannot, from all the Lights we are possessed of, discover that, under the Idea of conscientious Scruples, Opinions should be promulgated subversive of every political Principle of that glorious Constitution, to defend which we have put our Lives and Fortunes to the Hazard, and tending to throw a Damp upon the

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Plan of Oppoſition which alone, under God, can ſave from Deſtruction this devoted Country. We cannot alter the Opinion we have ever held with Regard to thoſe Parts of the Charter quoted by the Addreſſors, that they relate only to an Exemption from any Acts of Uniformity in Worſhip, and from paying towards the Support of other religious Eſtabliſhments—than thoſe to which the Inhabitants of this Province reſpectively belong: We know of no Diſtinctions of *Sects*, when we meet our Fellow Citizens on Matters of public Concern, and aſk thoſe conſcientiouſly ſcrupulous againſt bearing Arms, to contribute towards the Expence of our Oppoſition, not becauſe of their "*religious Perſuaſion*, but becauſe the general Defence of the Province demands it; "therefore, that Part of the Charter which relates to People not being" moleſted or prejudiced in their Perſon or Eſtate, on Account "of their conſcientious Perſuaſion or "Practice" is totally out of the Queſtion, and has been held up with a View to alarm the Houſe with groundleſs Apprehenſions.—We beg Leave to remind the Honourable Houſe of the conſtant Uſage of the Province, and that in all the Wars we have been engaged in, no Exemption from Fines and Taxation has been made in Favour of any Set of People; but on the contrary Laws and Ordinances have repeatedly been made, for the Purpoſes of Defence, laying general Impoſts on the Inhabitants of the Province of all Sects and Societies.—We are however of Opinion that ſpeculative Diſputes ſhould not now be gone into. The Enemy are deſolating our Country and danger daily awaits us. Our *Situation* therefore furniſhes us with Arguments drawn from the Laws of *Nature* and *Reaſon* which tranſcend all local Eſtabliſhments. From *theſe* Laws and the general Principles of civil Society it is undoubtedly certain, that all Perſons who enjoy the *Benefits* ſhould alſo bear their Proportion of the *Burthens* of the State.—We cannot conceive it to be conſiſtent with a *reaſonable* Conſcience to acquire and engroſs conſiderable Property in any Country, and not part with ſome of it to defend the reſt.——We farther think that thoſe who *apply* Taxes, and not thoſe whom the Exigencies of the State and the Weight of a Majority oblige to *pay* them, are anſwerable for the Conſequences of ſuch Application. We *conſcientiouſly* believe, that no Member of Society ſhould be exempted from paying a reaſonable Proportion of his Property towards the general Defence, though he may be exempted from actually bearing Arms; (and in ſuch Caſe by paying a Fine for ſuch Exemption, he is in a better Situation than one who riſks his Life in the Service) and if the wealthy Members of the Society of Quakers are permitted to withhold their Proportion, it will in ſome Degree be an Invaſion of *our* Liberty of Conſcience by denying us the Means of ſo effectually making a warlike Oppoſition againſt our Oppreſſors, which cannot be done without Money. We know not what "*Schemes*" the Addreſſors allude to—For our Parts we have none, but to defend our Lives, Liberties and Property, and by every lawful and reaſonable Mode, to obtain an *equal* and *general* Contribution for this Purpoſe from all Ranks of People. We pray the Houſe to recollect the miſchievous Conſequences which have ariſen from a former Production ſaid to come from the whole Body of the People called Quakers; but which, as we have Reaſon to believe, (like that now before your Honourable Houſe) flowed from a *few* Individuals who aſſumed to themſelves the Prerogative of ſpeaking the Sentiments of the whole Society; and that your Honourable Houſe will reject from their Minutes their preſent Addreſs which tends to ſhew a Diſunion among us, and therefore may be of fatal Conſequences to our Cauſe.——And, as we fear the People will not longer ſubmit to ſee the public Burthen ſo unequally borne, we earneſtly beg, to preſerve the Peace of the Province, and the Conſequence of your Honourable Houſe, (which we would wiſh to govern us in this important Struggle, in Preference to any other Body) you will be pleaſed to take into your Conſideration our former Memorials relative to the Aſſociation, which we engaged in from the beſt of Motives, and which has been ſolemnly approved of by a Vote of your Honourable Predeceſſors.

*By Order of a Board of Officers,*

*Philadelphia*, 31 October, 1775. DANIEL ROBERDEAU, Chairman."

A Repreſentation from the Committee of Privates of the Aſſociation belonging to the City of *Philadelphia*, and its Diſtricts, was preſented to the Houſe, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

WE the COMMITTEE of the *Privates* of the *ASSOCIATION* belonging to the City of *Philadelphia* and its Diſtricts,

*Humbly beg Leave to Repreſent,*

A Repreſentation from the Committee of Privates, &c.

THAT it is with no ſmall Degree of Reluctance that we are obliged either to approach this Honourable Houſe with this our Repreſentation, or by our Silence in ſome

ſome Meaſure to acknowledge the Claims and admit the Charge of thoſe Men who, in their late Addreſs to this Honourable Houſe, ſtile themſelves the People called Quakers, a Copy of which we have ſeen.— 1775. October 31.

" In this extraordinary Addreſs we find ourſelves and others repreſented as Men who " endeavour to induce this Honourable Houſe to enter into Meaſures manifeſtly repug- " nant to the Laws and Charter of this Province, and which, if enforced, muſt ſubvert " that moſt eſſential of all Privileges, Liberty of Conſcience, which they apprehend " will not only increaſe the public Diſtreſſes, but occaſion the grievous Sufferings of " many conſcientious People of divers religious Denominations;" and alſo as Perſons " who" now forget the Equity " and Juſtice of their Laws and Government of this " once peaceful Province, and, by preferring our own Schemes, overlook the Im- " portance of inviolably maintaining and ſupporting the Principles of Civil and Reli- " gious Liberty."—

We beg Leave to aſſure this Honourable Houſe, that we are far from wiſhing to do any Thing which would have the remoteſt Tendency to increaſe the public Diſtreſſes, or to occaſion the grievous Sufferings of any conſcientious People of any Denomination whatever, and are utterly at a loſs to comprehend how the Prayer of our Petition could interfere with the Conſciences of religious Men.

In our Petition we prayed the Honourable Houſe in their Wiſdom to recommend to their Conſtituents ſome general Plan of a Militia Law, which ſhould equally extend to all the good People of this Province, and that any Indulgence which might be thought neceſſary to be granted by the Honourable Houſe to any of the Freemen of the Province might be equally open to all, and granted upon ſuch Terms as this Honourable Houſe might think adequate to the many difficult and dangerous Services of thoſe who were willing to hazard their Lives and Fortunes in the Defence of their Country.

How this Prayer, founded on the moſt certain and evident Principles of Equity and Juſtice, could be conſtrued into an Endeavour to induce this Honourable Houſe to enter into Meaſures manifeſtly repugnant to the Laws and Charter of this Province, and which, if enforced, muſt ſubvert that moſt eſſential of all Privileges, Liberty of Conſcience, ſurpaſſes all the Ideas we had ever formed of the Power of religious Prejudices.

That Religion which teaches to deny the Demand of Juſtice and Equity, cannot be of God; nor will the Conſcience which is influenced thereby meet with his Approbation. Thoſe who believe the Scriptures muſt acknowledge that Civil Government is of divine Inſtitution, and the Support of it enjoined to Chriſtians; and it is not conſonant to the divine Wiſdom to enjoin and forbid the ſame Thing at the ſame Time. As your Addreſſors have not pointed out any Law of the Province to which the Prayer of your Petitioners is ſo manifeſtly repugnant, we beg to be indulged with the Liberty of doubting the Exiſtence of any ſuch; and as to the Thirty-fifth Section of Laws agreed upon in *England* the Fifth Day of the Third Month, One Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty-two, we would paſs it over as a Section which we apprehend none but your Addreſſors would apply to the preſent Purpoſe.

With Regard to Arguments drawn from our Charter we would obſerve, that the great Law of Self-preſervation is equally binding with the Letter of written Charters; nor can it be ſuppoſed that a People will be reaſoned out of their Liberty, and every Thing they hold dear, by an over-nice ſcanning of them.

Nevertheleſs, with Regard to that Clauſe of the Charter of Privileges on which they ultimately found their Claim to a total Exemption from contributing their juſt Proportion towards the public Expence incurred in Defence of our Privileges,

We would, with all due Submiſſion and Deference, repreſent to this Honourable Houſe, that the Honourable and Worthy Proprietor *William Penn* had no Right, Power or Authority to grant Privileges further than was granted to him by the Royal Charter, and that the Royal Prerogative of the King of *Great-Britain* does not comprehend any Right or Authority in the Crown to grant any Exemption from ſupporting the Conſtitution and Government to any Man or Set of Men, on any Pretence whatever. This is a Power unknown to the Crown, and therefore could never be granted by the King to the Worthy Proprietor who granted the Charter of Privileges.

Liberty of Conſcience is ſo ſacred a Thing that it ought ever to be preſerved inviolate, and we will always rejoice to ſee any Body of Men aſſert their Right to it. But when, under Pretence of this Liberty the very Exiſtence of Civil Government is ſtruck at, we beg Leave to repreſent that either the Liberty claimed muſt be given up or the Government diſſolved; and this we apprehend to be the Caſe when any of the Members of a Community, from a Claim of Religious Liberty, refuſe to ſupport the Society to which they belong, and under which they claim this very Privilege.

That the Clauſe, which they quote, never did, nor could, extend to ſuch Exemptions on any Pretence whatever, is plain from itſelf, becauſe the Perſons, who have a Right to claim the Liberty granted therein, are by that very Clauſe made to " profeſs themſelves obliged to live quietly under the civil Government," which can-

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Moreover, it is plain that the worthy Proprietor, who granted this Charter, never meant nor intended any ſuch Thing by the Liberty of Conſcience therein mentioned, inaſmuch as it would have been contrary to the 16th Section of the Royal Charter granted by the King, and accepted by the Proprietor, who, as they inform this Honourable Houſe in their Addreſs, was united with them in religious Profeſſion and Principle, which is as follows: "And becauſe in ſo remote a Country, and ſituate near "many barbarous Nations, the Incurſions, as well of the Savages themſelves, as of "other Enemies, Pirates and Robbers, may probably be feared; therefore we have "given, and for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do give Power by theſe Preſents to the "ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, by themſelves or their Captains, or other "their Officers, to levy, muſter and train all Sorts of Men, of what Condition ſoever, "or whereſoever born, in the ſaid Province of *Pennſylvania*, for the Time being, and "to make War, and to purſue the Enemies and Robbers aforeſaid, as well by Sea as "by Land, even without the Limits of the ſaid Province, and, by GOD'S Aſſiſtance, "to vanquiſh and take them, and being taken, to put them to Death, by the Law of "War, or to ſave them at their Pleaſure, and to do all and every other Thing, which "unto the Charge and Office of a Captain General of an Army belongeth, or hath ac-"cuſtomed to belong, as fully and freely as any Captain General of an Army hath "ever had the ſame."

This Section of the Royal Charter, together with the Clauſe in the Charter of Privileges, which the Addreſſors have quoted, ſhew evidently that the Proprietor, *William Penn*, never intended to grant an Exemption from paying their juſt Proportion towards the Support of any Power neceſſary for the good Government of the Province, whether Civil or Military, and therefore can, with no Degree of decent Modeſty, be pleaded in the preſent, or any other Caſe of the ſame Kind. Beſides it is well known, that no ſuch Claim of Exemption, from contributing their juſt Proportion towards the Support of any Civil or Military Meaſure entered into for the maintaining of the Government againſt their external or internal Enemies, has ever been granted the Society, on account of any ſuch Scruple of Conſcience, in any Part of the *Britiſh* Empire, though, as the Addreſſors alledge, the Society has exiſted for upwards of an Hundred Years, during which Period it has been obliged to, and ſtill does, pay Taxes, levied for the Purpoſe of defraying the Expences of Military Expeditions, both here and in *Europe*; nor do we recollect to have found the Payment of ſuch Taxes on the Liſt of Grievances annually made out by the Society, though they duly commemorate thoſe to which the Clauſe in the Charter of Privileges is evidently directed.

Thus their own Practice becomes a ſtrong Proof againſt them, and ſhews at leaſt that, if their religious Principles are abridged, we are not the Authors of the Abridgement.—Our Petition is, that the Scale of Juſtice may hang even, and if there are ſuch Conſciences as ſcruple to have impartial Juſtice adminiſtered, we pray that this Honourable Houſe may, in their Wiſdom, diſcountenance them; for if ſuch Scruples once obtain Favour from Government, it is plain who are moſt likely to claim and reap the Benefit of them.

We deſire to conclude by aſſuring this Honourable Houſe, that we are determined, to the utmoſt of our Power, to ſupport the Liberties of *America*, and to inform them, that, as we aſk no partial Favour for ourſelves, ſo we requeſt that it may not be granted to others: We therefore beg, that the Prayer of our Petition may obtain the moſt ſerious Attention of this Honourable Houſe.

*Signed by Order of the Committee,*
WILLIAM ADCOCK, *Preſident.*"

*Ordered*, That the Military Commiſſions ſent to the Houſe from the Congreſs be delivered by the Clerk of the Houſe to the reſpective Officers.

Two Petitions from *George Hoffner* and *Benjamin Miller*, of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Commiſſions in the Battalion to be raiſed in this Province. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Purſuant to the Order of *Friday* laſt, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the preſent critical State of this Province, and having ſpent ſome Time in the Peruſal of the ſeveral Memorials, Petitions and other Papers referred to them, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearſon* reported from the Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Buſineſs before them, but not having come to any Reſult thereon, they requeſted Leave to ſit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to, the Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Several Petitions, from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Regulations heretofore preſcribed by the Committee of Safety for the Aſſociators of this Province have not had the

the desired Effect in the said County;——that the Petitioners being impressed, at this Time of Difficulty and Danger, with the Necessity of regulating the Military Association of this Province, pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into their serious Consideration, and grant the Petitioners such Regulations as they (the Assembly) shall think most proper. 1775. October 31.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be referred to the Consideration of the Committee of the whole House.

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Papers referred to them, and after further Deliberation thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business before them, but not being ready to report thereon, the Committee requested Leave to sit again in the Morning.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have Leave to sit accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *November* 1.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Representation from the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the said Committee having been informed that the late Honourable House had on the 30th of *June* last, ordered Fifteen Hundred Stand of Arms for this City and County, used their Influence, with the most considerable Gunsmiths, to forbear engaging any Work to go out of the Province, until the said Arms shall be compleated, which they readily agreed to, in Expectation of being employed in making the said Arms;——that having had some Reason to fear the necessary Vigilance had not been used by the Commissioners and Assessors, in the Discharge of their Trust, and apprehending it to be their Duty so to do, applied to them to know whether the said Arms had been provided; to which Application they have received no satisfactory Answer, at which many of their Fellow-Citizens have expressed great Uneasiness;—that the said Committee are well assured there are divers able Gunsmiths now unemployed, and the pressing Necessity of the Times making the least Delay extremely dangerous:—They therefore do most earnestly pray the Honourable House will appoint some Persons to procure the said Arms, who will give the necessary Attention to that important Duty.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Order of last Night being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the State of the Province, and after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had made further Progress in the Business before them, but not having finished their Deliberations thereon, they desired Leave to sit again in the Afternoon, and the same being agreed to, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Barrack-Master do forthwith put the Barracks near this City, into proper Repair for receiving the Troops now raising in this Province; and that the said Barrack-Master do in future receive and comply with such Orders from the Committee of Safety as they may find necessary to issue for quartering Troops in the said Barracks.

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the State of this Province, and having spent some Time therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had not yet concluded their Deliberations on the Business referred to them, and desired Leave to sit again To-morrow Morning.

*Ordered*, That the Committee do sit again accordingly.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *November* 2.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That this House will take into their Consideration To-morrow Morning the Appointment of Delegates to serve in the Continental Congress on the Part of this Province.

The Order of last Night being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Circumstances of the Province, and after further Debate thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had not yet come to a full Result on the Business before them, and requested Leave to sit again in the Afternoon, which being agreed to, the House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the present State of the Province, and after some Time spent in the Consideration thereof, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearson* reported from the Committee, that they had

1775. *November* 2. had made ſome further Progreſs in the Buſineſs referred to them, but not being prepared to report thereon, they requeſted Leave to ſit again To-morrow Morning.

*Ordered*, That the Committee do ſit again accordingly.

Adjournment *November* 3. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting the Arms that were ordered to be provided by the late Aſſembly for this City and County, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to enquire what Progreſs has been made by the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Counties in procuring Arms for the public Uſe, and report thereon to the Houſe.

A Petition from *Thomas Ryerſon*, lately appointed an Enſign in the Battalion now raiſing in this Province, for Leave to reſign his Commiſſion, and another Petition from *John Bankſon* of this City, praying to be appointed to the Vacancy, having been preſented to the Houſe and conſidered,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid *John Bankſon* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Enſign in the ſaid Battalion, and recommended to the Continental Congreſs to be commiſſioned accordingly.

Purſuant to the Reſolution of Yeſterday, the Houſe took into Conſideration the Appointment of Repreſentatives for this Province in the Continental Congreſs, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, referred the ſame to further Conſideration To-morrow.

The Order of laſt Night, for the Committee of the whole Houſe to ſit again this Morning, being called for and read, was poſtponed to the Afternoon.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Order of the Day being read,

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the preſent State of the Province, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearſon* reported from the Committee, that they had proceeded further in the Buſineſs before them, but not being yet prepared to report thereon, they requeſted Leave to ſit again To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Committee ſit again accordingly.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*November* 4. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and taking into Conſideration the Appointment of Delegates for this Province in Congreſs,

*Reſolved*, That the Honourable *John Morton*, Speaker, *John Dickinſon*, *Robert Morris*, *Benjamin Franklin*, *Charles Humphreys*, *Edward Biddle*, *Thomas Willing*, *Andrew Allen* and *James Wilſon*, Eſquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Delegates for this Province in the Continental Congreſs.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter of the 1ſt Inſtant, from *Chriſtopher Witman*, Eſq; Chairman of the *Berks* County Committee, on a Matter of public Concern, which was read by Order, and referred to the Committee of Safety.

A Reſolve from the Honourable Continental Congreſs, by two of their Members, was laid before the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

*In* CONGRESS, *November* 4, 1775.

THE Congreſs conſidering that the moſt perfect Union, between all the Colonies, is eſſentially neceſſary for the Preſervation of the juſt Rights of *North-America*, and being apprehenſive that there is great Danger of Hoſtilities being commenced, at or near *Wyoming*, between the Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania* and thoſe of *Connecticut*,

*Reſolved*, That the Aſſemblies of the ſaid Colonies be requeſted to take the moſt ſpeedy and effectual Steps to prevent ſuch Hoſtilities.

*Ordered*, That *Thomas M'Kean* and *Silas Dean*, Eſquires, wait upon the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania* with a Copy of the above Reſolution.

*By Order of Congreſs*,

JOHN HANCOCK, *Preſident*."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* make Enquiry upon what Information the above Reſolve is founded, and report the ſame to the Houſe on *Monday* next.

An Account of Mr. *Roſs's* Attendance in Congreſs, amounting to *Thirty-four Pounds*, being preſented at the Table, an Order was drawn on Mr. *Hillegas* for Payment of the ſame.

The Order of laſt Night, for the Committee of the whole Houſe to ſit again this Morning, was read, and poſtponed to *Tueſday* next.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Mr. Speaker,

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Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*November* 6. Adjournment

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Order of *Friday* last for the Committee of the whole House to sit again this Morning, being called for, and read, was postponed till the Afternoon.

*November* 7. Adjournment

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Post Meridiem*

An Address or Declaration signed by divers Persons in Behalf of the Societies of *Menonists* and *German Baptists* in this Province, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

An Address from the *Menonists* and *German Baptists* to the House.

IN the first Place we acknowledge us indebted to the most high GOD, who created Heaven and Earth, the only good Being, to thank him for all his great Goodness and manifold Mercies and Love through our Saviour JESUS CHRIST, who is come to save the Souls of Men, having all Power in Heaven and on Earth.

Further we find ourselves indebted to be thankful to our late worthy Assembly, for their giving so good an Advice in these troublesome Times to all Ranks of People in *Pennsylvania*, particularly in allowing those, who, by the Doctrine of our Saviour JESUS CHRIST, are persuaded in their Consciences to love their Enemies, and not to resist Evil, to enjoy the Liberty of their Consciences, for which, as also for all the good Things we enjoyed under their Care, we heartily thank that worthy Body of Assembly, and all high and low in Office, who have advised to such a peaceful Measure, hoping and confiding that they, and all others entrusted with Power in this hitherto blessed Province, may be moved by the same Spirit of Grace, which animated the first Founder of this Province, our late worthy Proprietor *William Penn*, to grant Liberty of Conscience to all its Inhabitants, that they may in the great and memorable Day of Judgement be put on the right Hand of that just Judge, who judgeth without Respect of Person, and hear of him these blessed Words, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom, "prepared for you, *&c.* What ye have done unto one of the least of these my Brethren, "ye have done unto me," among which Number *(i. e.* the least of CHRIST's Brethren) we by his Grace hope to be ranked; and every Lenity and Favour shewn to such tender conscienced, although weak, Followers of this our blessed Saviour, will not be forgotten by him in that great Day.

The Advice to those who do not find Freedom of Conscience to take up Arms, that they ought to be helpful to those who are in Need and distressed Circumstances, we receive with Chearfulness towards all Men of what Station they may be—it being our Principle to feed the Hungry and give the Thirsty Drink;—we have dedicated ourselves to serve all Men in every Thing that can be helpful to the Preservation of Men's Lives, but we find no Freedom in giving, or doing, or assisting in any Thing by which Men's Lives are destroyed or hurt.—We beg the Patience of all those who believe we err in this Point.

We are always ready, according to CHRIST's Command to *Peter*, to pay the Tribute, that we may offend no Man, and so we are willing to pay Taxes, and to render unto *Cæsar* those Things that are *Cæsar's*, and to GOD those Things that are GOD's, although we think ourselves very weak to give GOD his due Honour, he being a Spirit and Life, and we only Dust and Ashes.

We are also willing to be subject to the higher Powers, and to give in the Manner *Paul* directs us;—for he beareth the Sword not in vain, for he is the Minister of GOD, a Revenger to execute Wrath upon him that doeth Evil.

This Testimony we lay down before our worthy Assembly, and all other Persons in Government, letting them know that we are thankful as above-mentioned, and that we are not at Liberty in Conscience to take up Arms to conquer our Enemies, but rather to pray to GOD, who has Power in Heaven and Earth, for us and them.

We also crave the Patience of all the Inhabitants of this Country,—what they think to see clearer in the Doctrine of the blessed JESUS CHRIST, we will leave to them and GOD, finding ourselves very poor; for Faith is to proceed out of the Word of GOD, which is Life and Spirit, and a Power of GOD, and our Consciences is to be instructed by the same, therefore we beg for Patience.

Our small Gift, which we have given, we gave to those who have Power over us, that we may not offend them, as CHRIST taught us by the Tribute Penny.

We heartily pray, that GOD would govern all Hearts of our Rulers, be they high or low, to meditate those good Things which will pertain to our and their Happiness."

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Dickinson* reported, that, in Pursuance of the Order of *Saturday* last, Mr. *Humphreys* and himself had made Enquiry upon what Ground the Congress were apprehensive that Hostilities will be commenced at or near *Wyoming* between the Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania* and those of *Connecticut*, and expect to be enabled to report an Answer to the House To-morrow, as that Matter is then to come under Consideration in Congress.

1775. Upon Motion,

*November* 7. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to prepare and report to the Houſe a Draught of Inſtructions for the Delegates appointed to ſerve in Congreſs on the Part of this Province.

The Order of the Forenoon being read,

The Houſe again reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe to conſider the State of the Province, and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and Mr. *Pearſon* reported from the Committee, that they had concluded their Deliberations on the Mattters referred to them, and having come to ſome Reſolutions thereon, he was directed to report the ſame whenever the Houſe ſhall be pleaſed to receive them.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolutions of the Committee be received immediately.

Mr. *Pearſon*, then (according to Order) reported the ſaid Reſolutions, which he firſt read in his Place, and afterwards delivered at the Table, where the ſame being again read by Order, and, in Part, conſidered by the Houſe, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

*November* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petition of *George Jacob Houſeman* was referred for Enquiry, reported, "That they had attended at the Gaol of this City, and "heared the Petitioner, with ſuch of his Creditors as appeared, and are of Opinion, that "he is a proper Object of the Relief he ſolicits."

Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Report,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Montgomery* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of the ſaid Petitioner and others recommended to the Notice of this Houſe by the late Aſſembly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Reſolves of the Committee of the whole Houſe, which being ſeverally read and approved, were adopted by the Houſe, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, 1. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all reaſonable Charges hitherto incurred by the Aſſociators for the Defence of this Province, in procuring Drums and Colours, and paying Adjutants, Fugal-Men, Drummers and Fifers, ought to be allowed, and repaid them.

*Reſolved*, 2. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the military Aſſociation entered into for the Defence of this Province, ought to be continued, encouraged and ſupported.

*Reſolved*, 3. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it be recommended to all Male white Perſons within this Province, between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, who have not already aſſociated, and are not conſcientiouſly ſcrupulous of bearing Arms, to join the ſaid Aſſociation immediately.

*Reſolved*, 4. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that certain Rules and Regulations for the Government of the ſaid Aſſociators are neceſſary.

*Reſolved*, 5. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that all Male white Perſons between the Ages aforeſaid, capable of bearing Arms, who ſhall not aſſociate for the Defence of this Province, ought to contribute an Equivalent to the Time ſpent by the Aſſociators in acquiring the military Diſcipline, Miniſters of the Goſpel of all Denominations, and Servants purchaſed *bona fide*, and for valuable Conſideration, only excepted.

*Reſolved*, 6. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that it be recommended to the Committee of Safety to give Orders for erecting a Magazine or Magazines in different Places as ſoon as the Seaſon will allow, for the greater Security of the Ammunition belonging to the Province.

*Reſolved*, 7. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Sum of *Eighty Thouſand Pounds* be immediately ſtruck in Bills of Credit, for anſwering the preſent Exigences of the Province.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to prepare a Set of Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the military Aſſociation in this Province; and that the ſaid Committee do alſo eſſay a Draught of Reſolutions, directing the Manner of levying Taxes on Non-Aſſociators, determining their Mode of Appeal, and how the ſaid Taxes ſhall be collected and applied.

An Addreſs from the Committee of the County of *York* was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*November* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter received laſt Night by a Veſſel from *London*, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

HONOURABLE

HONOURABLE SIR, *London, September* 2, 1775.

ON the Twenty-first of last Month, we sent to the Secretary of State for *America* a Copy of the Petition from the General Congress; and Yesterday, the first Moment that was permitted us, we presented to him the Original, which his Lordship promised to deliver to the King.

1775. *November* 9. A Letter from *Richard Penn* and *Arthur Lee* in *London*.

We thought it our Duty to press his Lordship to obtain an Answer; but we are told, that, as his Majesty did not receive it on the Throne, no Answer would be given.

We have the Honour of being, HONOURABLE SIR,

*Your most faithful Servants,*

RICHARD PENN,
ARTHUR LEE."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Instructions for the Delegates of this Province in Congress, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read, and considered, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

"GENTLEMEN,

THE Trust reposed in you is of such a Nature, and the Modes of executing it may be so diversified in the Course of your Deliberations, that it is scarcely possible to give you particular Instructions respecting it. Report of the Committee.

We therefore, in general, direct, that you, or any Four of you, meet in Congress the Delegates of the several Colonies now assembled in this City, and any such Delegates as may meet in Congress next Year; that you consult together on the present critical and alarming State of public Affairs; that you exert your utmost Endeavours to agree upon, and recommend, such Measures as you shall judge to afford the best Prospect of obtaining Redress of *American* Grievances, and restoring that Union and Harmony between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies so essential to the Welfare and Happiness of both Countries.

Though the oppressive Measures of the *British* Parliament and Administration have compelled us to resist their Violence by Force of Arms, yet we strictly enjoin you, that you, in Behalf of this Colony, dissent from, and utterly reject, any Propositions, should such be made, that may cause, or lead to, a Separation from our Mother Country, or a Change of the Form of this Government.

You are directed to make Report of your Proceedings to this House.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

*November* 9, 1775. JOHN MORTON, *Speaker.*"

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *November* 10. *Post Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Resolve from the Honourable Continental Congress, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

"*RESOLVED,*

THAT it be recommended to the Assemblies, Conventions and Committees of Safety of the Thirteen United Colonies, to appoint certain Persons within each of the said Colonies, whose Business it shall be to employ and set to work as many Persons as they may think proper, both to work up such Earth as is now fit for making Saltpetre, and to collect together, and place in Beds or Walls, under Sheds, all such Earth and Composition of Materials as are suitable to produce Saltpetre, after being duly exposed to the Air, in order to increase the Produce of it; and that the Delegates of the respective Colonies be directed to send this Resolve, together with the Resolve of last Session, respecting Saltpetre-making, to their respective Colonies, and cause them to be printed and made public there. A Resolve from the Honourable Continental Congress.

*Extract from the Minutes,*

CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*"

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Relief of certain insolvent Debtors, who have petitioned for the Discharge of their Persons from Imprisonment, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented at the Table, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Progress made in the manufacturing of Saltpetre in this Province, presented at the Table a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

YOUR Committee have viewed the Buildings erected by Order of the Committee of Inspection, on a Lot of Ground in *Market-Street*, and also sundry Conveniences and A Written Report from the Committee.

1775. *November* 10. and Utenſils placed there for the Purpoſe of making Saltpetre, and are ſorry to find that it has not yet been attended with the deſired Succeſs;—but the Gentlemen who ſuperintended this Work, are of Opinion, the Manufacture may be carried on there to good Effect, if ſupported with the neceſſary Funds, as they have now employed a Perſon that *certainly* underſtands the Buſineſs, and the Quantity of Saltpetre to be made, will depend on and be proportioned to the Sum employed.

Your Committee alſo report, that *Baltis Moudy* has made in a few Weeks a conſiderable Quantity of Saltpetre at *York-Town*, Part whereof has been delivered to the Committee of Safety, and is very good in Quality; the Remainder is ſoon expected down.—The ſaid *Moudy*, being the Perſon now employed at the above Works, gives Aſſurances of producing the ſaid Article very faſt, as he finds Plenty of impregnated Materials in this City.

Your Committee are alſo informed of other Perſons in the Province, who underſtand making Saltpetre, and are willing to engage therein on meeting with ſuitable Encouragement.

It ſeems therefore abſolutely neceſſary that ſuch Encouragement ſhould be given, and the greateſt Pains taken to eſtabliſh ſo uſeful a Manufacture in this Province.

Your Committee do therefore recommend to the Conſideration of the Houſe,

*Firſt*, Whether it would not be proper to take the Works already erected in this City under their Direction for the public Benefit?

*Secondly*, Whether it might not be of great Uſe to offer, by Vote, a good Price for all Saltpetre made in this Province within Twelve Months from this Time?

*Thirdly*, Whether it would not be a great Encouragement to Individuals to attempt making Saltpetre, if Premiums were ordered by the Houſe to be paid to thoſe who ſhall produce the greateſt Quantity during the next Twelve Months?

*Fourthly*, Whether it may not be of public Utility to direct proper Perſons to be inſtructed by the ſaid *Moudy* in the Art of making Saltpetre?

*Fifthly*, Whether the ſaid *Moudy* ſhould not be rewarded for giving ſuch Inſtruction?—and alſo, Whether he is not already entitled to Encouragement from the Public, as the firſt Perſon who has produced a conſiderable Quantity of Saltpetre in the Province?

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MATTHIAS SLOUGH, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
MICHAEL SWOOPE, GEORGE GRAY,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, JOHN BROWN,
BARNARD DOUGHERTY, ISAAC PEARSON."

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*November* 11. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *Samuel Penroſe*, Tenant on the *Province Iſland*, with ſome Accounts of Damages ſuffered at the ſaid Iſland by the late Storm, and the Expence of repairing the ſame, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Allowance for his Loſſes.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

An Account of Bedding, Furniture, *&c.* in the Barracks of this City, taken by Order of the Committee of Safety, being laid before the Houſe, and a great Deficiency appearing in moſt of the Articles,

*Ordered*, That the Barrack-Maſter do forthwith provide, under the Direction of the Committee of Safety, a further Number of Beds, Blankets and other neceſſary Furniture in the ſaid Barracks, for the Uſe of the Troops in the Pay of this Province.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*November* 13. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment. Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-two Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*November* 14. Adjournment. Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night, and a Quorum being ſtill wanting, they adjourned to Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment. Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-ſix Members, met this Afternoon; and a Number ſufficient to proceed on Buſineſs not attending, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*November* 15. A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to bring in a Set of Rules and Regulations for the military Aſſociation in this Province, and to eſſay a Draught of Reſolutions for levying Taxes on Non-Aſſociators, directing the Mode of their Appeal, and how the ſaid Taxes ſhall be collected and applied, reported Eſſays for thoſe Purpoſes, which were read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Pearſon*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to draw up and bring in Reſolves for ſtriking the Sum of *Eighty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, agreeable to a late Reſolution of the Committee of the whole Houſe.

On

On Motion made, and seconded, whether the House will this Afternoon take into Consideration, and recommend to the Congress, suitable Persons for Field-Officers of the Battalion now raising in this Province, the Question was put by the Speaker, and

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*Carried in the Affirmative.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Pursuant to the Resolution of the Forenoon, the House taking into Consideration the Petitions of the several Persons who have applied to be recommended to the Congress for Field-Officers of the Battalion now raising in this Province, *Post Meridiem*

*Resolved*, That *John Bull*, Esq; be, and he is hereby recommended to the Honourable Continental Congress for Colonel, *James Irwin*, Esq; for Lieutenant-Colonel, and *Anthony James Morris*, Esq; for Major, of the said Battalion.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *November* 16.

Upon Motion,

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Provincial Taxes was again read, and the House taking into Consideration the Debts now outstanding,

*Ordered*, That the several County Treasurers do forthwith pay the respective Balances in their Hands into the Provincial Treasury; and that the Commissioners of each County do settle their Accounts of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax now to be levied, with their respective Treasurers, that the same may be laid before the Committee of Accounts in *September* next, for their final Settlement.

*Ordered*, That a Copy of the above Order be transmitted by the Clerk of this House to the Board of Commissioners in each County without Delay.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations brought in for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *November* 17.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George "Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray *and* Francis Owens, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* "Philadelphia *County, and* James Mackey, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* North-"umberland *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves for striking the Sum of *Eighty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and after some Time spent therein, the following Questions were called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

*First*, Whether the Associators shall meet Two and Twenty times from this Day to the 14th of *October* next, for their Improvement in military Discipline?

| YEAS. | YEAS. | NAYS. | NAYS. |
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| Mr. *Dickinson*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Brown*, |
| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Slough*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Jenks*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Haney*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Potts*, | Mr. *Swoope*, | Mr. *Wynkoop*, | Mr. *Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Taylor*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Pyle*, |
| Mr. *Morris*, | Mr. *Dougherty*. | Mr. *Twining*, | Mr. *Webb*. |

The House dividing equally on the above Question, the casting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Negative.

*Secondly*, Whether the Associators shall meet Twenty times for the above Purpose, within the Times aforesaid?

| YEAS. | YEAS. | NAYS. | NAYS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Mr. *Dickinson*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Roberts*, | Mr. *Brown*, |
| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Slough*, | Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Jenks*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Haney*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Potts*, | Mr. *Swoope*, | Mr. *Wynkoop*, | Mr. *Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *Foulke*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Taylor*, | Mr. *Chapman*, | Mr. *Pyle*, |
| Mr. *Morris*, | Mr. *Dougherty*. | Mr. *Twining*, | Mr. *Webb*. |

The Members being again equally divided, the casting Vote was given by the Speaker in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

1775. *November* 18. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and took into Conſideration the Reſolves brought in by the Committee for ſtriking the Sum of *Eighty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, which being again read, were, after ſome Additions, agreed to, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, 1. That Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Eighty Thouſand Pounds*, ſhall on or before the Twentieth Day of *December* next be prepared and printed on good ſtrong Paper, under the Care and Direction of *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſquires, or any Three of them; the Charge of which to be defrayed out of the Bills hereby to be emitted; which Bills ſhall be made and prepared in Manner and Form following, *viz.*

———*according to the Reſolves of the Aſſembly of* Pennſylvania, *of the* 18*th Day of* November, *in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of his Majeſty* George *the Third. Dated at* Philadelphia, *the* 8*th Day of* December, 1775.

And the ſaid Bills ſhall have ſuch Eſcutcheons and Devices as the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any Three of them, ſhall think proper;—each of which Bills ſhall be of the ſeveral and reſpective Denominations following, and no other, *viz.*

Sixteen Thouſand of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.
Sixteen Thouſand of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Thirty Shillings*.
Sixteen Thouſand of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.
And Sixteen Thouſand of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Ten Shillings*.

And the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any Three of them, ſhall uſe their beſt Care, Attention and Diligence during the Printing of the ſaid Bills, that the Number and Amount thereof, according to the reſpective Denominations aforeſaid, be not exceeded, nor any clandeſtine or fraudulent Practice uſed by the Printer, his Servants, or other Perſons concerned therein.

*Reſolved*, 2. That for perfecting the ſaid Bills, all and every of them ſhall be ſigned by Three of the Perſons hereafter named; that is to ſay, *Matthew Clarkſon*, *William Smith*, Broker, *Joſeph Redman*, *William Criſpin*, *Thomas Leech*, *William Kenly*, *Joſiah Hewes*, *Andrew Tybout*, *George Douglas*, *Charles Moore*, *Thomas Moore*, *Abel Evans*, *Peter Thomſon*, *Samuel Cadwalader Morris*, *Cornelius Barnes*, *Sketchley Morton*, *Eliſha Price* and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, Gentlemen, who are hereby nominated and appointed to be Signers of the ſaid Bills, and ſhall, before they receive or ſign any of the ſaid Bills, take an Oath or Affirmation to the following Effect, *viz.*

" That they ſhall well and truly ſign and number all the Bills of Credit that ſhall come " to their Hands for that Purpoſe, and the ſame, when ſo ſigned and numbered, will " deliver, or cauſe to be delivered, to the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rod-* " *man* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any Three of them."

*Reſolved*, 3. That for avoiding the Danger of Embezzlement or Miſapplication of any of the ſaid Bills of Credit, the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any Three of them, after the ſaid Bills are printed, ſhall deliver them to the ſaid Signers, to be ſigned and numbered by Parcels, for which the ſaid Signers, or ſome of them, ſhall give their Receipt; that is to ſay, *Two Thouſand Pounds* Value in the ſaid Bills at one Time, and ſo from Time to Time, until all the ſaid Bills of Credit ſhall be ſigned and numbered, in ſuch Manner that not more than the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds* ſhall remain in ſuch Signers Hands at any one Time; of all which ſaid Bills of Credit, ſo delivered to be ſigned, a true Account ſhall be kept by the Signers, who, upon their Re-delivery of each or any Parcel of the ſaid Bills by them ſigned and numbered, ſhall take the Receipt of the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any Three of them, to charge them before any Committee of Aſſembly to be appointed for that Purpoſe. And each of the ſaid Signers ſhall receive *Ten Shillings* for every Thouſand of the ſaid Bills by them ſigned and numbered; and each of the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon* ſhall have and receive for their Trouble the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; and the Treaſurer hereafter appointed, for receiving and paying the ſaid Bills of Credit, ſhall have and receive *Five Shillings* for every *Hundred Pounds*, and no more; to be paid out of the Bills of Credit hereby ordered to be emitted.

*Reſolved*, 4. That after the ſaid Bills ſhall be ſigned, numbered and perfected, the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any Three of them, ſhall deliver them to *Michael Hillegas*, Eſquire, who is hereby appointed Treaſurer for this Purpoſe, and take his Receipt or Receipts for the ſame, who ſhall pay off and diſcharge out of the ſaid Bills of Credit all ſuch Draughts and Certificates as ſhall be made by Order of the Aſſembly, or the Committee of Safety of this Province.

*Reſolved*, 5. That the Treaſurer aforeſaid ſhall give Bond, with two ſufficient Sureties, to *John Morton*, Eſquire, in the Sum of *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, for the faithful Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in him.

And

And for the more certain paying, redeeming, discharging and sinking the said Bills of Credit hereby emitted, 1775. November 18.

*Resolved*, 6. That a Tax shall be raised and levied by the respective Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties within this Province on the same Persons and Property, in the same Proportion and in the same Manner and Mode as the Provincial Tax by the Laws now in Force is raised, levied and recovered, and shall be paid by the respective County Treasurers to the Treasurer for the Time being, appointed or to be appointed for that Purpose; which said Tax shall commence immediately after sinking the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds*, issued by the Resolutions of the late Assembly, on the Thirtieth Day of *June* last, which Tax, for the Purpose aforesaid, the several Commissioners and Assessors are enjoined and required to raise, levy and recover, and cause to be paid to the Treasurer aforesaid, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and Safety of their Country.

*Resolved*, 7. That the Treasurer appointed as aforesaid, or his Successor, shall yearly and every Year pay into the Hands of the Committees of Assembly appointed to audit and settle the public Accounts, all such Sum and Sums of Money in the Bills of Credit of the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* emitted as aforesaid, and of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* hereby to be emitted; which Sums so paid, the said Committees are hereby enjoined and required to burn, sink and destroy. And the said Treasurer, when required, shall also lay his Accounts before the Assembly or the said Committees, for their Inspection and Settlement.

*Resolved*, 8. That the Sum of *Five Shillings*, for every *Hundred Pounds*, be allowed to the said *Michael Hillegas* for his Commissions as Treasurer of the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* issued by the Resolutions of the late Assembly of this Province; also *Ten Shillings per Diem* to each Member of the Committee appointed to superintend the Printing of the said *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds*, and *Ten Shillings* for every Thousand Bills to each Signer of the same, to be paid out of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* to be hereby emitted.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations before them for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and after further Debate thereon, and some Additions and Amendments proposed by the Members, adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *November* 20.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter just received from *Thomas Mifflin*, Esquire, dated at *Cambridge*, the 12th Instant, "requesting the Speaker to make his respectful "Compliments to the House, and to inform them, that it is not in his Power to serve "as a Member of their Body this Year, and desiring, that his Election may be therefore "considered as void." *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That in the Absence of the President and Vice-President, any Seven, or more, of the Committee of Safety being met, may chuse a Chairman for the Time, in Place of the President and Vice-President so absent.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George "Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray *and* Francis Owens, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* "Philadelphia *County*, *and* James Mackey, *a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* North-"umberland *County*, *with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *November* 21.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say, he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the military Association in this Province, and having gone through the same, ordered them to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment

The House resumed the Consideration of the Articles of Association in this Province, and having made some Progress therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *Post Meridiem*

Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *November* 22.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief "of* Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hausman, Richard Ray *and* Francis "Owens, *languishing Prisoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County*, *and* James Mackey, "*a languishing Prisoner in the Gaol of* Northumberland *County*, *with respect to the Im-"prisonment of their Persons*," and acquainted the House that he should be ready to pass the same when presented to him for that Purpose.

*Ordered*,

1775. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Chreiſt* and Mr. *Dougherty* wait on the Governor, and requeſt to know at what Time the Houſe ſhall attend him to paſs the ſaid Bill into a Law.

*November* 22. The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Articles of Aſſociation in this Province, and having gone through the ſame, ordered them to be tranſcribed.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of the Houſe in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame, according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he would meet the Houſe in the Council-Chamber at Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning, to enact into a Law the Bill returned with his Aſſent.

A Repreſentation from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, "That the late Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly having thought proper to emit *Thirty-five Thouſand Pounds* for public Uſe, the ſame was generally received by the Inhabitants of this Province in Payment, and met with the uſual Currency; but that the Committee are now greatly concerned to find that ſome Perſons not ſufficiently attending to the Importance of preſerving public Credit at this critical Juncture, ſcruple receiving the Bills of the above Emiſſion, by which Means there is the utmoſt Reaſon to fear a Depreciation, and conſequently the public Intereſt materially injured;—that in particular, the Perſons referred to in the annexed Papers, have refuſed receiving the Bills of Credit of this Province of the above Emiſſion;—that the Committee not doubting the Zeal and Attachment of the Houſe to the great and important Concerns of this Province, beg Leave to ſolicit their Attention to this Matter, and pray that they will take ſuch Steps as they may judge will have the beſt Tendency to remedy and prevent this Evil." *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Reſolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Aſſociators in this Province, and having made ſome Progreſs therein,

Adjournment adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*November* 23. The Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from *Samuel Hunter*, Eſq; and others, of the County of *Northumberland*, dated *Sunbury*, the 20th Inſtant, acquainting the Houſe that two of the Magiſtrates and the Sheriff of the ſaid County had lately had an Interview with *Zebulon Buttler*, and ſome others of the principal Men among the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*, had read the late Reſolves of this Aſſembly to them, and enquired, whether they would peaceably ſubmit themſelves to the Laws of *Pennſylvania*;—to which they anſwered, they deſpiſed the Laws of that Province, and never would ſubmit to them, unleſs compelled by Force; and that if the Government of the ſaid Province thought it adviſable to uſe ſuch Means with them, they ſhould be ready to meet them at any Hour they pleaſed;—that the ſaid Magiſtrates and Sheriff having received a great deal of threatening and abuſive Language from the common People, returned Home by another Way, apprehending that if they came back the ſame Road they had gone up, it muſt be with great Riſk to their Lives. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*A Meſſage by the* SECRETARY.

"SIR,

"The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Speaker, and the Houſe to enact into a Law the Bill to which he has given his Aſſent."

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Montgomery* ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Bill after it is paſſed into a Law, and depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office.

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on the Governor, and preſented a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* "Richard Taylor, Jacob Muck, George Jacob Hauſman, Richard Ray *and* Francis "Owens, *languiſhing Priſoners in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, and* James Mackey, "*a languiſhing Priſoner in the Gaol of* Northumberland *County, with reſpect to the Im-*"*priſonment of their Perſons*," to which his Honour had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into a Law.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Law above-mentioned, and to depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That the old Gaol is ſo much out of Repair as to be an unſafe Place for keeping the Priſoners committed to it, and from the late Encreaſe of Priſoners, is alſo become too ſmall to hold them with any Convenience;—that as the new Gaol is nearly finiſhed, it is wiſhed the Houſe would give Orders to have it completed as ſoon as poſſibe, for the ſafer Keeping and better Accommodation of the ſaid Priſoners.—

*Ordered that the ſaid Motion be referred for Conſideration till the Afternoon.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Reſolutions directing the Mode of levying

levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* 1775.

*November* 23. Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, and after a Debate of considerable Length, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *November* 24.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Serjeant at Arms producing to the House an Account of *Four Pounds Seventeen Shillings* and *Six-pence* for giving Notice to certain absent Members to attend the public Service,

*Ordered*, That the same be paid by the Clerk out of the Money in his Hands.

The House having taken into Consideration the Representation from the Committee of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, respecting the Refusal of some Persons to receive the Bills of Credit lately issued in this Province,

*Resolved*, That any Person refusing to receive in Payment any of the Bills of Credit emitted by the Resolutions of the late or present House of Assembly, thereby endeavours to injure the Currency of the said Bills, and as such Conduct has a manifest Tendency to obstruct the public Measures for defending the Freedom, and promoting the Welfare and Safety of this Country, such Person ought therefore to be deemed inimical to the Liberties of *America*.

The House again took up the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, and having made further Progress in the Consideration thereof, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearson* and Mr. *Jacobs*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to examine and adjust the Accounts of the several Battalions of Associators in this Province; and that they have Power to draw Orders for Payment of the same upon *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; which he is required to pay out of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* ordered to be struck and emitted by the Resolutions of this House.

*Resolved*, That the said Committee be directed to make particular Enquiry concerning the Contributions made by the People called *Menonists*, *Omish Menonists* and *Sunday Baptists* in *Lancaster* County, in Pursuance of the Recommendations of the late House of Assembly on the Thirtieth of *June* last, and report to this House at their next Meeting, how much of the said Contributions has been paid for the Use of any, and what Battalion or Company of Associators in that County; and the said Committee are also directed not to draw any Order in Favour of such Battalion or Company, until they receive further Directions from this House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition and Account from *Benjamin Loxley*, and referred the same to the Committee appointed to settle the Accounts of the Battalions in this Province, who are directed to draw an Order on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Payment of the Balance they shall find due on the said Account.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Morris*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to revise and correct the Minutes of this House before they are printed.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from *Christopher Tully* was again read, and, after some Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Miles* be a Committee to enquire whether the said *Tully* first introduced the Machine he describes, into this Province, and whether it is likely to be of any, and what Service to the Public.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter from *Thomas Mifflin*, Esq; requesting that his Election to a Seat in this House may be considered as void,

*Resolved*, That the Seat of the said Member be vacated accordingly, and that the Speaker do issue his Order for a new Election before the next Meeting of this House.

TheHouse resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province, which being gone through, were ordered to be transcribed.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *November* 25.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Letter from *Northumberland* County respecting the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Potts* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor with the said Letter, and request he will be pleased to give Orders for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province in the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*.

*Ordered*, That the said Members acquaint his Honour, the House have agreed to adjourn to *Monday* the Twelfth of *February* next if he has no Objection thereto.

Upon Consideration of the Motion of the Twenty-third Instant,

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Commissioners of the County of *Philadelphia* to finish the new Gaol as speedily as may be, and that the Prisoners be removed thither without Loss of Time.

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November 25. *Reſolved*, That Mr. *Slough* and Mr. *Webb* be requeſted to have ſuch Repairs made at the *Lancaſter* Barracks as appear to be immediately neceſſary, and lay an Account of the Expence before the Houſe.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the *Northumberland* Letter, and the verbal Meſſages of the Houſe, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay, he had no Objection to the Adjournment propoſed by the Houſe.

Upon Conſideration of the Petition from *Petapanihila*, (alias *George Allen)* an *Indian*, who has diſtinguiſhed himſelf by his Fidelity to this Province for many Years paſt,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the ſaid *Indian*, and that Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Miles* be requeſted to lay out the ſame for him in ſuch Goods and other Neceſſaries as may be moſt uſeful to him.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* An Account of Mr. *Dickinſon's* Attendance to the Time of the laſt Appointment of Delegates for this Province in Congreſs, being laid before the Houſe, an Order was drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for *One Hundred* and *Seven Pounds*, in Payment of the ſaid Account.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the Manufacture of Saltpetre, and having ſpent ſome Time therein,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will take the Saltpetre Works erected in this City into their Care, and under their Direction.

*Reſolved*, That *Owen Biddle*, *David Rittenhouſe* and *Peter Dehaven*, Gentlemen, be and they are hereby appointed a Committee to ſuperintend the ſaid Works.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Committee may remove the Works for making Saltpetre, or any Part of them, to any other Lot in or near this City, if they ſhall be of Opinion that it will be more ſuitable for that Purpoſe than the Lot on which they are now placed.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Committee may draw Orders on *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for any Sum not exceeding *Five Hundred Pounds* for carrying on the ſaid Works, which he is hereby directed to pay out of the *Eighty Thouſand Pounds* ordered to be ſtruck and emitted by the Reſolutions of this Houſe.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Committee keep regular Accounts of the Money they ſhall ſo draw for, and lay the ſame before the Aſſembly or any Committee thereof whenever they ſhall be required.

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds* be paid for every Hundred Weight of good merchantable Saltpetre that ſhall be made and manufactured in this Province, and delivered to the Committee of Safety within the Space of Twelve Months from this Time.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Committee draw an Order on *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for *Twenty-five Pounds* payable to *Baltis Moody*, as a Premium for the Saltpetre he has already made, and a further Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds*, over and above his Wages, when he ſhall have fully inſtructed ſuch Perſons as the Committee ſhall put under his Direction, in the Method of making Saltpetre.

The Committee appointed to inquire what Progreſs has been made by the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Counties in providing the Arms directed for public Uſe by the late Aſſembly, reported, "That they have been attended by one of the Commiſſioners and one of the Aſſeſſors of *Philadelphia* County, and informed by them, "that they have entered into Contracts with different People for making the Arms intended for this County, and have uſed every Means in their Power to forward the "ſame ſince the Pattern was delivered to them—that the Committee are alſo informed, "Agreements have been made by the Commiſſioners of the Counties of *Bucks*, *Cheſter*, "*Lancaſter*, *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford* and *Weſtmoreland*, for "the Arms and Accoutrements ordered for thoſe Counties, in ſome of which they are "nearly completed; but they have not yet heard what has been done in reſpect to this "Buſineſs by the Commiſſioners of *Northumberland*, to whom the Pattern was ſent by "the Committee of Safety in common with the reſt."

*Submitted to the Houſe by*

JOHN JACOBS, MICHAEL HILLEGAS,
CURTIS GRUBB, THOMAS POTTS,
MICHAEL SWOOPE, SAMUEL MILES,
HENRY CHREIST, WILLIAM RODMAN,
BENJAM. BARTHOLOMEW."

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The Articles of Aſſociation in *Pennſylvania*,—the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the ſaid Aſſociation,—and the Reſolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Aſſociators in the ſaid Province, being all tranſcribed according to Order, were again read, agreed to by the Houſe, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

RULES

## RULES and REGULATIONS for the better Government of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION in Pennsylvania.

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*First*, ALL Officers chosen or appointed in Battalions that were formed before the First Day of *October* last, in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, to take Rank or Precedence of all other Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other Part of the Province.

*Second*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Philadelphia* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other County.

*Third*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Bucks* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

*Fourth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Chester* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity chosen or appointed in any other than *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and *Philadelphia* City, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

*Fifth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Lancaster* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, chosen or appointed in any other than *Chester*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

*Sixth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *York* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in any other than *Lancaster*, *Chester*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, *Philadelphia* City, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

*Seventh*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Cumberland* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in the junior Counties of *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

*Eighth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Berks* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in the Counties of *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

*Ninth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Northampton* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

*Tenth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Bedford* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

*Eleventh*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Northumberland* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Westmoreland* County.

*Twelfth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, ~~in *Westmoreland*~~, the youngest or last made County in this Province, to yield up Rank or Precedence to all Officers of equal Dignity chosen or appointed in every other County in this Province before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid.

*Thirteenth*, Where Commissions of equal Dignity in different Counties bear the same Date, Precedency to be determined by Seniority of Counties, but where they are in the same County, by the Rank of the Battalion.

*Fourteenth*, The Colonels chosen or appointed in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, having already determined their Ranks with respect to each other by Lot, their and the other Field-Officers Commissions will be dated according to the Lot so drawn.

*Fifteenth*, The Colonels chosen or appointed in every County before the said First Day of *October*, are to determine their Rank with respect to each other (where not already done) by Lot, and Commissions for them and their respective Field-Officers will be dated accordingly.

*Sixteenth*, The Captains in every Battalion to determine their Rank in Battalion (where not already settled) by Lot, and their Commissions with those of their Lieutenants and Ensigns will be dated accordingly.

*Seventeenth*, All Officers chosen or appointed after the said First Day of *October*, to have their Commissions dated at the Time of such Choice or Appointment, and to take Rank according to said Dates.

*Eighteenth*, All Battalions to be compleated as soon as possible, and (except Battalions of Riflemen) to consist of at least Six Companies of not less than Forty and not more than Seventy-six Privates each, and to have for Officers, a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, two Majors, a Standard Bearer, Adjutant, Serjeant Major, a Drum- and Fife-Major;

1775. November 25. Major; and the Officers of each Company to conſiſt of a Captain, two Lieutenants, one or two Enſigns, four Serjeants, four Corporals, a Drummer and Fifer, except the Light Infantry Companies, which, inſtead of two Lieutenants and two Enſigns, are to have four Lieutenants, the two youngeſt of which are to rank as Enſigns.

*Nineteenth*, All Battalions of Riflemen ſhall conſiſt of at leaſt Six Companies of not leſs than 40, nor more than 56 Privates each, and have for Officers a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and two Majors; and the Officers of each Company ſhall be a Captain, two Firſt-Lieutenants, and two Second-Lieutenants, who ſhall rank as Enſigns, a Fifer or Hornblower, and as many Serjeants and Corporals as may be found neceſſary——the Serjeants, Corporals and Fifers or Hornblowers to be appointed by the Field-Officers.

Every Officer and Private of a Rifle Company ſhall furniſh himſelf with a good Rifle-Gun, a Powder-Horn, a Charger, a Bullet Screw, Twelve Flints, a ſtrong Pouch or Bag that will hold four Pounds of Ball, and ſuch other Accoutrements as may be proper for a Rifleman.

*Twentieth*, The Standard Bearer of each Battalion to rank as eldeſt Lieutenant of the Battalion.

*Twenty-firſt*, All National Diſtinctions in Dreſs or Name to be avoided, it being proper that we ſhould now be united in this General Aſſociation for defending our Liberties and Properties, under the ſole Denomination of *Americans*.

*Twenty-ſecond*, No Field-Officers to have Companies.

*Twenty-third*, For the better Order and Government of Companies which may be raiſed after the Completion of the ſeveral Battalions already formed in the City and Counties, ſuch Companies are not to be admitted as independant, but are to be annexed to the moſt convenient Battalion, until a ſufficient Number of Companies are raiſed to form a new Battalion, and no Number of Aſſociators are to be conſidered as a Company, unleſs they conſiſt of at leaſt Forty Privates; but it is recommended that till that Number be completed, the Aſſociators join the moſt convenient Company, exerciſe and do Duty with ſuch Company.

*Twenty-fourth*, All Battalions now formed, as well as thoſe hereafter to be formed, are deſired to make the neceſſary Returns of their Officers with their reſpective Ranks, to the Committee of their County, and the Committees are deſired to certify ſuch Returns with the reſpective Rank of each Battalion in their County to the Committee of Safety, that Commiſſions may be iſſued immediately for every Officer, in Conformity with theſe Rules.

*Twenty-fifth*, Every Aſſociator (except Riflemen) is required to furniſh himſelf with a good and ſufficient Firelock fit for actual Service, a Bayonet fitted thereto, Steel Ramrod, Worm, Priming Wire and Bruſh, a Cartridge Box that will contain Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges, Twelve Flints, a Knapſack, a ſufficient Powder-horn, and a Pouch at the Bottom of his Cartridge Box, or a ſtrong Bag, that will hold four Pounds of Ball.

*Twenty-ſixth*, The Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Counties within this Province ſhall deliver the Firelocks, Bayonets, Cartridge Boxes and Knapſacks, directed to be provided by the Reſolutions of the late Houſe of Aſſembly, to the commanding Officers of the ſeveral Battalions in their reſpective Counties, in due Proportions according to the Number of Men in each Battalion, for the Uſe of ſuch Aſſociators, in their Battalions, as are unable to ſupply themſelves, taking Receipts for the ſame, which they ſhall immediately tranſmit to the Committee of Safety, firſt having entered the Accounts of the ſame in their reſpective Minute-Books; and the ſaid commanding Officers ſhall be accountable for the Delivery of ſuch Arms and Accoutrements, unleſs loſt in Actual Service, whenever they ſhall be called upon by the Aſſembly or Committee of Safety.

*Twenty-ſeventh*, Every Aſſociator is required to attend conſtantly with his Arms and Accoutrements in good Order, on the laſt *Monday* in the Month of *February*, the Two laſt *Mondays* in the Month of *March*, the Three laſt *Mondays* in the Month of *April*, the Four *Mondays* in the Month of *May*, the Two firſt *Mondays* in the Month of *June*, the laſt *Monday* in the Month of *July*, the Three firſt *Mondays* in the Month of *Auguſt*, the Three laſt *Mondays* in the Month of *September*, and the Second *Monday* in the Month of *October*, at the Places appointed by their commanding Officers, to be trained and exerciſed in Companies or Battalions, as the Officers ſhall direct:

And it is alſo recommended to ſuch Aſſociators as are not ſufficiently expert in the Exerciſe, to meet as frequently as they conveniently can, at other Times, to perfect themſelves in the ſame: It is alſo directed, that the commanding Officers reſpectively ſhall give due Notice to the Aſſociators of the Places and Hours of Meeting, either in Companies or Battalion; and if the Aſſociators are prevented from Meeting on any of the Days herein appointed, by the Inclemency of the Weather, they are to meet on the next fair Day.

*Twenty-eighth*, No Company or Battalion ſhall meet at a Tavern on any of the Days of Exerciſe; nor ſhall march to any Tavern before they are diſcharged.

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*Twenty-ninth*, The Associators on Days of Exercise may be detained under Arms, on Duty in the Field, any Time not exceeding Six Hours, provided they are not kept above Three Hours under Arms at any one Time, without allowing them a proper Time to refresh themselves.

*Thirtieth*, The Serjeant or Clerk of any Company to be for this Purpose appointed by the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensigns of the Company, is required, at the End of one Hour after the Time appointed for the Meeting of the Company or Battalion, to call over the Muster-Roll of the Company, noting those who are absent, and that Day to make Return in Writing to the Captain of such Absentees; and all Persons so absent at the Time of calling over the Roll are to be liable to the Fines hereafter mentioned in the Articles for Non-attendance.

*Thirty-first*, The Captain of every Company, as soon as he is supplied by the Public with Powder and Lead for the Purpose, is to take especial Care, that Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges are properly made up and suited to the Bore of each Firelock respectively belonging to his Company, and shall keep all the Cartridges that are so made up in some dry and convenient Place, with the Name of the Private affixed for whose Firelock they are fitted, ready to be delivered out when Occasion requires.

*Thirty-second*, Adjutants, Drummers and Fifers shall receive the following Pay for every Day of Service they attend their respective Battalions or Companies by Order of the Commanding Officer.

An Adjutant *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*. A Drummer *Three Shillings*; a Fifer *Three Shillings*. The Drum-Major and Fife-Major of every Battalion shall receive each a Sum not exceeding *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, and be continued in Pay as long as the Colonels of the several Battalions shall think necessary; and it is required, that such Drum-Majors and Fife-Majors, when not in Service on Days of Exercise, shall be diligently employed in instructing a proper Number of Persons for Drummers and Fifers of the several Battalions.

*Thirty-third*, All Officers and Soldiers of the Association when employed on Military Watch and Ward, or when called into actual Service in Case of an Invasion or Insurrection, or imminent Danger of either, by this House of Assembly, or in their Recess by the Committee of Safety, shall, while on such Watch or in such Service, be intitled to, and receive the same Pay that the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Troops receive.

*Thirty-fourth*, If any Officer or Soldier, not labouring under any Infirmity incapacitating him to serve, shall, when so called into actual Service, refuse to appear and march with his Arms, Ammunition and Accoutrements, or shall depart without Leave of the Commanding Officer, he shall be held up to the Public as a Coward and a Betrayer of his Country.

*Thirty-fifth*, If any Associator, so called into actual Service, shall leave a Family not of Ability to maintain themselves in his Absence, the Justices of the Peace of the City or County, and the Overseers of the Poor of the City, Township or District respectively, shall immediately make Provision for the Maintenance of such Family.

*Thirty-sixth*, When any of the Associators shall be so called into actual Service, the Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any one of them, shall immediately provide such Carriages as may be necessary for their Accommodation, at the Expence of the Public.

*Thirty-seventh*, As there may happen Occasions wherein it may be necessary to call out a Part of the Associators to actual though temporary Service, and not the wholy Body, and it would be inconvenient and burthensome, if upon every Alarm, where the Assistance of Part only may be wanted, the Whole should come together, or any much greater Number than the Occasion required, it is recommended, that Orders may issue from the Committee of Safety to the Colonels, either to march their whole Battalions or to send to an appointed Rendezvous one or more Companies, as they may be wanted, according to the respective Rank of the Companies, each Company serving on such Calls in its Turn, and for such Proportion of Time as shall make the Burthen nearly equal; and if the Associators, who are called forth, are not all provided with good Arms, it is recommended to those who have such, and are not called out, to lend the same for that Occasion, at the Risk of the Public.

*Thirty-eighth*, The Field-Officers of every Battalion shall appoint some Person in each Company of their respective Battalions, in whom they can confide, and the Officers in every Troop of Horse and Company of Artillery shall in like Manner choose some Person in their Troop or Company respectively, whose Names shall be returned by the said Officers respectively to the County Treasurers for the Provincial Taxes in their several Counties, which Persons so appointed shall from Time to Time collect all Fines incurred by the Associators in their Companies for Non-attendance, and shall severally pay the same to the said County Treasurers respectively, first deducting a Commission of Five

1775. November 25. *per Centum* for their Trouble, which ſaid County Treaſurers reſpectively ſhall pay the ſame to *Michael Hillegas*, Eſquire, after deducting a Commiſſion of One *per Centum* for their Trouble; and the ſaid *Michael Hillegas* having exchanged the ſaid Money, in which ſuch Fines ſhall be ſo paid, into Bills of Credit of this Province emitted by this or the late Houſe of Aſſembly, after deducting *Five Shillings* for every *Hundred Pounds* for his Trouble, ſhall deliver the ſame into the Hands of the Committees of Aſſembly appointed to audit and ſettle the public Accounts, to be by them burnt, ſunk and deſtroyed in Abatement of the Taxes.—It is directed, that the ſaid Collector ſhall account with the Officers who ſeverally appointed them as often as ſuch Officers ſhall require them ſo to do, and the ſaid Officers ſhall in due Time tranſmit the Accounts of the ſaid Collectors to the reſpective County Treaſurers for the Provincial Taxes.

*Laſtly*, This Houſe having drawn up the following Articles of Agreement, for all the Aſſociators in the Province, they do earneſtly recommend the ſame to be adopted, ſigned and agreed to by all the ſaid Aſſociators, in order that one general Syſtem may prevail in *Pennſylvania*.

## *ARTICLES of* ASSOCIATION *in* PENNSYLVANIA.

WE the Officers and Soldiers engaged in the preſent Aſſociation for the Defence of *American* Liberty, being fully ſenſible that the Strength and Security of any Body of Men, acting together, conſiſts in juſt Regularity, due Subordination, and exact Obedience to Command, without which no Individual can have that Confidence in the Support of thoſe about him, that is ſo neceſſary to give Firmneſs and Reſolution to the Whole, do voluntarily and freely, after Conſideration of the following Articles, adopt the ſame as the Rules and Regulations by which we agree and reſolve to be governed in all our Military Concerns and Operations, until the ſame, or any of them, ſhall be changed or diſſolved by the Aſſembly of this Province, or a happy Reconciliation ſhall take Place between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies.

1. If any Officer make uſe of any profane Oath or Execration when on Duty, he ſhall forfeit and pay for each and every ſuch Offence the Sum of *Five Shillings:* And if a Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier be thus guilty of curſing or ſwearing, he ſhall forfeit and pay for each and every ſuch Offence the Sum of *One Shilling*.

2. Any Officer or Soldier, who ſhall refuſe to obey the lawful Orders of his ſuperior Officer, may be ſuſpended from doing Duty on that Day, and ſhall, upon being convicted thereof before a Regimental Court of Aſſociators, make ſuch Conceſſions as ſaid Court ſhall direct.

3. Any Officer or Soldier who ſhall begin, excite, cauſe, join in or promote any Diſturbance in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Battalion, Troop or Company, ſhall be fined or cenſured according to the Nature of the Offence by the Judgment of a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators.

4. Any Officer or Soldier who ſhall ſtrike his ſuperior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or ſhall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence, againſt him, being in the Execution of his Office, ſhall, upon a Conviction before a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators, be diſmiſſed, and ſhall be deemed to be thereby diſgraced as unworthy the Company of Freemen.

5. Any Commanding or other Officer, who ſhall ſtrike any Aſſociator when on Duty, ſhall, upon Conviction before a General Court of Aſſociators, ſuffer ſuch Puniſhment as the ſaid Court ſhall inflict.

6. Any Officer or Soldier who ſhall make uſe of inſolent, provoking or indecent Language while on Duty, ſhall ſuffer ſuch Cenſure or Fine as ſhall be inflicted by a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators, according to the Nature of the Offence.

7. If any Officer or Soldier ſhall think himſelf injured by his Colonel, or the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, and ſhall, upon due Application made to him be refuſed Redreſs, he may complain to the General or Commander in Chief of the *Pennſylvania* Aſſociators, or to the Colonel of any other Battalion, who ſhall ſummon a General Court of Aſſociators, that Juſtice may be done.

8. If any inferior Officer or Soldier ſhall think himſelf injured by his Captain, or other ſuperior Officer in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, he may complain to the Commanding Officer of the Battalion, who ſhall ſummon a Regimental Court of Aſſociators for the doing Juſtice, according to the Nature of the Caſe.

9. No Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier ſhall fail of repairing with his Arms and Accoutrements on any of the Days appointed by the Aſſembly for exerciſing, to the Place of Parade, or other Rendezvous appointed by the Commanding Officer, if not

not prevented by Sickneſs, or ſome other evident Neceſſity, or ſhall go from the Place of Parade or Rendezvous, without Leave from the Commanding Officer, before he ſhall be regularly diſmiſſed, on Penalty of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence*. 1775. November 25.

10. Any Officer or Soldier found drunk, when under Arms, ſhall be ſuſpended from doing Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop, on that Day, and be fined or cenſured at the Diſcretion of a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators.

11. Whatever Centinel ſhall be found ſleeping or drunk on his Poſt, or ſhall leave it before he is regularly relieved, ſhall ſuffer ſuch Penalty or Diſgrace as ſhall be ordered by a Regimental Court of Aſſociators.

12. Whatever Commiſſioned Officer ſhall be convicted, before a General Court of Aſſociators, of behaving in a ſcandalous or infamous Manner unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, ſhall be diſmiſſed from the Aſſociation with Diſgrace.

13. Every Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier, who ſhall be convicted, at a Regimental Court of Aſſociators, of having ſold, careleſsly loſt, wilfully ſpoiled or waſted, or of having offered for Sale, any Ammunition, Arms or Accoutrements, belonging to this Province, ſhall be diſmiſſed his Battalion, Troop or Company, as an unworthy Member, and be proſecuted as the Law directs.

14. All Diſorders and Neglects, which Officers or Soldiers may be guilty of, to the Prejudice of the good Order and Military Diſcipline of the Aſſociation of this Colony, are to be taken Cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and ſuch Officers or Soldiers ſhall be fined or cenſured at the Diſcretion of the Court.

15. That, on the firſt Meeting of every Company, after ſubſcribing theſe Articles of Aſſociation, and from thence forward on the firſt Meeting of every Company, after the laſt *Monday* in *February* annually, there ſhall be choſen, by the Non-commiſſioned Officers and Privates, out of each Company in the reſpective Battalions, two Perſons who are entitled to vote for Members of Aſſembly, whoſe Duty and Office ſhall be, for the Year following, to ſit and join with the Officers in Courts of Aſſociation, which Perſons ſo choſen ſhall be ſtiled Court-Aſſociators.

16. Every General Court of Aſſociators ſhall conſiſt of Thirteen Members, Six of whom ſhall be Commiſſioned Officers under the Rank of a Field-Officer, and Six Court-Aſſociators, who ſhall be drawn by Lot out of the whole Number for the Battalion; and theſe Twelve are to chuſe a Preſident, who ſhall be a Field-Officer, and have a caſting Voice.

17. Every Regimental Court of Aſſociators ſhall be compoſed of Seven Members; Three Officers, Three Court-Aſſociators, and a Preſident, who is to be a Captain, and to be choſen by the Six; and alſo to have a caſting Voice.

18. In all Courts of Aſſociators, not leſs than Two-Thirds of the Members muſt agree in every Sentence for inflicting Penalties, or for diſgracing any Aſſociator, otherwiſe he ſhall be acquitted.

19. The Preſident of each and every Court of Aſſociators, whether General or Regimental, ſhall require all Witneſſes, in order to the Trial of Offenders, to declare, on Oath or Affirmation, that the Evidence they ſhall give is the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth; and the Members of all Courts of Aſſociators ſhall take an Oath or Affirmation, which the Preſident is required to adminiſter to the other Members; and the next in Rank is required to adminiſter to him, that they will give Judgement with Impartiality.

20. All Non-commiſſioned Officers, Drummers, Fifers, or others, that ſhall be employed and receive Pay in any of the Battalions, Companies or Troops, ſhall ſubſcribe theſe Rules and Regulations, and be ſubject to ſuch Fines, to be deducted from their Pay, and to ſuch Penalties, as a Regimental Court of Aſſociators ſhall think proper, upon being convicted of having tranſgreſſed any of theſe Regulations.

21. All Aſſociators called as Witneſſes in any Caſe before a Court of Aſſociators, who ſhall refuſe to attend and give Evidence, ſhall be cenſured or fined at the Diſcretion of the Court.

22. No Officer or Soldier, being charged with tranſgreſſing theſe Rules, ſhall be ſuffered to do Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop, to which he belongs, until he has had his Trial by a Court of Aſſociators; and every Perſon ſo charged, ſhall be tried as ſoon as a Court of Aſſociators can be conveniently aſſembled.

23. The Officers and Soldiers of every Company of Artillery, or other Company, Troop or Party, that is or ſhall be annexed to any Battalion, ſhall be ſubject to the Command of the Colonel or Commanding Officer of ſaid Battalion; and the Officers ſhall ſit as Members of Courts of Aſſociators, in the ſame Manner as the Officers of any other Company.

24. No Penalty ſhall be inflicted at the Diſcretion of a Court of Aſſociators, other than degrading, caſhiering or fining: The Fines for the Officers not to exceed *Three Pounds*,

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*Pounds*, and the Fine for a Non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier not to exceed *Twelve Shillings*, for one Fault.

25. The Field-Officers of each and every Battalion ſhall appoint a Perſon, in every Company, to receive ſuch Fines, as may ariſe within the ſame, for Breach of any of theſe Articles, (except for Non-attendance) and the Commiſſioned Officers of the Company ſhall, with the Approbation of the Field-Officers, direct thoſe Fines to be applied to the Relief of the neceſſitous Soldiers belonging to that Company; and the Overplus, if any, to other neceſſary Expences of the Company; and ſuch Perſon ſhall account with the Field-Officers, as often as required, for all ſuch Fines received, and the Application thereof.

26. The General or Commander in Chief of this Aſſociation, for the Time being, ſhall have full Power of pardoning or mitigating any Cenſures or Penalties ordered to be inflicted, for the Breach of any of theſe Articles, by any General Court of Aſſociators; and every Offender, convicted as aforeſaid by any Regimental Court of Aſſociators, may be pardoned, or have his Penalties mitigated by the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Battalion; excepting only where ſuch Cenſures or Penalties are directed as Satisfaction for Injuries received by one Officer or Soldier from another.

27. Any Officer, Non-commiſſioned Officer, or other Perſon, who, having ſubſcribed theſe Articles, ſhall refuſe to make ſuch Conceſſions, pay ſuch Fines, or in any other Matter refuſe to comply with the Judgment of any Court of Aſſociators, ſhall be diſmiſſed the Service, and returned to the Commiſſioners of the County, who ſhall charge and proceed againſt him as a Non-Aſſociator, and he ſhall further be deemed unfriendly to the Liberties of *America*.

28. Upon the Determination of any Point by a Regimental Court of Aſſociators, if the Officer or Soldier concerned on either Side, thinks himſelf ſtill aggrieved, he may appeal to a General Court of Aſſociators; but if, upon a ſecond Hearing, the Appeal appears groundleſs and vexatious, the Perſon ſo appealing ſhall be cenſured at the Diſcretion of the ſaid General Court.

29. Upon the Death, Reſignation, Promotion, or other Removal of a Field-Officer, Standard-bearer, or Adjutant, the Officers of the Battalion ſhall chuſe a Perſon in his Place, and upon the Death, Reſignation, Promotion, or other Removal of an Officer, or Court-Aſſociator, from a Troop or Company, ſuch Vacancy is to be filled by the Perſon ſuch Troop or Company ſhall elect.

30. No Officer or Soldier ſhall be tried a ſecond time for the ſame Offence, except in Caſe of Appeal.

31. All Officers and Soldiers of every Battalion, Troop, Company or Party of Aſſociators, who ſhall be called by the Aſſembly, or Committee of Safety in Receſs of Aſſembly, into actual Service, ſhall be ſubject to all the Rules and Articles already made by the Honourable Congreſs for the Government of the Continental Troops.

32. No Commiſſioned, Non-commiſſioned Officer or Private, ſhall withdraw himſelf from the Company to which he belongs, without a Diſcharge from the Commanding Officer of the Battalion; nor ſhall ſuch Perſon be received into any other Company without ſuch Diſcharge.

In Teſtimony of our Approbation and Conſent to be governed by theſe Regulations, which have been deliberately read to, or carefully peruſed by us, we have hereunto ſet our Hands.

## RESOLUTIONS *directing the Mode of Levying Taxes on* NON-ASSOCIATORS *in* PENNSYLVANIA.

1. THE Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards and Diſtricts within this Province, are required, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *March* next enſuing, to make in Writing and deliver an exact Liſt of the Names and Sirnames of every Male white Perſon, capable of bearing Arms, between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, (Miniſters of the Goſpel of all Denominations, and Servants purchaſed *bona fide* and for a valuable Conſideration, only excepted) reſiding in ſuch Townſhip, Borough, Ward or Diſtrict, to the Commiſſioners of the County choſen by Virtue of the Act for raiſing of County Rates and Levies.

2. If any Aſſeſſor ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform the Duty aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, or any Two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to fine him in any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds*, unleſs ſuch Aſſeſſor's Refuſal proceeds from conſcientious Motives; and ſuch Fine ſhall be levied and recovered in the ſame Manner as is directed by the Laws of this Province for levying and recovering Fines impoſed on Aſſeſſors refuſing or neglecting to perform the Duties therein required of them, to be paid into the Hands of the reſpective County Treaſurers, to be by them delivered to the ſame Perſon, and applied to the ſame Uſe as the other Monies directed to be levied by the Reſolves of this Houſe.

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3. The Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any Two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to appoint some proper Person to make out the List aforesaid, in the Place of the Assessor so refusing or neglecting; which Person so appointed shall make out and return such List to the Commissioners on or before the First Day of *May* next ensuing.

4. Every Assessor, or Person appointed in his Place as aforesaid, shall, before he begins to make out the Lists aforesaid, take an Oath or Affirmation, which any Magistrate of the County is hereby required and enjoined to administer, without Fee or Reward: "*That he will go to the Place or Places of Abode of all and every Person and Persons residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and make a faithful and diligent Enquiry of, and endeavour, by all other lawful Ways and Means in his Power, to procure a true and exact Account and List of the Names and Sirnames of all Male white Persons capable of bearing Arms, who are between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and will make a Return of such Account or List* (if an Assessor) *to the Commissioners of the County respectively in which he resides, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of* March *next ensuing, or* (if a Person appointed in the Place of an Assessor) *on or before the First Day of* May *next ensuing.*"

5. Every Assessor, or other Person appointed and acting in the Place of an Assessor as aforesaid, shall receive for his Trouble in making out and returning such Lists the Sum of *Four Shillings* for every Day he shall be employed in that Service.

6. If any Dispute shall arise, concerning the Age of any Non-Associator, the same shall be determined before the Commissioners of the County, or any Two of them, by Oath or Affirmation of the Person whose Age is in Question, which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any of them, are hereby required to administer, or by any other proper Evidence.

7. The Captains of every Company are required and enjoined, on or before the 15th Day of *March* next ensuing, to deliver under his Hand, to the Colonel of the Battalion to which he belongs, a Copy of the Articles of Association, signed by the Associators of his Company, therein mentioning the County and the Township, Borough, Ward, or District, in which each of the said Associators resides, which the Colonel shall carefully keep, and therefrom shall immediately make out and return, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of the same Month, a fair Duplicate, to the Commissioners aforesaid, of the respective Counties in which the said Associators respectively reside.

8. The said Commissioners, or any Two of them, are required, on or before the First Day of *June* next ensuing, to meet together, and cause their Clerks to make out fair Lists of the Names and Sirnames of all Persons mentioned in the Duplicates returned to them as aforesaid, with their Places of Abode, who appear, by the Duplicates returned by the Colonels, not to have signed the Articles of Association; and thereupon the said Commissioners are required to charge every such Person not associating, over and above the Rates and Assessments set upon him by Virtue of the Laws of this Province, the Sum of *Two Pounds Ten Shillings*, on the Lists made out by their Order as aforesaid.

9. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall, at the Day of Appeal, produce to the Commissioners a Certificate from the Commanding Officer of any Battalion, Troop of Horse, or Company of Artillery, that he has become an Associator in such Battalion, Troop or Company, the Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall make an Allowance in Favour of such Person, of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* for each of the Days of Exercise appointed by this House, after such Person became an Associator, on which he attended his Battalion, Troop or Company, or has been fined for Non-attendance.

10. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall die before the Day of Appeal, or, if before that Day, an Accommodation shall be made between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies on this Continent, and, in Consequence thereof, the Military Association in this Province shall be dissolved; in either of those Cases the Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall make an Abatement, in the Assessment charged as aforesaid, of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* for each of the Days of Exercise aforesaid, after the Death of such Non-Associator, or the Dissolution of the Association.

11. If any Non-Associator, or the Parent, Guardian, Master or Mistress of any Non-Associator, between the Ages of 16 and 21 Years, or any other Non-Associator, shall think him or herself aggrieved by the Assessment aforesaid, he or she may appeal to the Commissioners of the County wherein he or she resides, who, or any Two of them, shall meet together on the 10th Day of *October* next ensuing, and so from Day to Day, as long as may be necessary, and at such Place or Places as the Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall appoint; of which Days and Places of Meeting they shall cause the Collectors to give due Notice to the Inhabitants, and then and there the said Commissioners, or any Two of them, shall hear such Appeals as may be made to them, and

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12. The ſaid Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, or any Two of them, within Ten Days after hearing and determining the Appeals made to them, ſhall rectify and adjuſt the Liſts returned to them as aforeſaid, and the Aſſeſsments thereon, and deliver to the Treaſurers of the reſpective Counties a true Account of the Sums total, which every Collector ſhall be charged with in Purſuance of theſe Reſolves, and ſhall cauſe their Clerks to make out and deliver fair Duplicates thereof to the reſpective Collectors of the Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards and Diſtricts, within their reſpective Counties, who ſhall collect the ſaid Sums, keeping exact and ſeparate Accounts of the Sums ſo charged on Non-Aſſociators, and ſhall pay the ſame into the Hands of the reſpective County Treaſurers, who ſhall pay the ſame into the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; to be applied to ſuch Purpoſes as this or any future Houſe of Aſſembly ſhall judge moſt likely to promote the public Welfare: And all Perſons ſhall be liable to the Payment of the ſaid Sums in the ſame Manner, and the Collectors ſhall have the ſame Powers, and ſhall proceed in collecting and levying the ſaid Sums, and ſhall be accountable, in the ſame Manner as is directed by the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raiſing of County Rates and Levies.*"

13. The Allowances to the Collectors of ſuch Aſſeſsments, and to the Treaſurers reſpectively, ſhall be the ſame with thoſe appointed and directed in the Collection of Fines from Aſſociators for Non-attendance.

14. The Treaſurers of the reſpective Counties, before they enter on the Duties hereby required of them, ſhall give the like Security for the faithful Diſcharge of their Office, to the Commiſſioners of their ſeveral Counties, that they are now obliged, by the Laws of this Province, to give for the due Payment of Provincial Taxes.

15. All and every Perſon and Perſons, who are required or enjoined by theſe Reſolutions, or any of them, to diſcharge or perform any of the Offices or Duties herein before mentioned, are hereby further earneſtly and ſolemnly required and enjoined, with all Diligence and Fidelity, ſtrenuouſly to exert themſelves in diſcharging and performing ſuch Offices and Duties, and every Part thereof, as they regard the Freedom, Security and Happineſs of their Country."

*Reſolved*, That the Committee of Safety procure a ſufficient Number of the foregoing "Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation in "*Pennſylvania*," "The Articles of ſaid Aſſociation," and, "The Reſolutions direct-"ing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Aſſociators in *Pennſylvania*," to be immediately printed in the *Engliſh* and *German* Languages, and tranſmitted to the Commanding Officers of the ſeveral Battalions, and to the Commiſſioners of the ſeveral Counties in this Province.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the 12th of *February* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

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*February* 12. Adjournment

MR. Speaker, with Nineteen Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

*February* 13. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night, and a Quorum not attending, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 14. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with the Members preſent laſt Night, met this Morning, and a Number ſufficient to proceed on Buſineſs not yet appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Pennock* wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives is met in Purſuance of their Adjournment, and ready to receive any Buſineſs his Honour may be pleaſed to lay before them.

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The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Meſſage of laſt Night, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he had no Buſineſs at preſent to lay before the Houſe.

Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon*, Members for *Northumberland* and *Weſtmoreland*, this Day appearing in the Houſe for the firſt time ſince their Election, were qualified as uſual, and took their Seats accordingly.

Mr. Speaker acquainting the Houſe that *Joſeph Fox*, Eſq; had requeſted Leave to reſign his Office of Barrack-Maſter, and his Reſignation being admitted—a Petition from Captain *William Maſters*, of the *Northern Liberties*, for the ſaid Office was preſented to the Chair, read and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table an Account from Mr. *Fox* amounting to *Two Hundred* and *Eleven Pounds Seventeen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, for Repairs lately made at the Barracks, which was read by Order and referred to further Conſideration.

A Petition from *Henry Hale Graham*, Eſq; Prothonotary, Recorder of Deeds and Deputy Regiſter for the Probate of Wills, *&c.* in the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to

to the House and read, setting forth, that the public Records of the said County are by legal Authority ordered to be kept within the Borough of *Chester*, in the said County;— that soon after the Petitioner's Appointment to the said Offices he did (at his own private Expence) erect a Building (detached from all others) constructed in such Manner as to preserve those Records from any common Accident of Fire, and from being destroyed by Vermin; in which the said Records have ever since been lodged and kept;——that a Number of Inhabitants of the said County have "requested the Petitioner to remove "those Records to some Place of greater Security (out of the said Borough) being fully "sensible of the Importance of their Preservation, and being apprehensive from their "Situation that they may be easily destroyed by an armed Force from the River;"—that although the Petitioner might look upon himself highly justifiable, in Case of an actual Invasion, to remove those Records out of the said Borough, yet he cannot think himself warranted in doing it until such a Case did actually happen (which might then be too late for their Preservation) unless directed so to do by legal Authority;—that the Petitioner therefore apprehends it to be his Duty to apply to the Honourable House, and humbly to request that they would be pleased to take the Premises into Consideration, and do therein what shall appear to them expedient and necessary.— 1776. February 15.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. *Montgomery* informing the House that *Thomas Beard*, appointed Collector of Excise, in *October* last, for the County of *Cumberland*, had declined to serve in that Office, and that *John Bowman*, of the said County, is a proper Person to execute the same,

*Resolved*, That the said *John Bowman* be, and he is hereby appointed Collector of Excise in the said County of *Cumberland* for the Remainder of the present Year.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-six Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not attending, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 16.

By the Return of the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, it appearing that *Joseph Reed*, Esq; was on the Twenty-sixth *ultimo* duly elected a Representative in Assembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, and the said Gentleman this Day attending the House, he was qualified as a Member, and took his Seat accordingly.

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table a Receipt from *Richard Butler*, Agent at *Pittsburg*, for the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, voted by the House at their last Sitting, as a Present to *Petapanihila*, (alias *George Allen)* an *Indian*, for his Services to this Province— which Sum was ordered to be carried to the Account of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* lately emitted.

Two Petitions from *John Britton* and *John Ladd Howell*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Office of Barrack-Master, was presented to the House and read.—

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee for Battalion Expences produced at the Table an Account for raising and training a Troop of Light Horse, and requested the Opinion of the House on some Charges therein, which being examined, the said Account was referred back to the Committee for Settlement, after making such Deductions as they may judge reasonable.

The House taking into Consideration the Account from *Joseph Fox*, Esq; for Repairs made at the Barracks, referred the same to the Committee of Accounts for Settlement.

The Petition from *Henry Hale Graham*, Esq; being again read, and considered,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Gibbons* and Mr. *Pearson* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Keepers of Records in the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester* to remove them to more safe and convenient Places, if the State of public Affairs shall require it.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The House met, and adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *Post Meridiem* Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *February* 17.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to enable the Keepers of Records in the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Chester* to remove them to more safe and convenient Places, reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair; and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Representation from the Wardens of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House and read, setting forth that, in Pursuance of an Act, entituled, "*An Act for re-* "*gulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of* "*the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," Taxes have been annually laid upon the Inhabitants of the said City to the utmost Limitation permitted by the said Law, yet the Wardens find the Sums thereby raised to be inadequate to the Services therein required, a heavy Debt for Oil, and to the Owners of Pumps, being now due, which the Wardens are unable to discharge.:—— That this Deficiency arises from an Advance of above Fifty *per Cent* in the Price of Oil, from the very heavy Ex-

pence

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That the Wardens beg Leave further to remark, that the Time (of Five Days) allowed by the Law to the Conſtables to make their Returns, is found by repeated Experience to be too ſhort, as many of the Wards in the City are become very large;—the Wardens therefore apprehend, that at leaſt Ten Days would be neceſſary for the Purpoſe.

That the Allowance made by Law for performing this Service, in many Inſtances, proves unequal to the Time employed therein.—Moſt reſpectfully ſubmitted by the Wardens to the Conſideration of the Honourable Houſe. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from Major *Lewis Nichola*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Office of Barrack-Maſter, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion, by a Member, repreſenting the Utility and Expediency of immediately erecting a Powder-Mill for the Uſe and on Account of this Province, and requeſting the Sentiments of the Houſe thereon, the ſame was taken into Conſideration, and after ſome Debate,

*Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the erecting ſuch Powder-Mill is a proper and neceſſary Meaſure in the preſent Circumſtances of the Province, and that the ſame ought to be immediately carried into Execution, under the Direction of the Committee of Safety, upon the beſt Terms that can be had, as to the Place, Materials and Perſons to be employed in ſuch Undertaking.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*February* 19. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment. Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*February* 20. A Quorum met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Remonſtrance, from the Overſeers of the Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that as the Law paſſed by the Honourable Houſe, on the Ninth Day of *March*, 1771, for the Support and Regulation of the Poor of this City, *&c.* under which the Remonſtrants have been appointed, will ſhortly expire;—that the Remonſtrants therefore conceive it to be their Duty (from the Defects in the Laws now in Force) to lay before the Houſe ſuch Matters, as have appeared evident to them ſince their Appointment;—that the Remonſtrants are of Opinion, from the complicated State of the Poor-Laws, that the whole ſhould be repealed, and they pray, that the Houſe would tranſcribe ſuch Parts of the old Laws as may be moſt ſalutary, to which the Remonſtrants beg Leave to ſubjoin the following, for the Conſideration of the Houſe.

1ſt.—That a Law may be paſſed appointing Twelve, or more Managers or Overſeers, to ſuperintend the Poor in the City of *Philadelphia*, and to have the Care of the Alms-Houſe and Houſe of Employment in the ſaid City, who may have Authority to allow Out-Penſions, or preſent Relief to diſtreſſed Objects at their Diſcretion, and to admit Paupers into the Alms-Houſe, with the Approbation of two Magiſtrates.

2dly. That the Remonſtrants are of Opinion, (in which they are joined by a Number of their Fellow-Citizens) that one *Six-penny* Tax levied on all Eſtates, real and perſonal, taxable in the ſaid City, will be of more Utility than to levy and aſſeſs two *Three-penny* Taxes for the ſame Purpoſe. And in Caſe the Exigences of the Poor ſhould require an additional Sum to be levied and collected, that the ſaid Managers or Overſeers may have Authority to levy and aſſeſs ſuch further Tax or Taxes as may be requiſite, and which will enable them to comply with the Reſolves of the Honourable Houſe, reſpecting Proviſion being made for the Families of thoſe engaged in the Continental Service.

3dly. That the Managers or Overſeers to be appointed, ſhall regularly every Week examine ſuch poor and indigent Perſons, as may be from Time to Time admitted into the Houſe of Employment and Alms-Houſe, in Order that ſuch poor Perſon or Perſons, who do not appear ſuitable Objects, may be removed.

4thly.

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4thly. That the Remonstrants are of Opinion, that all such Women, who are delivered of Bastard Children in the House of Employment, and who will not discover the Father of such illegitimate Child, of which they are delivered, may be obliged to serve a reasonable Term, to defray the Expences, which the City may be at for their Maintenance.

5thly. That, as many Irregularities have arisen, and still continue, from a Want of legal Authority in the Magistrates and Managers to administer suitable Correction to such idle dissolute Vagrants as refuse to work, and who are otherways disorderly when in the House of Employment,—the Remonstrants are of Opinion, that a discretionary Power, vested in those two corporate Bodies, will answer a most salutary Purpose, by preventing the continued Ingress of strolling idle Vagrants from every Part of the Continent to this City, in Expectation of being admitted into the said House.

6thly. That the Remonstrants are of Opinion, that there is a material Deficiency in Regard to the Removal of Paupers, and apprehend that every Pauper may be removed from Township to Township, with much less Expence, and more Certainty, than by the present Mode;—the Remonstrants also deem it highly expedient, that some Measures should be taken to intimidate Paupers from wantonly returning to this City, after such Removal. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Three Petitions from *Alexander Stewart*, *William Judd* and *William Sanders*, Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from Major *William Coats*, of the *Northern Liberties*, for the Office of Barrack-Master, was presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Managers of the United Company of *Philadelphia*, for promoting *American* Manufactures, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Memorialists having been appointed, by a large Number of the Inhabitants of the said City and the Country adjacent, as Managers of a Manufactory of Linen, Woollen and Cotton, they have made very considerable Progress in the Institution, and at present employ above Seven Hundred Persons as Spinners, Weavers, Bleachers, &c. but the present high Price of Flax operates as a great Discouragement to this Undertaking, which is wholly owing to the real Scarcity of that Article. And as an Increase equal to the Demand, in the ensuing Year, may prove very uncertain, if left to the private Opinion of Individuals, with respect to the Quantity wanted, the Memorialists beg Leave to recommend to the Honourable House the offering Bounties on that Article, upon the Plan of the *Dublin* Society, the happy Effects of which have been evidenced in the extensive Establishment of a very beneficial Manufacture through the Kingdom of *Ireland*; or to give such other Encouragement as the House may judge proper.

That the Memorialists calling to Mind the public Spirit of former Assemblies of this Province, in the Article of Hemp, are emboldened in this Application, trusting that the present House will not yield to any Set of Men in Zeal for the public Good.

That the Memorialists further beg Leave to represent, that there is now introduced into the Manufactory a Machine for spinning Cotton and Wool, by which one Person can perform the Work of three; but as the Expence of such Machines (being about *Seven Pounds*) renders it impracticable for the poorer Sort of People to procure them, they are as yet but little used among us; but the Memorialists are of Opinion, if the Honourable House would appropriate a Sum of Money, for the Purpose of erecting a Number of the said Machines, and fixing them in different Parts of the Country, it might be the Means of introducing them into general Use, in every Family that could accomplish the Purchase, which would be a considerable Saving of Labour, and contribute greatly to the Establishment of *American* Manufactures.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the several Petitions from *William Masters*, *John Britton*, *John Ladd Howell*, *Lewis Nicola* and *William Coats*, for the Office of Barrack-Master, in the Room of *Joseph Fox*, Esq; who has resigned, and after some Time spent therein,

*Resolved*, That Major *Lewis Nicola* be, and he is hereby appointed Barrack-Master of the Barracks in the *Northern Liberties* of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Remainder of the present Year.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the "Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Chester, *to remove them to more "safe and convenient Places,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Representation from the Wardens of the City of *Philadelphia* being again read, *Post Meridiem* and some Time spent in the Consideration thereof,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinson*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Bartholomew*,

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Adjournment *February* 21. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Reed* be added to the Committee of Grievances.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Report of the Committee of Grievances in *March* laſt, on the Petition of *John Enouch*, *Jacob Supplee*, and others, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, agreeable to the Prayer of their Petition.

The Houſe alſo taking into Conſideration the Petition from *John Morris*, of *Eaſtown* Townſhip in the County of *Cheſter*, preſented to the late Aſſembly, referred the ſame to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Facts.

A Repreſentation from the Aſſeſſors of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that having been informed that the Law for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, *&c.* in the ſaid City, is now under the Conſideration of the Honourable Houſe, in order to its Extenſion and Amendment, they (the Aſſeſſors) beg Leave to offer the following Obſervations, which have occurred in executing the Part thereof aſſigned to them, *viz.*

That they have found the Mode preſcribed for making Returns of the ratable Property of the Inhabitants is attended with many Inconveniences ariſing from the general Incapacity of the Perſons appointed to that Service, and from the Shortneſs of the Time allowed for the Performance thereof.

That the Aſſeſſors are therefore of Opinion, that intelligent Freeholders, annually elected in each Ward, having an equitable Compenſation for their Services, would make Returns much more to be depended on. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Managers of the Houſe of Employment was preſented at the Table, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PETITION of the MANAGERS of the HOUSE of EMPLOYMENT and ALMS HOUSE, in the City of *Philadelphia*,

*Reſpectfully ſheweth*,

A Petition from the Managers of the Houſe of Employment.

THAT the preſent Poor-Law, by its own Limitation, is near expiring, and on Experience it is found neceſſary to make ſome few Alterations and Additions, when re-enacted. With Submiſſion we offer to your Conſideration the following:

*Firſt.* That inſtead of laying a Tax of *Three-pence* in the Pound, it be *Six-pence*; by which the Expence of levying and collecting would be leſſened, and the Money being paid in, in larger Portions, would enable the Managers to lay it out to much greater Advantage.

*Secondly.* That the Vagrant-Act be extended to the City and Diſtricts, with an Addition of *Forty Shillings* Fine of the Conſtables Neglect inſtead of *Ten Shillings*.

*Thirdly.* That the Managers have Power to ſell, or bind out, ſuch Women who are delivered of Baſtard-Child or Children in ſaid Houſe, by which a Charge is brought on the City, *&c.* for as much as will defray the Expences, to ſuch Perſon or Perſons, as may be willing to take them.

*Fourthly.* We apprehend Poſts of Profit ſhould be taxed for Support of the Poor.

*Fifthly.* That the Maſters or Miſtreſſes of Negro Men-Slaves ſhould be obliged to pay the Expence of any Baſtard-Child begotten by ſuch Negro-Slaves, on the Bodies of white Women, which hath heretofore been burthenſome on the Inhabitants.

*Sixthly.* That all Paupers becoming chargeable, who may have no legal Settlement that can be determined, be a Provincial Expence.

*Seventhly.* That Paupers be removed from Townſhip to Townſhip, till they arrive at the Place of their laſt legal Settlement.

*Eighthly.* That two Managers with the Magiſtrates, have Power to bind out poor Children, inſtead of a Majority of the Managers, which is found inconvenient under the preſent Law.

*Ninthly.* That Appeals be made to the City or County from whence Paupers are removed.

We take Leave further to add, that by a Law incorporating the Contributors to this Inſtitution,

Inſtitution, reſiding in the City of *Philadelphia*, Diſtrict of *Southwark*, Townſhips of the *Northern Liberties*, *Paſſyunk* and *Moyamenſing*, paſſed *February* 8, 1776, the Contributors, &c. are impowered to ſell the old Alms-Houſe Square and Building thereon in this City; and it is enacted that within Five Years after ſuch Sale, there ſhall be levied and raiſed, over and above the Sums of Money that may be neceſſary during that Time, for the Relief and Support of the Poor of the ſaid Diſtrict and Townſhips, ſo much Money, as ſhall be equal to one fourth Part of the Sum and Sums of Money, for which ſaid Lot of Ground, &c. ſhall be ſold; and that the ſaid Money ſo to be raiſed, ſhall be levied on the Diſtrict and Townſhips aforeſaid, and be paid to the Treaſurer of the Contributors, &c. and applied by the Managers. But we apprehend, there is not any Mode pointed out by ſaid Law, to enforce a Compliance therewith, in Caſe of a Refuſal. 1776. *February* 21.

All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Care of your Honourable Houſe.

*Signed at the Requeſt of the Managers*, &c.

by JACOB SHOEMAKER."

The Managers reſpectfully Requeſt your Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to favour them with an Opportunity to "ſubmit their Books, Ac- "counts, Affairs and Oeconomy to the Inſpec- "tion and free Examination of ſuch Viſitors," as you in your Wiſdom ſhall be pleaſed to appoint.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks* was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying that certain Alterations and Additions, pointed out in the ſaid Petition, may be made in the Act for the Relief of the Poor, now under the Conſideration of the Houſe.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Petitions from *Alexander Stewart* and *William Sanders*, inſolvent Debtors, being again read, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry into the Allegations of the Petitioners.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, and adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *February* 22.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe ſundry Reſolutions and Orders from the Honourable Continental Congreſs, which were read, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down a written Meſſage to the Houſe, with a Letter from *Northumberland* County therein referred to, which were read by Order, and are as they reſpectively follow, *viz.*

*A* MESSAGE *from the* GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY.

'GENTLEMEN,

'IN Conſequence of your Meſſage of the 25th of *November* laſt, founded on a Letter addreſſed to you, from the County of *Northumberland*, reſpecting the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*, I took the earlieſt Opportunity of giving Orders to the Magiſtrates of that County to put the Laws of this Province in Execution in their County. The Letter I have ſince received from the Magiſtrates and Sheriff, which I have ordered the Secretary to lay before you, will inform you of the Steps they took in Purſuance of my Order, and of the unfortunate Event of their Proceedings. A written Meſſage from the Governor to the Houſe.

'As a conſiderable Expence muſt have ariſen, on this Attempt, to execute the Laws of Government, I doubt not you will readily make Proviſion for defraying it.

*February* 22, 1776. *JOHN PENN.*"

LETTER *to the* GOVERNOR *from* Northumberland.

SIR, *Sunbury*, 30*th December*, 1775.

IN Purſuance of your Honour's Letter of the 25th *ultimo*, the Magiſtrates of this County delivered into the Hands of our Sheriff Warrants and other legal Proceſſes againſt a Number of Perſons reſiding at *Wyoming*, in this County, who have been charged on Oath with the moſt illegal Practices, and ſome of them with the greateſt Crimes. The Sheriff, apprehenſive of Reſiſtance, judged it prudent to raiſe the Poſſe of the County—a Body of near Five Hundred Men accompanied him to the Neighbourhood of *Wyoming*, where they were met by ſome People from *Wyoming* (one of whom was ſaid to be an Officer)—to theſe Men the Intention of the Sheriff and his Poſſe was ſufficiently explained, and the ſtrongeſt Aſſurances given that no Violence or Moleſtation ſhould be offered to any Perſon ſubmitting to the Laws. The Sheriff proceeded, however, but a little further, when he was moſt unexpectedly fired upon—one Man (*Hugh M'Williams*) killed, and three others dangerouſly wounded;—it was ſoon found impoſſible to force a Paſſage on that Side of the River, as the Narrows, naturally ſtrong, had been fortified Letter to the Governor from *Northumberland*.

1776. *February 22.* fortified with the greateſt Care, and were lined with Numbers of Men to which ours bore no reaſonable Proportion. An Attempt was made to croſs the River, with Deſign, if poſſible, to arrive at the Settlement of the Perſons againſt whom Proceſs had iſſued, without further Moleſtation—this Attempt was for greater Secrecy made in the Night.—When the Boats had nearly reached the oppoſite Shore, and were entangled in a Margin of Ice too thin to bear the Weight of a Man, they were, without any previous Challenge, fired upon repeatedly by a Party from the the Top of the Bank—*Jeſſe Lukens* received a mortal Wound, of which he is ſince dead—ſundry others narrowly eſcaped;—as a Landing could not be effected, the Boats returned. Baffled in this ſecond Attempt, the Weather being intolerably ſevere, and receiving Information that the Perſons we wiſhed to arreſt, were the Chief in Command in their Breaſt-Works, it was thought adviſeable to deſiſt from any further Attempt—the Boat, with the wounded Men, was fired on while within Gunſhot—a conſtant Fire was kept upon our Men from the oppoſite Side while they retreated through a long Narrows—one Man only, however, was wounded in the Arm.

We are ſorry to inform your Honour, that a very conſiderable Expence is incurred in this unfortunate Affair. We, however, hope, that the other Branch of the Legiſlature will ſhew the ſame Readineſs, in properly reſenting this daring Inſult on the Government of the Province, which we have ever experienced in your Honour. We are, with great Reſpect,

*Your Honour's moſt obedient and moſt humble Servants,*

WILLIAM SCULL, *Sheriff.*
SAMUEL HARRIS *Coroner.*
WILLIAM PLUNKET,
SAMUEL HUNTER,
MICHAEL TROY,
JOHN WEITZEL."

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Managers of the Houſe of Employment, and having ſpent ſome Time therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Petition from the Managers of the Houſe of Employment, and having gone through the ſame,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Gibbons* and Mr. *Pearſon* be a Committee to viſit the Houſe of Employment, inſpect the Accounts and Oeconomy thereof, and report to this Houſe, in *September* next, a general State of that Inſtitution.

Adjournment *February 23.* The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the Field-Officers of the Aſſociation, in the County of *Berks*, was preſented to the Houſe, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PETITION of *Mark Bird, Daniel Broadhead, Balſar Geehr* and *Jonathan Potts*, Eſquires, Field-Officers in the ſeveral Battalions in *Berks* County, in Behalf of ſaid Battalions,

*Humbly ſheweth,*

A Petition from the Field Officers of *Berks* County. THAT the Eſtabliſhment of a Militia by this Honourable Houſe, for the Defence of the Province, gave great Satisfaction to the Inhabitants of this County in general: But as we are humbly of Opinion, that the Militia Law in its preſent Form will not anſwer the good Ends intended by it, and therefore gives great Concern to many Wellwiſhers to their Country:——We have taken the Liberty to point out to the Honourable Houſe ſuch Parts of the ſaid Law, as are generally objectionable, and to propoſe ſuch Alterations as in our Judgment would be more ſatisfactory to the People, and better fulfil the Deſign of the Aſſociation; truſting that the Honourable Houſe will patiently hear and conſider the Petitions and Repreſentations of their Conſtituents at all Times, and give ſuch Redreſs as, in their Wiſdom, ſhall appear right and reaſonable; and hoping that, as this Application proceeds from the moſt earneſt Wiſhes to ſerve our Country, whatever may be the Opinion of the Houſe with reſpect to the Propriety of the Amendments propoſed, it will not, as it is not intended, prove offenſive to the Houſe.

To the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation in *Pennſylvania*, we beg Leave to make the following Objections, and propoſe the following Alterations, *&c.*

1ſt. *26th Article.* The Provincial Arms and Accoutrements will be delivered to the pooreſt Aſſociators, by whom there is the greateſt Danger of Loſs; is it not ſevere upon the commanding or other Officer, who is obliged to deliver Arms, *&c.* to a large Number of this Claſs of People, to be accountable for their Delivery to the Aſſembly, *&c.*

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at every other Event than Loss in actual Service? If an Associator should run off, or be not able to purchase other Arms, &c. in Case an Accident should happen to those belonging to the Province, the Officer cannot be justly censured, and if he does not fail in his Duty, he ought not to be punished. 1776. February 23.

2dly. 27th *Article.* The Militia in general are yet very ignorant of Military Discipline, and as actual Service is expected from them early next Summer, we think no Time should be neglected in training them; we therefore humbly propose, that the Companies should be exercised twice a Week, except when they meet in Battalion, and then once a Week, and the Battalions once a Fortnight 'till the first Day of *June* next; after which Time it might perhaps be sufficient to exercise the Men once every Week in Companies, and once in every Month in Battalion.

32d *Article.* Drum-Majors and Fife-Majors will be extremely useful in the Militia, and have a great Deal of Trouble; we wish the House would consider whether there is sufficient Encouragement given to them.

34th *Article.* A Family may labour under such Circumstances as to make it nearly impossible for the Head of it to march with the Company: we submit it to the House, whether it would not be too heavy a Punishment for a Man, in that Situation, to be held up to the Public as a Coward and Betrayer of his Country.——We think it would not injure the Service to intrust the Captain with a Power of dispensing with the personal Attendance of any of his Men, upon their finding another, whom he approves of, well accoutred, and ready to march with the Company.

But, unless an Associator should be situated in the Manner before-mentioned, we think the Punishment rather too light for his basely withdrawing himself from the Defence of his Country, at the Time of an Invasion.

35th *Article.* We think the Expence of maintaining the Families of poor Associators, entering into actual Service, will fall too heavy on particular Townships, many of which are very poor; the Benefit derived from the Service of such Associators will extend to the whole Province, and therefore the Expence of providing for their Families, in their Absence, should be refunded by it.—We would pray the House also to consider, whether it would not have a good Effect in encouraging the poorer Sorts of People to act with Spirit, by engaging to maintain them, in Case of their being disabled from Labour in the Service.

37th *Article.* It would desolate whole Townships to draught off whole Companies at a Time. We would propose, when the Ranks of the Captains are fixed, that the Privates, in each Company, ballot which shall march first on any Emergency; and if a full Company is necessary, let the eldest Captain take one Third of the Men from each of the three eldest Companies, and take their Tour of Duty in that Manner.

38th *Article. And in the Mode for levying Taxes, Res.* 12th. For what Purpose should any Distinction be made between the Application of the Fines of Associators and Non-Associators? Associators Fines are to be immediately applied towards Payment of the public Taxes, and burnt.

The Fines paid by Non-Associators are to be safely preserved in the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for some unknown Occasion.

RESOLUTIONS *directing the Mode of levying Taxes on* Non-Associators.

1st *Article.* Many healthy rich People, who are above Fifty Years of Age, having no Children under their Care, and their Servants being excused, they bear no Part of the Burthen of Associating; if they are able to pay a Tax of
we think they should be put on a Footing with other Non-Associators.

2d. We think Assessors ought not to be excused, on any Pretence, from performing the Duties enjoined them, without at least paying the Expence of another Person's performing that Duty.

8th. Resistance against a common Enemy is equally advantageous to the whole Community, and all the Members of it should contribute their Proportion towards it: But, as some Persons declare themselves conscientiously scrupulous of joining in this most essential Purpose of Society, it ought not to be made their Interest to act so destructive a Part to the very Existence of the Community. The Associators, by these Resolves, are obliged to furnish themselves with a good Firelock, Bayonet, Steel Ramrod, Worm, Priming-Wire and Brush, Cartridge Box, twelve Flints, a Knapsack, Powder-horn and Pouch; he must attend Twenty Days in the Year at the Place of Exercise, at his own Expence, and, in Case of an Invasion, must risk his Life not only in his own Defence, but in that of the Non-Associator's Person, Family and Property.—The Penalty on the Non-Associators, for refusing to do a Duty which he owes to his Country, and to be at all this Trouble, Expence and Risk, is only *Fifty Shillings per Annum.* The great Advantage given to the Non-Associator, in Point of Interest, would entirely defeat the Association, if the People in general were not actuated by a patriotic Spirit. We pray the Honourable House particularly to attend to this Objection.

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If the Number of Times of Exerciſe was increaſed in the Manner before-mentioned, and the Non-Aſſociators to pay in Proportion to the Number of ſuch Times of Exerciſe, and the Aſſociators allowed *One Shilling* for every Day that they exerciſe to find them in Proviſions, the Inequality between Aſſociators and Non-Aſſociators would be greatly reduced.

11*th*. We think the Field-Officers of the ſeveral Battalions more proper and impartial Judges to determine Appeals, or diſcharge or lower Aſſeſsments of Non-Aſſociators, than the Commiſſioners, many of whom are themſelves Non-Aſſociators, particularly in this County.

We think, as the Fines for not Aſſociating are fixed at a certain Sum by the Aſſembly, they ſhould not be lowered or diſcharged by the Commiſſioners or any other Perſon, except for ſuch Reaſons as are mentioned in the preceeding Article, *viz*. Death of the Non-Aſſociator or the Diſſolution of the Aſſociation, as no Fines can accrue after either of thoſe Times; but we are of Opinion, that to lodge ſo large a Power in the Commiſſioners, as to diſcharge or lower Aſſeſsments as they ſhall think proper, will tend to defeat the Aſſociation entirely.

We beg Leave further to repreſent to this Honourable Houſe, that there are a great many Perſons able and willing to aſſiſt in the Defence of the Province, but cannot afford to buy Arms and Accoutrements, or if they could afford it, the public Demand for them is ſo great, that they cannot be procured by a Militia; others there are who have Arms, but are unwilling to aſſociate: The Time is now faſt approaching, when a large Army is expected to invade the Province, and it will be neceſſary to ſtrain every Nerve in our Defence.—To have at ſuch a Time a large Number of able-bodied Men uſeleſs for Want of Arms, which may eaſily be procured, would, in our humble Opinions, be extreme bad Policy. We therefore pray the Houſe to direct, that all Non-Aſſociators ſhall, within a ſmall Space of Time, deliver up their Arms to the neareſt Captains of the Townſhips or Places in which they reſide, who ſhould appoint proper Perſons to value them, and give the reſpective Owners Certificate of ſuch Receipt and Valuation; and, in Caſe of a Loſs, the Province refund their Value. Theſe Arms to be diſtributed by the commanding Officers of the ſeveral Battalions in the ſame Manner as the Provincial Arms are diſtributed.

That the ſeveral Matters and Things before-mentioned may be fully conſidered, and Redreſs granted in the Premiſes by the Honourable Houſe, is the humble Prayer of your Petitioners.

MARK BIRD, BALSAR GEEHR,
DANIEL BROADHEAD, JONATHAN POTTS."

*In Committee, February* 17, 1776.

The foregoing Petition being deliberately read and conſidered,

*Ordered*, That the ſame be ſigned by the Chairman, in Behalf of this Committee.

MARK BIRD, *Chairman*."

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Magiſtrates, Sheriff and Coroner of the County of *Northumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, in Purſuance of the expreſs Orders of his Honour the Governor, (founded on a Meſſage from this Honourable Houſe, requeſting Orders to be given for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province, in the County of *Northumberland*, &c.) aſſembled the Poſſe of this County, in Order to ſerve Proceſſes upon, apprehend and bring to Juſtice, a Number of notorious Offenders, who for ſome Years paſt have, with open Force, bid Defiance to the Laws of this Province:—That the Poſſe aforeſaid proceeded into the Neighbourhood of *Wyoming*, were unexpectedly fired upon, had one Man killed, and ſeveral wounded;—that the Petitioners ſoon diſcovering, that the obnoxious Perſons were entrenched, and that they could not force a Paſſage along the accuſtomed Road, without great Loſs, attempted to croſs the River, were again fired upon, and had one Man mortally wounded;—that the great Severity of the Weather, with other concurrent Circumſtances, determined the Petitioners to return Home;—that the Petitioners are ſorry to inform the Houſe, that, notwithſtanding their utmoſt Care and Frugality, a very conſiderable Expence is incurred by this unfortunate Attempt;—that they hope, however, their Endeavours to ſupport the Laws of the Province will meet with the Approbation of the Houſe, whoſe Protection they implore; and humbly pray, that ſome proper and effectual Means may be uſed to ſecure them in the peaceable Enjoyment of their Property, and a due Execution of the Laws; or, if Force only muſt decide the Controverſy, (which ſeems to be the Wiſh of their Adverſaries) the Petitioners beſeech the Houſe, that they may not be left ſingle and unſupported to contend with a whole Colony.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Remonſtrance from the Overſeers of the Poor

Poor of the City of *Philadelphia*, and after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. 1776. *February* 23. Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Remonstrance from the Overseers of the Poor, and having gone through the several Parts thereof,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Webb*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, to continue the Poor-Act near expiring, and to supply such Defects therein, as have been pointed out by the Petition from the Managers of the House of Employment, and the Remonstrance of the Overseers of the Poor.

The Representation from the Assessors of the City of *Philadelphia* being again read,

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to the above Committee, to be provided for by a special Clause in the Bill they are to bring in.

Upon Motion by a Member,

That the Township of *Passyunk* be henceforth separated from the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the *Northern Liberties*, in the Expence of supporting the Poor of the said City, District and Liberties, at the House of Employment, and the said Township allowed to make Provision within itself for the Maintenance of its own Poor, as formerly;——the said Motion was taken into Consideration, and, after a Debate of some Length, postponed to the First of next Month for further Consideration.

The Bill, entituled "*An Act to enable the Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Chester, *to remove them to more safe and convenient Places*," being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roberts* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on the Governor therewith, for his Assent to the same.

Pursuant to Leave for that Purpose, a Member presented to the Chair a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situated in* Middletown *Township*, "*in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a third Reading.

A Petition from the Committee of Privates of the Military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *PETITION* of the PRIVATES of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

*Humbly sheweth*,

A Petition from the Committee of Privates.

THAT your Petitioners, having the greatest Confidence in the Equity and Justice of this Honourable House, have signed the Articles of Association framed the last Session, notwithstanding the many Difficulties to which they are thereby subjected, and the strong Inducements to them to become Non-Associators by the easy Terms of Exemption, being firmly persuaded that, on a Re-consideration, this Honourable House will remove every reasonable Cause of Complaint, and hear, with favourable Attention, what your Petitioners, with the greatest Deference and Respect, beg Leave to point out as necessary to quiet the Minds of the Associators, and excite them to act with Chearfulness and Vigour in the Service to which they may be called. When the Importance and Necessity of defending our Country, against the Ravages of a cruel and desolating Enemy, are so obvious, no Arguments can be necessary to shew it to be the Duty of every good Citizen to bear an equitable and proportional Part of the public Burthen; and surely no Terms of Exemption, affecting Property meerly, can be deemed equal to the Risks and Dangers to which they expose themselves who are under the most solemn Engagements of Honour and Duty to lay down their Lives, if necessary, in Defence of their Country;—but your Petitioners would more especially solicit the Attention of this Honourable House to the following Particulars, in which they humbly apprehend the Resolutions of the House to be defective.

*First*. That no Regard has been shewn to the great and *otherwise useless* Expence Associators have been at to equip themselves with Arms and other Accoutrements, and the long and earnest Assiduity with which they have endeavoured to qualify themselves for the Duties of the Field; they beg Leave to observe, that, in levying Penalties upon Non-Associators, this Honourable House have confined their Views to the future only, imposing no more on such Persons than what might be esteemed an Equivalent to the 20 Days which are expected to be employed in the Field;——though this Honourable House, upon the slightest Attention to the Subject, must and indeed seem to be sensible that the Time prescribed is not sufficient to acquire a competent Knowledge of the Art military, as they recommend it to the Associators, not already sufficiently expert, to

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meet as frequently as they can, at other Times, to perfect themſelves in the military Exerciſe. Here then your Petitioners conceive themſelves aggrieved; that, while animated with a fervent Regard to Liberty and their Country, they have acquired a Share of military Knowledge ſufficient, they hope, to encourage them to meet the Enemy in the Field, and being thereby expoſed to the greateſt Danger, as moſt capable of repelling it, no Regard has been ſhewn either to the Expence of Equipment, or Loſs of Time in acquiring this uſeful and neceſſary Knowledge.——The Hardſhips and Partiality of the Regulation will farther appear more ſtrongly, when it is conſidered that your Petitioners will probably be called out to do Duty before many of the Field Days arrive;—ſo that the ſtrongeſt Temptations are held out from the Smallneſs of the Penalty to the Lazy, the Timid and Diſaffected, to avoid the Danger and Fatigue, by neglecting to qualify themſelves, or at a critical Moment evading their Duty.——So apparent already are the Effects of this Regulation, that Perſons of the above Character affect to ridicule thoſe whoſe Patriotiſm would lead them to Activity and Action when neceſſary, by repreſenting this Honourable Houſe as rating their Lives at 50*ſ.* a Piece.—Such eaſy Terms of Exemption, in Times of ſuch imminent Danger, your Petitioners humbly conceive, ſeem rather an Invitation to prefer Eaſe, Security and Convenience, to the public Intereſts and Safety, and, if unaltered, will leave your Petitioners little to hope or expect, but the Exertions and Efforts of a generous Few whoſe Zeal will probably prove their Deſtruction.—Your Petitioners humbly preſume, that, when ſo much is at Stake, and there is ſo little Proſpect of ſecuring it but by the Sword, the Terms impoſed upon Non-Aſſociators ſhould be ſuch as to induce every Man of ſuitable Age and Strength (not truly conſcientiouſly ſcrupulous) to join in the Aſſociation, and not ſuch as would lead every one, whoſe Attachment to the Cauſe of his Country did not ſuperſede every other Conſideration, to pay his Fine and decline ſerving; they therefore cannot but lament, that while they, who are Enemies to the Liberties and Cauſe of *America*, may, under the Authority of the Province, appear in the Garb of its beſt Friends, by paying leſs than 5*ſ. per* Month; they, who are really its beſt Friends, are liable, by an accidental Deficiency, to be reproached with Cowardice and expoſed to Infamy.

Your Petitioners, ſenſible that a Compenſation for Arms and paſt Time employed in the public Service involves ſeveral important Conſiderations, do not preſume to point out any Sum, but beg Leave to ſtate their Complaint, and leave it to the Wiſdom and Juſtice of the Houſe to give them ſuitable Redreſs.—

*Secondly*. Your Petitioners beg Leave to repreſent, that, under the preſent Regulations, the Eſtates of Non-Aſſociators pay nothing but in common with Aſſociators; and by this Means ſuch Perſons, who, by Age or other Incapacity, are not included in the above Articles, have the Protection and Security ariſing from the Aſſociation, upon eaſier Terms than others; an Indulgence for which, your Petitioners can ſee no good Reaſon, and which involves ſome of the moſt conſiderable Eſtates in the Province;—— beſides perſonal Service being principally required for the Protection of Property, your Petitioners would, with all Humility, ſubmit to the Honourable Houſe, whether an annual Sum of ſo much in the Pound, over and above the Taxes paid equally by Aſſociators and Non-Aſſociators, ought not to be levied on the taxable Eſtates of all Non-Aſſociators and others, who do not come within the Limits of the Recommendation of the Honourable Continental Congreſs, reſpecting a General Aſſociation.

*Thirdly*. Your Petitioners beg Leave to point out a Defect in the above Regulation, reſpecting Apprentices: In ſome Caſes the Apprentice is willing to aſſociate, and the Maſter witholds his Conſent; in others the Maſter conſents, and the Apprentice refuſes. Your Petitioners would humbly propoſe, that, in the former Caſe, the Maſter ſhould pay the Fine; and in the other, that the Apprentice, if of Eſtate, ſhall pay the Fine by his Guardian or next Friend; and, if non-eſtated, ſuffer ſuch Puniſhment as the Houſe ſhall deem proper and ſuitable to the Offence.

*Fourthly*. Your Petitioners do moſt earneſtly remonſtrate againſt the Application of the Fines and Penalties levied in Conſequence of the Aſſociation: As the Money to ariſe is not by the Way of Tax, to defray the Charge which the Aſſociators may occaſion, they humbly conceive that Reaſon, Cuſtom and Precedent, all concur in ſhewing, that ſuch Appropriation ought to be for the immediate Support and Encouragement of the Aſſociation; and this, they humbly ſubmit, might very properly be done in the following Manner: That all ſuch Fines and Penalties, whether levied from Aſſociators or Non-Aſſociators, be carried unto a Fund by themſelves, to be appropriated, *Firſt*, To the Relief of ſuch Aſſociators as may be wounded, or otherwiſe diſabled, in actual Service. *Secondly*, To the Relief and Support of the Widows and Children of thoſe who may be killed in actual Service, by Way of Annuity. *Thirdly*, To the providing of Arms and Accoutrements for ſuch Aſſociators as are unable to furniſh themſelves. *Fourthly*, To pay ſuch Aſſociators as, through Poverty, are not in the public Tax-Books, for the Time they may ſpend in the Field: The Reſidue, if any, to be applied as before propoſed. Such an Appropriation, your Petitioners conceive, would give

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Life and Spirit to the Association, and, upon a Call of actual Service and Danger, the Mind of the brave Associator would be relieved from those Anxieties for his Family, which would otherwise damp his Ardour, and induce him to avoid Danger rather than meet it. 1776. February 23.

*Fifthly.* In Order to prevent any Evasion of the Regulations now or hereafter to be made, your Petitioners pray, that all Persons alledging Scruples of Conscience, or claiming Exemption by Virtue of Age or otherwise, be, if required, under a Test by Oath or Affirmation, before they be admitted to the Indulgence claimed;—as the above Exceptions are not made in Favour of Pretenders, but of those who are truly and really entitled thereto, your Petitioners humbly conceive no good Reason can be offered against such Claimants giving full Satisfaction, on this Head, to those of their Fellow-Citizens who are risking all that is dear and valuable to them in Life, in the Defence of the Rights and Interests of the Province, in which those of all its Inhabitants are included.

*Sixthly.* Your Petitioners beg Leave to represent, that it has been the Practice of all Countries, and is highly reasonable, that all Persons, (not being Mercenaries) who expose their Lives in Defence of a Country, should be admitted to the Enjoyment of all the Rights and Privileges of a Citizen of that Country which they have defended and protected: —— Under this Consideration your Petitioners beg Leave to submit to the House the Case of a Number of brave and spirited *Germans* and others, who have chearfully joined in the Association, but are not entitled to the Privileges of Freemen Electors.——Good Policy, as well as Gratitude, suggest the Propriety of granting every Indulgence which can attach them to this Country, and animate them in its Defence; your Petitioners therefore pray, that some Mode may be adopted for the Purpose.

*Seventhly.* Your Petitioners pray this Honourable House to revise the 34th Article of the Rules, framed the last Session, for the Government of the Associators, by substituting in the Place of the Penalty therein mentioned, "That such Offender shall be forever hereafter incapable of holding any Office of Profit or Trust, under the Authority of this Province:" They moreover pray this Honourable House to give Directions, to two or more Associators, to join the Commissioners of this City and the several Counties, in hearing the Appeals of such Persons as are mentioned in the 11th Resolution framed in the last Session of this Honourable House.

*Eighthly.* It is with great Concern your Petitioners inform this Honourable House, that, notwithstanding the Directions given and pointed out the last Session, there is great Reason to fear the Assessors in many Places, from different Motives, have omitted to execute the Branch of their Office which respects the Association: — Your Petitioners therefore pray this Honourable House to make some further Provision against such Neglect, so that the salutary and beneficial Effects, arising from the Association, may not fail through the Neglect or other Misconduct of those entrusted to carry into Execution the Intentions of this Honourable House.

Your Petitioners, with the utmost Humility, request this Honourable House, to take these Matters into their serious Consideration, and grant them such Relief, as, in their Wisdom and Equity, shall seem best calculated to remove that Inequality which appears in the foregoing Terms of Exemption, and such other Redress as the Nature of the Case may merit and require.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, *&c.*

*Signed by Order of the Committee of Privates,*

SAMUEL SIMPSON, *Chairman.*

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial from the Officers of the Military Association of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *MEMORIAL* of the OFFICERS of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

*Sheweth,*

A Memorial from the Officers of the Military Association, *&c.*

THAT your Memorialists have perused, at the Request of the private Associators of this City and Liberties, their Petition to your Honourable House, and concur with them in the Sentiments therein contained, earnestly desiring the Attention of the Honourable House to the weighty Matters therein set forth.—In Addition to the several Amendments proposed by the Privates to the Rules and Regulations relative to the Association, your Memorialists beg Leave to subjoin the following, which they think of great Importance.

That Numbers of the present Associators are People who have not heretofore associated, and therefore are for the most Part undisciplined.

Among these are a great many Apprentices, and others who, however desirous they

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may be of gaining Military Inſtruction, will not be permitted to turn out oftener than the Regulations require. And it is well known to Perſons of Experience in this Way, that it is impoſſible to train Men ſo as to render them expert Soldiers, without great Aſſiduity and frequent Exerciſe, and that the Times mentioned in the Regulations are ſcarce ſufficient to perfect a Man even in his Manual.—Your Memorialiſts therefore requeſt the Honourable Houſe would increaſe the Number of Days appointed for the General Meetings of Aſſociators, which, in the Opinion of your Memorialiſts, ſhould be at leaſt once in every Week.

That the Wages appointed for Drummers and Fifers are ſo extremely triffling that no Perſons can be procured to do the Duty, and our Battalions are almoſt totally deprived of their Muſic, as the Drummers and Fifers have left the Aſſociation to get Employ where they receive Pay on which they can ſubſiſt. That the Drummers and Fifers are in general Perſons who have no other Way of gaining a Livelihood; and as much Time is taken up in perfecting themſelves they ought, as we conceive, inſtead of caſual and uncertain Pay, to have a permanent and ſettled Support.

Your Memorialiſts therefore pray the Honourable Houſe, to raiſe the Wages of the Drum- and Fife-Majors, and allow the Drummers and Fifers reaſonable and conſtant Pay, that Perſons already taught may be induced to join the Aſſociation, and that others may be incited to qualify themſelves for this Part of Military Duty, which is not merely Parade but abſolutely eſſential to the Service.

That the Officers of the ſeveral Battalions experience many Inconveniences from the Want of a Serjeant-Major; and as there are now in all the Battalions Officers tolerably qualified, it is ſubmitted to the Honourable Houſe, whether, inſtead of an Adjutant, it would not be better to appoint a Serjeant-Major on conſtant Pay, and let a Subaltern Officer in every Battalion do the Duty of an Adjutant.—

Your Memorialiſts beg Leave to give it as their Opinion to the Honourable Houſe, that the ſeveral Alterations and Amendments pointed out in the Petition from the Privates, together with thoſe before-mentioned, being made, the Minds of the People will be entirely ſatisfied and Strength and Vigour will be given to the Aſſociation, which, tho' now very extenſively adopted, will then be more generally agreed to, and which Perſons in general ſigned, not becauſe they eſteemed the Regulations perfect or in all Caſes proper, but from their Zeal for the Cauſe and the Confidence they had in the Honourable Houſe that you would be pleaſed to remedy all Defects when applied to for that Purpoſe. *By Order of a Board of Officers,*

*Philadelphia, February* 21, 1776. DANIEL ROBERDEAU, *Preſident.*"

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Remonſtrance and Petition from the Committee of Inſpection and Obſervation of the County of *Cheſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The REMONSTRANCE and PETITION of the COMMITTEE of INSPECTION and OBSERVATION of *Cheſter* County,

*Humbly ſheweth,*

A Petition from the Committee of Inſpection of *Cheſter* County.

THAT your Remonſtrants, in Obedience to the Reſolves of this Honourable Houſe, —and from Zeal to the Cauſe of their Country, — have, ſince your laſt Seſſion, uſed their beſt Endeavours to prevail on the People of this County to adopt and ſign the Articles for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation; but we find them not ſo well received as the Exigency of the Times requires; — and are apprehenſive, unleſs your Honours will, at this Seſſion, amend ſuch Parts thereof as are the moſt exceptionable,—they will not be generally ſigned, but by thoſe who think it better to adopt any Government rather than none.

Your Remonſtrants beg Leave briefly to mention ſome of the Articles, which the People moſt generally object to, *viz.* They ſay, " that the Burthen of the Aſſociation " falls chiefly on the poor and middling Sort of the Inhabitants,——whilſt the more " opulent are, for the moſt Part, exempt,—they carrying on their Buſineſs by bought " Servants and Negroes:—On the contrary, thoſe, in low and middling Circumſtances, " are obliged to take in Apprentices; the arming of which, together with their Loſs of " Time, will be extremely burthenſome;—ſo much ſo, that they cannot comply with " the Reſolves of the Houſe, without diſtreſſing themſelves and Families:—But, were " Arms and Accoutrements to be provided at the public Charge, they are ready to con- " form to the other Parts as far as in their Power."

Your Remonſtrants are humbly of Opinion, that the above Objections are founded in Juſtice,——and firmly believe, that was ſome Meaſure taken to provide Arms for the Whole,

Whole, at the public Charge, and all able-bodied Men, from Sixteen to Sixty, obliged to associate or pay the Fine, that then it would be generally adopted. 1776. February 23.

Your Remonstrants therefore humbly request your Honours to take the Premises under your serious Consideration, and make such Alterations, in the present Association, as to you may seem just and reasonable.

*Signed by Order and in Behalf of the Committee,*

*Chester, February* 12, 1776. ANTHONY WAYNE, *Chairman.*

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *February* 24.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed last Night, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situated in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" which being read the second time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Thomson* be added to the Committee of Safety.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *February* 26. *Post Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *February* 27.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from *Benjamin Franklin*, Esquire, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

"SIR, *February* 26, 1776.

I AM extremely sensible of the Honour done me by my Fellow-Citizens, in chusing me their Representative in Assembly, and of that lately conferred on me by the House, in appointing me one of the Committee of Safety for this Province, and a Delegate to the Congress. It would be a Happiness to me, if I could serve the Public duly in all those Stations; but, aged as I now am, I feel myself unequal to so much Business, and on that Account think it my Duty to decline a Part of it. I hope therefore, that the House will be so good as to accept my Excuse for not attending as a Member of the present Assembly, and, if they think fit, give Orders for the Election of another in my Place, that the City may be more completely represented. A Letter from *Benj. Franklin*, Esq; to the House.

I request also that the House would be pleased to dispense with my further Attendance as one of the Committee of Safety.

With the greatest and most sincere Respect to yourself and the House, I have the Honour to be, SIR,

*Your most obedient and most humble Servant,*

*To the Honourable* JOHN MORTON, *Esquire.* BENJAMIN FRANKLIN."

Upon Consideration of the foregoing Letter,

*Resolved,* That the Seat of the said Member, in this House, be vacated accordingly, and that the Speaker do issue his Order to the Provincial Secretary for the Election of another fit Person, in the Room of the Member who has resigned.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Governor's Message, the Letter sent down with it, and the Petition from the Magistrates and Sheriff of the County of *Northumberland*, and after a Debate of some Length, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Copy of his Order to the Secretary, requiring him to issue a Writ for the Election of a Member of Assembly, in the Place of *Benjamin Franklin*, Esquire, who has resigned, which was read by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*Pennsylvania*, ss.

BY a Resolve of Assembly of this Day, I am impowered and directed to order the Provincial Secretary, that he do issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, for the Election of a Member to serve as a Representative in this Assembly, for the City of *Philadelphia*, in the Room of *Benjamin Franklin*, Esq; who has requested Leave to resign his Seat in the said Assembly.

Therefore, by Virtue of the said Resolve, and in Pursuance of a Law of this Province in that Case made and provided, I do require that a Writ be issued to the Sheriff of the said

1776. *February* 27. said County for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, according to the Direction of the ſaid Law. Dated at *Philadelphia*, the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *February*, *Anno Domini*, 1776.

*To* JOSEPH SHIPPEN, *Eſq*; *Provincial Secretary.* JOHN MORTON, *Speaker.*"

Adjournment *February* 28. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition ſigned by a conſiderable Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *York*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to repreſent the ſaid County in Aſſembly. *Ordered to lie in the Table.*

Mr. *Hillegas* preſented at the Table an Account from Meſſieurs *William* and *Thomas Bradford*, Printers, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds*, for forty Copies of the Journal of Congreſs, which was read and referred to the Committee of Accounts.

A Petition ſigned by a conſiderable Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Berks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to repreſent the ſaid County in Aſſembly. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition ſigned by a Number of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Bedford*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to repreſent the ſaid County in Aſſembly. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the ſeveral Memorials and Petitions from the Officers and Privates of the Military Aſſociation, pointing out Defects and praying Alterations in the Rules and Regulations formed by the Houſe, for the better Government of the ſaid Aſſociation, and after a Debate of conſiderable Length, adjourned to Three

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* o'Clock, *P. M.*

Petitions from the Counties of *Cumberland* and *Northumberland*, ſigned by a great Number of the Inhabitants, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying an Allowance of more Members to repreſent the ſaid Counties in Aſſembly. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Memorials and Petitions from the Officers and Privates of the Military Aſſociation, and after further Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Kachlein*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to reviſe the Rules and Regulations formed by this Houſe for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation, together with the Reſolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Aſſociators,—to report ſuch Alterations and Additions thereto as ſhall appear neceſſary;—alſo to ſelect from the Petitions of the Aſſociators, lately preſented, ſuch Parts as point out Defects and propoſe Amendments to the ſaid Rules and Regulations, and lay them before the Houſe, in one View, for the more eaſy Conſideration thereof.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue and amend the Watch and Lamp Act, reported a Draught for that Purpoſe, entituled, An Act to continue Part of an Act, made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty GEORGE the Third, entituled, "*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly "Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for "other Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" and '*for making further Proviſion for the better ex-'ecuting the ſaid Act,*' which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage of the 22d Inſtant, and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

Adjournment *February* 29. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Reſolutions of Congreſs, laid before the Houſe the Twenty-ſecond Inſtant, were again read by Order, and are as follow, *viz.*

*In* CONGRESS, *October* 26, 1775.

*Reſolved*, That it be recommended to the ſeveral Provincial Aſſemblies, Conventions or Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, to export to the foreign *Weſt-Indies*, on Account and Riſk of their reſpective Colonies, as much Proviſion or other Produce, (except horned Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and Poultry) as they may deem neceſſary for the Importation of Arms, Ammunition, Sulphur and Salt-Petre.

*November* 4.

*Reſolved*, That it be recommended to the ſeveral Aſſemblies or Conventions of the Colonies reſpectively, to ſet and keep their Gunſmiths at Work to manufacture good Firelocks, with Bayonets; each Firelock to be made with a good Bridle Lock, $\frac{3}{4}$ of an Inch Bore, and of good Subſtance at the Breech.——The Barrel to be three Feet eight Inches

Inches in Length. The Bayonet to be eighteen Inches in the Blade, with a steel Ramrod, the Upper-End thereof to be Trumpet-mouthed: That the Price to be given be fixed by the Assembly, or Convention, or Committee of Safety of each Colony; and that, until a sufficient Quantity of good Arms can be manufactured, they import as many as are wanted by all the Means in their Power. 1776. February 29.

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the several Legislatures, Assemblies or Conventions of the Colonies, to enact a Law or pass an Ordinance inflicting the following Punishments upon such as harbour Deserters knowing them to be such, *viz.* A Fine upon all such Offenders not less than Thirty nor more than Fifty Dollars, and in Case of Inability to pay the Fine, to be punished with Whipping not less than Thirty-nine Lashes for each Offence. Also that they impower the Commander in Chief, or the Officer commanding a Detachment, or any Outpost, to administer an Oath, and swear any Person or Persons to the Truth of any Information or Intelligence, or any other Matter relative to the public Service.

*November* 25.

*Resolved*, That all such Ships of War, Frigates, Sloops, Cutters and armed Vessels, as are or shall be employed in the present cruel and unjust War against the United Colonies, and shall fall into the Hands of, or be taken by, the Inhabitants thereof, be seized and forfeited to and for the Purposes herein after mentioned.

That all Transport-Vessels in the same Service, having on Board any Troops, Arms, Ammunition, Cloathing, Provisions, or Military or Naval Stores, of what Kind soever, and all Vessels, to whomsoever belonging, that shall be employed in carrying Provisions or other Necessaries to the *British* Army, or Armies, or Navy, that now are or shall hereafter be within any of the United Colonies, or any Goods, Wares or Merchandize for the Use of such Fleet or Army, shall be liable to Seizure, and with their Cargoes shall be confiscated.

That no Master or Commander of any Vessel shall be intitled to cruize for or make Prize of any Vessel or Cargo, before he shall have obtained a Commission from the Congress, or from such Person or Persons as shall be for that Purpose appointed in some one of the United Colonies.

That it be and is hereby recommended to the several Legislatures in the United Colonies, whether Assemblies or Conventions, as soon as possible to erect Courts of Justice or give Jurisdiction to the Courts now in being for the Purpose of determining concerning the Captures to be made as aforesaid, and to provide that all Trials in such Case be had by a Jury, under such Qualifications as to the respective Legislatures shall seem expedient.

That all Prosecutions shall be commenced in the Court of that Colony in which the Captures shall be made, but if no such Court be, at that Time, erected in the said Colony, or if the Capture be made on open Sea, then the Prosecution shall be in the Court of such Colony as the Captor may find most convenient; provided that nothing contained in this Resolution shall be construed so as to enable the Captor to remove his Prize from any Colony competent to determine concerning the Seizure after he shall have carried the Vessel so seized within any Harbour of the same.

That in all Cases an Appeal shall be allowed to the Congress, or such Person or Persons as they shall appoint for the Trials of Appeals, provided the Appeal be demanded within five Days after definitive Sentence, and such Appeal be lodged with the Secretary of Congress within forty Days afterwards, and provided the Party appealing shall give Security to prosecute the said Appeal to Effect. And in Case of the Death of the Secretary during the Recess of Congress, then the said Appeal to be lodged in Congress within twenty Days after the Meeting thereof.

That when any Vessel or Vessels shall be fitted out at the Expence of any private Person or Persons, then the Captures made shall be to the Use of the Owner or Owners of the said Vessel or Vessels; that where the Vessels employed in the Capture shall be fitted out at the Expence of any of the United Colonies, then one Third of the Prize taken shall be to the Use of the Captors, and the remaining two Thirds to the Use of the said Colony. And where the Vessel so employed shall be fitted out at the Continental Charge, then one Third shall go to Captors, and the remaining two Thirds to the Use of the United Colonies; provided nevertheless, that if the Capture be a Vessel of War, then the Captors shall be intitled to one Half of the Value, and the Remainder shall go to the Colony or Continent, as the Case may be, the necessary Charges of Condemnation of all Prizes being deducted before Distribution made.

That in Cases of Re-captures, the Re-captors have and retain, in Lieu of Salvage, One Eighth Part of the true Value of the Vessel and Cargo, or either of them, if the same hath or have been in the Possession of the Enemy Twenty-four Hours, and less than Forty-eight Hours, One Third Part if more than Forty-eight and less than Ninety-six Hours, and One Half if more than Ninety-six Hours, unless the Vessel shall, after the Capture, have been legally condemned, as Prize, by some Court of Admiralty, in which Case

1776. *February* 29. the Re-captors to have the Whole. In all which Caſes the Share detained, or Prize, to be divided between the Owners of the Ship making the Re-capture, the Colony or the Continent as the Caſe may be, and the Captors agreeable to the former Reſolution.

*December* 26.

Whereas the Congreſs, on the 29th Day of *November*, *Reſolved*, that a farther Sum of *Three Millions of Dollars* be emitted in Bills of Credit.

*Reſolved*, That the Thirteen United Colonies be pledged for the Redemption of the Bills of Credit ſo directed to be emitted.

That each Colony provide Ways and Means to ſink its Proportion of the ſaid Bills, in ſuch Manner as may be moſt effectual and beſt adapted to the Condition, Circumſtances and equal Mode of levying Taxes in each Colony.

That the Proportion, or Quota of each reſpective Colony, be determined according to the Number of Inhabitants of all Ages, including Negroes and Mulattoes in each Colony.

That it be recommended to the ſeveral Aſſemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of Safety of the reſpective Colonies, to aſcertain, by the moſt impartial and effectual Means in their Power, the Number of Inhabitants in each reſpective Colony, taking Care that the Liſt be authenticated by the Oaths or Affirmations of the ſeveral Perſons who ſhall be entruſted with this Service; and that the ſaid Aſſemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of Safety, do reſpectively lay before Congreſs a Return of the Number of Inhabitants of their reſpective Colonies, as ſoon as the ſame ſhall be procured.

That each Colony pay its reſpective Quota in Four equal Payments; the Firſt to be made on or before the laſt Day of *November*, 1783; the Second on or before the laſt Day of *November*, 1784; the Third on or before the laſt Day of *November*, 1785, and the Fourth or laſt on or before the laſt Day of *November*, 1786.

And that for this End, the ſeveral Aſſemblies or Conventions provide for laying and levying Taxes, in their reſpective Colonies, towards ſinking the Continental Bills; that the ſaid Bills be received by the Collectors in Payment of ſuch Taxes, and be, by the Collectors, paid into the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer, with all ſuch other Monies as they may receive in Lieu of the Continental Bills, which other Monies the Provincial Treaſurers ſhall endeavour to get exchanged for Continental Bills, and where that cannot be done, ſhall ſend to the Continental Treaſurers the Deficiency in Silver and Gold, with the Bills, making up the Quota to be ſunk in that Year, taking Care to cut, by a circular Punch of an Inch Diameter, an Hole in ſuch Bills, and to croſs the ſame, thereby to render them unpaſſable, though the Sum or Value is to remain fairly legible. And the Continental Treaſurers, as faſt as they receive the ſaid Quotas, ſhall, with the Aſſiſtance of a Committee of Five Perſons to be appointed by the Congreſs then ſitting, or by the Aſſembly or Convention of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, examine and count the Continental Bills, and in the Preſence of the ſaid Committee burn and deſtroy them.

And the Silver and Gold ſent them to make up the Deficiences of Quotas, they ſhall retain in their Hands, until demanded in Redemption of Continental Bills that may be brought to them for that Purpoſe, which Bills ſo redeemed they ſhall alſo burn and deſtroy in the Preſence of the ſaid Committee. And the Treaſurers, whenever they have Silver or Gold in their Hands, for the Redemption of Continental Bills, ſhall advertiſe the ſame, ſignifying that they are ready to give Gold or Silver for ſuch Bills to all Perſons requiring it in Exchange.

*Reſolved*, That the Inſpectors of the Preſs deliver the Proof-Sheets and Checks of the Continental Bills to the Continental Treaſurers, and that they deliver one of each to the Delegates of every Colony to remain with the Provincial Treaſurer to be appointed in ſuch Colony, and retain the Reſt in their Hands.

Whereas there is Reaſon to believe, that divers Perſons, either from Inattention to the Public Good, or with Deſign to retard the recruiting Service, have arreſted and impriſoned, for very trifling Debts, many Soldiers who had engaged to riſque their Lives in Defence of the Rights and Liberties of *America*; and as it has always been found neceſſary in Time of War, to regulate and reſtrain a Practice of ſuch pernicious Tendency, and in ſuch Caſes to abate the Rigours of Law,

*Reſolved*, That it be recommended to the ſeveral Legiſlatures in theſe Colonies, whether Aſſemblies or Conventions, to paſs Acts or Ordinances prohibiting the Arreſts of Continental Soldiers for ſmall Debts. And, in order that the ſame Rule may pervade all the Colonies, that no ſuch Soldier be arreſted at the Suit of any of his Creditors, unleſs the ſaid Creditor make Oath that the ſaid Soldier is juſtly indebted to him in the Sum of *Thirty-five Dollars*, over and above all Diſcounts: And that the Eſtate of no ſuch Soldier be liable to Attachment at the Suit or for the Benefit of all his Creditors, unleſs their Debts in the Whole, on being aſcertained by their Oaths, ſhall amount to more than *One Hundred and Fifty Dollars*.

*Extract from the Minutes*,

CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary*."

The Committee of Accounts, to whom the Barrack-Maſter's Account was referred for

for Consideration, reported they had examined the same, and are of Opinion it ought to be immediately paid. And an Order being drawn at the Table on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for £ 211 17 6 in Discharge of the said Account, the same was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*. 1776. *February* 29.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situate in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," being transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, a Member presented at the Table a Rider to the said Bill, which was read the first time, and ordered a second Reading in the Afternoon.

A Petition from *John Marshall*, Thread-maker, from *England*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioner, emboldened by the laudable Attention of the Honourable House to the Promotion and Encouragement of useful Manufactures in this Province, begs Leave to represent, that, at a considerable Expence, and after several Years close Application, he hath made himself perfect Master of the aforesaid Business, in all its Branches, according to the best-established and approved Methods practised in the most noted manufacturing Towns in *England*;—that, about sixteen Months ago, the Petitioner arrived in this City, and engaged with the Managers of the House of Employment, at a small annual Salary, where, by their Permission, at his own Risque, and at a very considerable Cost, he erected several useful Implements and Machines, the whole of which are now in Use there;—that the most material Machine is a Twisting and Throwing Mill entirely of the Petitioner's own Invention, which is a most excellent Improvement upon any heretofore known, and answering every Purpose that was expected, greatly forwarding the Business, by lessening the Labour that was otherwise necessary for carrying it on; and such a one, as he apprehends, was never known before in any Part of the World;—that the Petitioner hath, in the said House of Employment, brought the Thread-Manufactory to a Perfection before unknown in this Province, or, as he is informed, in *America*, it being generally allowed by the Consumers, (the only true Judges) that the Threads he manufactures there are vastly preferable to any imported, or elsewhere had;—that the Petitioner, far from wanting to make any Secret of his Business or Machine, is willing to instruct any proper or capable Persons in the whole Business; and to do every Thing in his Power to establish the Manufacture in this Province; the great Utility of which, on many Accounts, is universally acknowledged, and more particularly at this Time necessary.

That the Petitioner therefore prays the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and hopes they will consider him as an useful Manufacturer, as also the first Inventor and Introducer of a most excellent Machine into this Province, not applied to his own Benefit, by the partial or exclusive Use of it, but that it is of a public Benefit and Utility, being as aforesaid now in Use at the House of Employment, and that the Honourable House will grant him such Bounty or Encouragement as he may be judged to merit. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Memorial from the Managers of the united Company of *Philadelphia*, for promoting *American* Manufactures, was again read, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Pennock*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to consider of, and report to the House, the best Mode of encouraging the Culture of Flax in this Province.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to enable the Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Chester, *to remove them to more safe and convenient Places*," and acquainted the House he should be ready to pass the said Bill into a Law whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from *John Onions*, a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was presented to the House and read, praying Relief with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Chreist* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to continue the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill."

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions of the Continental Congress laid before them on *Thursday* the Twenty-second Instant, and after some Time spent therein,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Gibbons*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Chreist*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompson* be a Committee to make Enquiry, what Part of the Arms and Accoutrements, directed by the late Assembly to be provided for public Use, are now compleated, and when the Whole will probably be procured;—and that the said Members use their utmost Endeavours to forward this necessary Business in their respective Counties.

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1776. *February* 29. The Houſe being informed by a Member, who is alſo a Member of the Committee of Safety, that the Committee have diligently applied themſelves to the promoting the Manufacture of good Arms in this Province,

*Reſolved*, That the Reſolution of Congreſs of the Fourth of *November* laſt be tranſmitted to the Committee of Safety, and that they be directed to proſecute their Meaſures for the procuring good Arms with the utmoſt Induſtry.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Wynkoop*, Mr. *Pyle*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Taylor* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to prepare a Reſolve inflicting the following Puniſhments upon ſuch Perſons as harbour Deſerters from the Continental and Provincial Forces, knowing them to be ſuch, *viz.* a Fine upon all ſuch Offenders, not leſs than *Thirty* or more than *Fifty Dollars*, and in Caſe of Refuſal or Inability to pay the Fine, to be puniſhed with Impriſonment not exceeding Months for each Offence; and that ſuch Reſolve do alſo extend to inſtitute ſome proper Court or Authority for the Trial of ſuch Offenders, with ſuitable Powers and under proper Limitations.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolution of Congreſs, reſpecting the Delegation of Power to the Commander in Chief, or Officer commanding a Detachment, or Out-Poſt, to adminiſter an Oath, be referred to the ſaid Committee, and Proviſion made accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolution, recommending to the Legiſlatures of the ſeveral Colonies to erect Courts of Juſtice for the Purpoſe of determining concerning Captures, be adopted, and referred to the ſaid Committee.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolution, for aſcertaining the Number of Inhabitants in each Colony, be recommended to the Attention of the ſaid Committee, and that this Service be performed by the Townſhip and Ward Aſſeſſors within their reſpective Diſtricts.

*Ordered*, That the Reſolution, recommending to the ſeveral Aſſemblies to paſs Acts or Ordinances for prohibiting Arreſts of Continental and Provincial Soldiers, be complied with, and referred to the ſaid Committee.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Townſhip of *Paſſyunk*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PETITION *of divers* INHABITANTS *of the Townſhip of* Paſſyunk, *in the County of* Philadelphia,

*Humbly ſheweth*,

A Petition from the Inhabitants of *Paſſyunk* Townſhip.

THAT your Petitioners, having heard the Honourable Houſe are about extending, for a further Time, the Act for the better Employment of the Poor in the City of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark*, the Townſhips of *Moyamenſing*, *Paſſyunk* and the *Northern Liberties*, and the Supplement thereto, which are nearly expiring by their own Limitation, beg Leave to repreſent, that divers Inhabitants and Freeholders of the ſaid Townſhip of *Paſſyunk*, oppreſſed with many Grievances under thoſe Acts, which they ſet forth in their Petition preſented to your Honourable Houſe on the Firſt Day of *February*, 1769, to which Petition we refer your Honour's, did pray for a Repeal of thoſe Laws, but were ſo unfortunate as not to ſucceed: That, as the Grievances then complained of ſtill continue, your Petitioners humbly pray your Honourable Houſe will not any longer oblige the Inhabitants of the ſaid Townſhip of *Paſſyunk* to ſupport the Poor of another Diſtrict, ſo contrary to the general Tenor of the Laws for the Support of the Poor through the Province; but that, like the other Townſhips, they may be left to ſupport their own Poor.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever pray, *&c.*

HENRY MAAG, JOHN WRIGHT,
CASPER CLICKNEW, SAMUEL MORRIS.
GEORGE S. HOFFNER, Jun.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *William Scout*, of *Moorland*, in the County of *Philadelphia*, Fugalman, complaining that he has not received the Wages due to him for his Services, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Robert Colvin*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 1. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Rider to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for veſting a Tract of Land in* Middletown *Townſhip, in the County of* Bucks, *in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*," being read the ſecond time, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

A Petition

A Petition from the Committee of Inspection for the County of *Bucks* was presented to the House, and is as follows, *viz.* 1776. *March* 1.

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The *PETITION* of the COMMITTEE of INSPECTION for the County of *Bucks*,

*Humbly sheweth*,

THAT, as a general Uneasiness prevails among the Associators in this County, on Account of the late Military Resolutions of this Honourable House, and many Persons have signed them, under a full Persuasion that Amendments would be made therein; and as there are many able-bodied Men, between the Age of Fifty and Sixty Years, possessed of large Estates, who are entirely exempt from Military Duty and Expence, your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, that the Association may be extended to the Age of Sixty. A Petition from the Committee of Inspection for *Bucks* County.

And, as the Tax upon Non-Associators is considered merely as an equivalent for personal Services, and the Associators have no Compensation for their Arms and Accoutrements, not to mention the Dangers they will be exposed to when called into actual Service, your Petitioners pray, that an additional Tax be laid upon the Estates of Non-Associators proportionate to the Expences of the Associators necessarily incurred for the general Defence of Property.

And, as by marching whole Battalions or Companies of Militia, large Tracts of Country will be left destitute of Men, except those who either hold all Resistance unlawful, or such as are disaffected to the present Measures, your Petitioners therefore beg Leave to submit it to the Consideration of the House, whether it would not be better to direct the Colonels to draught from their Battalions such Number as shall, from Time to Time, be requisite, thereby affording an Opportunity for those whose Circumstances will not always admit their going to get Volunteers in their Stead, and at the same Time leaving sufficient Force in every Part of the Country to quell any local Insurrections.

All which your Petitioners humbly pray may be taken into the Consideration of the House, and such Amendments made as you, in your Wisdom, shall see meet.

*Per Order of the Committee*,

*Bucks County, in Committee, February* 27, 1776. JOSEPH HART, *Chairman.*"

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the Township of *New Britain*, concerning the Settlement of the Account of Expences exhibited to the Committee for Captain *William Roberts's* Company in the said Township, was presented to the House and read, praying the said Account may be re-examined. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to extend the Act, entituled, "*An Act for regulating the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill," reported they had essayed a Draught for that Purpose, which they presented to the Chair, and the same being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

A Remonstrance from the Managers of the House of Employment was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The REMONSTRANCE of the MANAGERS of the HOUSE of EMPLOYMENT and ALMS HOUSE, in the City of *Philadelphia*,

*Respectfully sheweth*,

THAT, being informed of a Motion made to your Honourable House, for separating the Township of *Passyunk* from the City, and other the Townships, by Law now united, for the Support and Employment of their Poor, crave Leave to remark: Remonstrance from the Managers of the House of Employment.

*First.* That their being so united was the Cause of making the Building, for the Reception and Employment of the Poor, much larger than it otherwise need to have been, which we apprehend one good Reason why they ought not now to be separated.

*Secondly.* That there cannot be any great Cause of Complaint from those who reside in the Township; for it appears, that one Tax of *Three-pence* per Pound raises, on an Average, one Year with another, but about £ 40 on *Passyunk*; Three-fifths of which is paid by Residents in this City; and if light Objections are encouraged, they will be likely to produce new Complaints on every trivial Occasion.

1776. *March* 1. *Thirdly.* That, by the Law which incorporated them, it is enacted, that, in Five Years after the Sale of the old Alms Houſe Square, a Sum, equal to One-fourth Part of what ſaid Square ſold for, ſhould be collected and paid to the Treaſurer of the Corporation by the Townſhips, over and above the Sums of Money that may be found neceſſary for Support of the Poor.

*Fourthly.* That the Five Years are expired ſince the Sale of the Alms Houſe Square; therefore the Fourth Part of the Money, for which it ſold, is now become a Debt due from the Townſhips, which we hope your Honourable Houſe will be of Opinion with us, ought to be paid, and not evaded by any Murmurs or trifling Complaints of the ſaid Townſhips.

*Fifthly.* That one principal Reaſon, for uniting the Townſhips, was to prevent the unavoidable Neceſſity of frequent Removals and Appeals, which is well known to occaſion much Expence and Trouble, often more than would maintain the Poor.

*Sixthly.* That, on Account of the Union, the Buildings are made large enough to accommodate their united Poor, and ſhould any one of the Townſhips be allowed to ſeparate, the others may make the ſame Requeſt, (as they once did, and were, by the then Honourable Houſe, diſcouraged) the City then will be burthened with an inſupportable Debt.

Your Remonſtrants therefore earneſtly beg your Honourable Houſe will take the Premiſes into Conſideration; and we confide, that ſuch Applications, as have a manifeſt Tendency to diſunite the Townſhips from the City and Diſtricts, and introduce a Train of Conſequences evil in their Nature and deſtructive in their End, will be diſcouraged.

*Signed at the Requeſt of the Managers,*

*Philadelphia, February* 29, 1776. By JACOB SHOEMAKER.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *John Williams*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Lancaſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Northampton*,—a Copy of a Memorial from the ſaid Freeholders and Inhabitants delivered to Congreſs in *December* laſt, and ſeveral Affidavits taken in the ſaid County, were preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Anſwer to the Governor's Meſage, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read, and agreed to by the Houſe, was ordered to be tranſcribed.

A Memorial from the Committee of Safety was preſented to the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

## The *MEMORIAL* of the COMMITTEE of SAFETY.

A Memorial from the Committee of Safety to the Houſe

THE Committee have, ever ſince their Appointment, applied themſelves, with the greateſt Zeal and Fidelity, to the important Truſt confided to them, in providing Means for the Defence of this Province; they were, however, ſuch Means only as were thought more immediately requiſite for our Security againſt the Attempts made by a Naval Armament, and were beſides neceſſarily confined within the Limits of the Funds alloted to them by your Honourable Houſe;—but they beg Leave to repreſent, that, as every Day brings with it freſh Proofs of the Violence of the *Britiſh* Miniſtry, and of their fixed Purpoſe to ſubdue the free Spirit of *America*, that has yet given ſuch Obſtruction to all their Schemes of Tyranny and Deſpotiſm—a Purpoſe aſſiſted too by an obſequious Parliament, which may not ſpeak the genuine Senſe of the Nation, though it has unhappily the Direction of its Force, it truly becomes us to prepare ſeriouſly for the Storm gathering over the Colonies, and which, in the Uncertainty of its Courſe, may, in a few Weeks, fall upon this Province. This being the Idea of the Committee, they have come to the following Reſolution, claiming the moſt earneſt Attention of your Honourable Houſe thereto.

*Reſolved*, " That Application be made to the Honourable the Houſe of Repreſent-
" atives, praying that they will take Order for the Raiſing of Two Thouſand Men, to
" act in the Defence of this Province, and this Board will repreſent it, as their Opinion,
" that it will be moſt for the public Service, that one Battalion of Regular Troops be
" formed out of that Number, and the Remainder be a Body of Rifle-Men."

The Committee beg Leave to ſolicit your Attention to another Object alſo of extenſive Importance, the Military Aſſociation: The general Sentiments concerning which, they have in the Receſs of Aſſembly had an Opportunity of collecting, and though ſuch

Numbers

Numbers already have, and, we hope, will ſtill engage In it, under its preſent Form, as may prove a conſiderable Addition to our Strength, yet, as there are material Objections made to it, and as they underſtand are to be laid before your Honourable Houſe by divers reſpectable Bodies of Men, they ſubmit to you, whether it will not be highly expedient, and conſiſtent with good Policy, immediately to remove every Cauſe of Diſcontent, on this Head, from the Minds of the Aſſociators, who, under an Apprehenſion of partial and unequal Burthens impoſed on them, have nevertheleſs had the Virtue not to refuſe their Services to their Country, in Confidence that your Honourable Houſe will re-conſider the ſeveral Proviſions and Regulations complained of, and give them Satisfaction therein. 1776. March 1.

*By Order of the Committee,*

*In Committee of Safety,*
*Philadelphia, February* 22, 1776.

ALEXANDER WILCOCKS, *Chairman.*"

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe being informed by the Speaker, that the *Indians* now in Town requeſt to be ſupplied with a Horſe, a Beaver Trap, and ſome other Neceſſaries,

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Parker* provide the ſaid *Indians* with the Articles they mention, and ſuch other little Matters as the Members think expedient.

The Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Meſſage being tranſcribed according to Order, was ſigned by the Speaker, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*May it pleaſe your* HONOUR,

WE have taken into our Conſideration your Meſſage of the Twenty-ſecond Inſtant, reſpecting the Expences incurred in Obedience to your Order for carrying into Execution the Laws of this Province, in the County of *Northumberland*, and requeſt your Honour would be pleaſed to furniſh the Houſe with a Copy of the Orders given on that Occaſion: And alſo, that you would direct a particular Account to be laid before us of the Expence which has accrued, to enable us to judge of the Propriety and Amount of the Proviſion expected from us. Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage from the Houſe.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe,*

*March* 1, 1776. JOHN MORTON, Speaker."

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Hunter* wait on the Governor with the foregoing Anſwer to his Meſſage, and deliver the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *March* 2.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Meſſage, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to amend and continue the Act entituled, " *An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to continue* " *Part of an Act* made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty King " GEORGE the Third, entituled, " *An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly* " *Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for* " *other Purpoſes therein mentioned;*" and ' *for making further Proviſions for the better* ' *executing the ſaid Act,*' which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Rider to the Bill entituled, " *An Act for veſting a certain Tract of Land ſituate* " *in* Middletown *Townſhip, in the County of* Bucks, *in Truſtees, to be ſold, and for other* " *Purpoſes therein mentioned,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and annexed to the Bill.

*Reſolved,* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered,* That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Brown* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *March* 4. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from *John Lytel,* a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Lancaſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Petitions of *Robert Colvin* and *John Williams,* inſolvent Debtors in the Gaols of *Philadelphia* and *Lancaſter* Counties, being again read, were referred to the Committee of Grievances for Enquiry.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition of *John Marſhall,* Thread-Maker, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered,*

1776. *March* 4. *Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Swoope* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to view the Machines contrived by the Petitioner for throwing and twiſting of Thread, and report their Opinion thereof.

Adjournment *March* 5. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

By the Return of the Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, produced at the Table, it appearing that *David Rittenhouſe*, Eſq; was, on the ſecond Inſtant, elected a Repreſentative in Aſſembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, and the ſaid Gentleman this Day attending the Houſe, he was qualified as a Member, and took his Seat accordingly.

It appearing to the Houſe upon proper Proof that *John Fulton* and *James Kelly* are juſtly entitled to the Rewards adverti ſed for apprehending a certain *Fleming Elliot*, charged with the Murder of *John Faughnar* in *Cheſter* County, an Order was drawn on the Provincial Treaſurer for the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, payable to the ſaid *Fulton* and *Kelly*, in full of the Reward of *Fifty Pounds* offered by Government, and of *Ten Pounds* given by certain Inhabitants of the County aforeſaid, for bringing the Offender to Juſtice.

A Petition from *Patrick Wright*, a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That this Houſe will, on *Friday* next, take into Conſideration the great Number of Petitions, lately preſented from the ſeveral back Counties, for an Increaſe of Members to repreſent the ſaid Counties reſpectively in Aſſembly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, ſent down to the Houſe a Copy of his Letter to the Magiſtrates of *Northumberland* County on the Twenty-fifth of *November* laſt, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

'GENTLEMEN, *Philadelphia, 25th November*, 1775.

A Letter from the Governor to the Magiſtrates of *Northumberland* County.

'I HAVE juſt now received a Meſſage from the Aſſembly, founded on a Letter addreſſed to them from the County of *Northumberland*, reſpecting the *Connecticut* Settlers at *Wyoming*, requeſting me to give Orders for a due Execution of the Laws of this Province in the Counties of *Northumberland* and *Northampton*. In Conſequence thereof I do moſt chearfully order you to uſe your utmoſt Diligence and Activity in putting the Laws of this Province in Execution throughout the County of *Northumberland*; and you may depend on the Faith of the Houſe, and my Concurrence with them, that every proper and neceſſary Expence that may be incurred on the Occaſion, ſhall be defrayed. I am, Gentlemen,

*Your moſt obedient humble Servant,*

JOHN PENN."

*To* WILLIAM PLUNKET, *Eſq; and his Aſſociates, Juſtices of the Peace for the County of* Northumberland.

On Delivery of the above, Mr. Secretary informed the Houſe, his Honour had not yet received a proper Account of the Expences attending the late Expedition to *Wyoming*, but would give immediate Orders to have ſuch Account laid before him, and communicate the ſame to the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Memorial from the Committee of Safety, reſpecting the raiſing of Troops for the Defence of this Province, and after ſome Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Thompſon* be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Eſtimate of the Expence of levying a Body of Fifteen Hundred Men and victualling and paying them for one Year.

A Number of Petitions from the Counties of *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks* and *Bedford*, for more Members to repreſent the ſaid Counties reſpectively in Aſſembly, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Committee of Officers and Privates, belonging to Col. *Richard Thomas's* Battalion of *Cheſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth that the Petitioners apprehending themſelves aggrieved by ſeveral of the Regulations of the Honourable Houſe, for the better Government of the Aſſociators of this Province, beg Leave to repreſent that it is their Opinion there is a Neceſſity of an Amendment to the ſaid Regulations in the following Particulars, *viz.* 1ſt. They imagine it would be more equitable in itſelf and advantageous to the Public, if the Arms and Accoutrements were provided at the Expence of the Province, and made Provincial Property.——2dly. They apprehend the preſent Fines and Taxes upon both Aſſociators and Non-Aſſociators to be conſiderably too low.—3dly. They are of Opinion, that the Limitations with regard to the Age of thoſe who come under the Notice of the Regulations, whether as Aſſociators or Non-Aſſociators, ought to be extended;——that the Petitioners, con-

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fiding in the Regard of the Honourable House to the Welfare and Safety of the Province, humbly refer these Matters to their serious Consideration, and hope for Redress in the above Particulars, or such other Relief as may be thought proper. 1776. March 5.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that a Number of the Regulars who were taken Prisoners at Fort *St. Johns* are confined in the said Town;—that having no Barracks, such of the Petitioners, to whom it was the least inconvenient, were obliged to lodge the said Prisoners in their Houses;—that in all Probability, from the Situation of the said Town, the Petitioners will have more Inconveniences of the same Kind to labour under from the Billetting of Continental Troops as well as Prisoners;—that from the Idleness of the said Prisoners Manner of Living they will probably become disorderly, and they may be more easily restrained from Mischief by being all confined to one Place in the Night Time;——that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable House will take the Premises into Consideration, and erect Barracks in the said Town capable of containing Four or Five Hundred Men. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Petition of *John Onions*, an insolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was again read and referred to the Committee of Grievances. *Post Meridiem*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *John Lytell*, and after some Debate,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to examine the Petitioners Papers and report thereon to the House.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Estimate of the Expence of levying a Body of Fifteen Hundred Men and victualing and paying them for One Year, reported a Draught for that Purpose, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

## ESTIMATE of the PAY and SUBSISTANCE of 1500 Men for One Month.

### *TWO BATTALIONS of* RIFLE-MEN.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Colonel, | a 50 Dollars per Month, | 50 Dollars. |
| 2 | Lieutenant-Colonels, each | 40 | 80 |
| 2 | Majors, | 33 1-3 | 66 2-3 |
| 12 | Captains, | 26 2-3 | 320 |
| 24 | First- and Second-Lieutenants, | 18 | 432 |
| 12 | Third-Lieutenants, | 13 1-3 | 160 |
| 48 | Sergeants, | 8 | 384 |
| 12 | Fifers, | 7 1-3 | 88 |
| 12 | Drums, | 7 1-3 | 88 |
| 1 | Quarter-Master, | 18 1-3 | 18 1-3 |
| 2 | Adjutants, | 18 1-3 | 36 2-3 |
| 2 | Surgeons, | 25 | 50 |
| 2 | Surgeons Mates, | 13 1-3 | 26 2-3 |
| 1 | Chaplain, | 20 | 20 |
| 867 | Privates, | 5 | 4335 |
| 1000 | | | 6155 1-3 Dollars. |
| | 1087 Rations [Fireing included] a 9d. per Day is £ 1222 17 6 per Month, Which is equal to | | 3261 |
| | | | 9416 1-3 |

### *ONE BATTALION of* MUSKET-MEN.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Colonel, | 50 Dollars per Month, | 50 Dollars. |
| 1 | Lieutenant-Colonel, | 40 | 40 |
| 1 | Major, | 33 1-3 | 33 1-3 |
| 8 | Captains, each | 26 2-3 | 213 1-3 |
| 8 | Lieutenants, | 18 | 144 |
| 8 | Enfigns, | 13 1-3 | 106 2-3 |
| 16 | Sergeants, | 8 | 128 |
| 16 | Corporals, | 7 1-3 | 117 1-3 |
| 8 | Fifes, | 7 1-3 | 58 2-3 |
| 8 | Drums, | 7 1-3 | 58 2-3 |
| 1 | Quarter-Master, | 18 1-3 | 18 1-3 |
| 1 | Adjutant, | 18 1-3 | 18 1-3 |
| 1 | Surgeon, | 25 | 25 |
| 1 | Surgeon's Mate, | 13 1-3 | 13 1-3 |
| 1 | Chaplain, | 20 | 20 |
| 420 | Privates, | 5 | 2100 |
| 500 | | | 3145 Dollars. |
| | 549 Rations [Fireing included] a 9d. per Day is £ 636 0 0 per Month, Which is equal to | | 1680 |
| | | | 4825 |
| | Total 14,241 1-3 Dollars per Month, | | 14,241 1-3 |
| | 12 Months Pay and Subsistance for 1500 Men, a 14,241 1-3 Dollars per Month, | | 170,896 Dol. |
| | Raising 1407 Men a 1 1-3 Dollar each, | | 1,876 |
| | | | 172,772 Dol. |

Equal to £ 64,789 10 0 Pennsylvania Currency.

1776. *March* 5. Upon Conſideration of the foregoing Eſtimate,

The following Queſtions were called for, and put by the Speaker, *viz.*

1ſt. Whether the Houſe will levy and take into Pay Fifteen Hundred Men, (Officers included) for the immediate Defence of this Province? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

2dly. Whether the ſaid Men ſhall be enliſted to ſerve till the Firſt Day of *January*, 1778, ſubject to be diſcharged, at any Time, upon the Advance of a Month's Pay to each Man? The Members dividing equally on this Queſtion, the caſting Vote was given, by the Speaker, in the Affirmative.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 6. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that many of the Petitioners have taken Money from the Province upon Loan; and, as a Security that ſuch Money ſhould be refunded at different Times, agreeable to an Act of Aſſembly of the ſaid Province, have mortgaged their landed Eſtates;—that, at the Time the Petitioners gave ſuch Security, they were by no means apprehenſive of the Troubles which have ſince ariſen on the Continent, but hoped they would have been able to make their Payments according to their Contracts;—that the total Stagnation of Trade, and of Conſequence no Monies circulating, eſpecially in ſuch an infant County, at preſent prevents their being able to comply with the Terms upon which they have received Money out of the Loan-Office;——that the Time, at which the firſt Payment ought to have been made, as well as the Time of Indulgence allowed by the Truſtees ſince the Day of Payment, are expired;——that, if Sale ſhould be made of the Eſtates of ſuch of the Petitioners as have received Money, in the preſent Situation of Affairs, they would not bring One-ſixth Part of their real Value;—that, in caſe a Sale ſhould be ordered of ſuch Eſtates as are ſo mortgaged, a Taxation of the County will enſue, which muſt unavoidably, amidſt the Variety of other Taxes, involve the whole County in Ruin;—that the Petitioners are willing to do every Act in their Power, by their Induſtry, to pay off and diſcharge, on their Parts, what is required of them, and pray the Honourable Houſe will grant them ſuch Indulgence and Relief as the Particularity of their Caſe may appear to deſerve.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Repreſentation from *John Seacord*, in Behalf of himſelf and other Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, at or near *Wyoming*,—A Memorial from a Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Northumberland*, reſpecting the *Wyoming* Diſputes, and ſundry other Papers relative to that Subject, were preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of their Vote of Yeſterday, for levying and taking into Pay Fifteen Hundred Men for the Defence of this Province, and having ſpent ſome Time therein,

*Reſolved*, That One Thouſand of the ſaid Levies be Rifle-Men, and divided into two Battalions of Five Hundred Men each.

*Reſolved*, That the remaining Five Hundred of the ſaid Levies be a Battalion of Muſket-Men.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Officers requiſite for the three Battalions to be raiſed in this Province, and

*Reſolved*, That the two Rifle-Battalions have one Colonel, and that each Battalion conſiſt of ſix Companies, to be officered with one Lieutenant-Colonel,—one Major,—ſix Captains,—eighteen Lieutenants,—Twenty-four Sergeants,—ſix Fifes,—ſix Drums,—one Adjutant,—two Surgeons and one Quarter-Maſter:—Seventy-two Rank and File.

*Reſolved*, That the Battalion of Muſket-Men conſiſt of eight Companies, to be officered with one Colonel,—one Lieutenant-Colonel,—one Major,—eight Captains,—eight Lieutenants,—eight Enſigns,—ſixteen Sergeants,—ſixteen Corporals,—eight Fifes,—eight Drums,—one Adjutant,—two Surgeons and one Quarter-Maſter:—Fifty-two Privates.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 7. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition from the Committee of Correſpondence of the County of *Bedford* was preſented to the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met*.

A Petition from the Committee of Correſpondence of *Bedford* County.

WE think it our Duty, as Members of the Committee of Correſpondence of the County of *Bedford*, humbly to repreſent to the Honourable Houſe the peculiar Situation of that County; by Reaſon of which we flatter ourſelves, that the unuſual Requeſt, which we, in Behalf of the Aſſociators within the ſame, are now going to make, will not appear altogether unreaſonable.

Our

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Our County is new, and on the Frontiers,—its Inhabitants few, and ſcattered amongſt the Mountains; by Reaſon of which they are under much greater Inconveniencies and Difficulties in aſſociating and muſtering than thoſe of the more interior Parts of the Country, having frequently twenty or thirty Miles to ride for that Purpoſe: This muſt neceſſarily take up much of their Time, which, on Account of their being moſtly new Settlers, is a peculiar Loſs and Hardſhip on them, as it is almoſt their only Treaſure: Yet, notwithſtanding theſe Circumſtances, we can, with great Truth and Pleaſure, aſſure the Honourable Houſe, that they are not only as unanimous in their patriotic Principles, but as conſtant at their Exerciſe, as any in the Province who have none of their Diſadvantages to encounter;—beſides, ſeveral of the Officers and Companies have been at a pecuniary Expence in paying Fugal-Men, Drummers, Fifers, and for Drums, *&c.* which they could ill afford; and others of them, for this Reaſon, have not yet been able to procure theſe Articles, nor to be taught the Exerciſe ſo compleatly as they could wiſh.—By Reaſon of our remote and ſcattered Situation, it is often impoſſible for us to receive the neceſſary Information in Time to enable us to regulate ourſelves, according to the Modes recommended to the Counties, to tranſact their Buſineſs in; to this Cauſe it is owing, that we could not comply with the Advertiſement, publiſhed ſome Time ago, reſpecting theſe Articles.—It will perhaps be ſaid, let them, ſuch as have not already done it, buy and ſupply themſelves with ſuch Articles, in the ſame Manner the other Counties have done, and then let them deliver in their Accounts of the Expences incurred, and they will be paid in the ſame regular Manner;—however trifling ſuch Expence may appear, yet we are well convinced, that it is out of the Power of many of them to *advance* Money ſufficient for ſuch Purpoſe:—By this Confeſſion, our County will perhaps appear too inſignificant to merit any Attention or Encouragement:—To thoſe altogether unacquainted with the Situation of a Frontier and new Settlement, this would appear to be the Caſe;—but when it is remembered, that, upon a late Demand, we, in a few Days, raiſed and ſent off a Company of Rifle-Men;—that the greateſt Number of our Inhabitants are inured to Hardſhip, and that many of them were in the Service, in the late War, particularly againſt the *Indians*;—theſe Circumſtances will, we believe, entitle us to ſome Regard.—We therefore beg Leave to ſubmit to the Honourable Houſe, whether it would not be expedient to empower the Committee appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the Aſſociators within the Province, to draw on their Treaſurer, in Favour of your Petitioners, or of ſuch other Perſons, in the County, as may be thought moſt proper, ſuch a Sum of Money as will anſwer, in ſome Meaſure, theſe neceſſary Purpoſes;—the Perſons, to whom it is delivered, to be anſwerable for it;—the Accounts ſent down properly authenticated, in a limited Time, and ſubject to the ſame Controul the other Aſſociators Accounts have been; and if it appear that the Perſons, who ſhall receive the Money, have paid it where they ought not,—they to be anſwerable in the firſt Inſtance: We ſhould not think it neceſſary, that much more than Half the Sum paid to an equal Number of Companies, in any other Part of the Province, ſhould be advanced, as we think that will anſwer every *valuable* Purpoſe.—We hope our Requeſt will appear the more equitable, when (added to the Reaſons ariſing from our Situation) it is conſidered, that, at a future Day, we will have to pay our proportional Part of the very large Sums paid to moſt of the other Aſſociators in the Province,—and indeed our People will urge this Point ſo ſtrongly to us, that it will be impoſſible to keep up that Spirit of Unanimity, and that Readineſs to lend their little Aid, in Time of Need, in Conjunction with their more powerful Com-patriots, but they will become languid and indifferent, if they ſee that no Regard is paid to their Situation,—when they *feel* that thoſe Advantages are denied to them, which it is out of their Power to obtain by the ſame Method which thoſe did, who were not under their local and other Diſadvantages.—We had twenty Companies returned to us, which are to be formed into two Battalions;—the Reaſon this was not ſooner done was, that we delayed it till we ſhould receive the Articles of Aſſociation for them to ſign, which they are now doing.

As we have no other View, in this Repreſentation, than a faithful Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in us, we pray the Honourable Houſe will not conſtrue the only Means, we could think of, to anſwer the End, into an Offence; we ſhall be ready, to the utmoſt of our Power, to do our Parts in carrying into Execution any other Method that may be propoſed, if the Prayer of our Petition ſhall be thought improper; which the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to take into their Conſideration, and their Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will pray, *&c.*

George Woods, *Chairman.*
Thomas Smith.

Sundry Petitions and Recommendations from the Counties of *Lancaſter* and *Northumberland*, having been preſented at the Table in Behalf of *John Morrow*, *William Hay*, *James Crouch*, *William Mackey*, *Hawkins Boon*, *William Caldwell* and *Robert King*, as Perſons

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*Reſolved*, That *John Morrow*, of *Lancaſter* County, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Captain in one of the Rifle-Battalions to be formed for the above Service.

*Reſolved*, That the Settlement of Rank, in the Battalions to be raiſed for the Service of this Colony, be referred to future Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration and Appointment of Officers for the new Levies.

*Reſolved*, That *James Marſhall*, of the County of *Lancaſter*, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Captain in one of the ſaid Rifle-Battalions.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition, ſigned by a great Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying a more adequate Repreſentation in Aſſembly.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Order of laſt *Tueſday* being read,

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petitions before them from the City of *Philadelphia*, and ſeveral of the back Counties, for an Increaſe of Members to repreſent them, in the Aſſembly of this Province, and after a Debate of conſiderable Length,

Adjournment. adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Subject before them in the Morning, and after further Debate thereon,

*Reſolved*, upon the Queſtion,

That four additional Repreſentatives in Aſſembly be allowed to the City of *Philadelphia*,—two additional Repreſentatives to each of the Counties of *Lancaſter*, *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks* and *Northampton*,—and one additional Repreſentative to each of the Counties of *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Weſtmoreland*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Jacobs*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty*, Mr. *Hunter* and Mr. *Thompſon*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for allowing to the City of *Philadelphia*, and certain Counties of this Province, ſuch additional Members in Aſſembly as are mentioned in the foregoing Reſolve.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 9. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſuming the Conſideration of Officers for the new Levies,

*Reſolved*, That *William Rankin* of *York* County,—*William Peoples* of *Cumberland* County,—*Henry Chreiſt*, jun. of *Berks* County,—*Henry Shade* of *Northampton* County,—*Richard Brown* of *Bedford* County,—*Caſpar Weitzell* of *Northumberland* County, and *Joſeph Irwin* of *Weſtmoreland* County, be, and they are hereby appointed, Captains in the Rifle-Battalions to be formed for the Service of this Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Grubb* and Mr. *Montgomery*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Inſtructions for recruiting Officers.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*March* 11. The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

*Poſt Meridiem*. A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they are much injured by the Uſe of Seins at and near the Mouth of the River *Schuylkill*, and praying Relief in the Premiſes.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the ſeveral inſolvent Petitions were referred for Enquiry, reported, "that ſeveral of the Creditors of *Alexander Stewart* appeared "before the Committee, and ſignified their Conſent to an Act for his Diſcharge, upon "his making over his Eſtate and his Allowance, reſerving a Competency to himſelf out "of the latter;——that no Perſon objected to *William Judd*, *John Onions*, or *William* "*Sanders*, being admitted to the Benefit of the Act prayed for in their Petitions;—that "ſeveral of the Creditors of *Patrick Wright* and *Robert Colvin* appeared, and, upon Con- "ference between them and the Petitioners, agreed among themſelves, ſo that the Com- "mittee apprehend the Interpoſition of the Houſe unneceſſary."

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to increaſe the Number of Repreſentatives in Aſſembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, and the Counties of *Lancaſter*, *York*, *Cumberland*, *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Weſtmoreland*, reported they had eſſayed a Draught for that Purpoſe, which they preſented to the Chair, and the ſame being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Committee of Correſpondence for the County of *Bedford* was again read, and after ſome Debate,

*Reſolved*,

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*Resolved*, That the Committee for settling the Battalion-Accounts draw an Order on *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, for the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, payable to *Barnard Dougherty*, Esq; to be applied to the Purchase of Drums and Colours for the Use of the Association in the said County of *Bedford*, and to be accounted for, with said Committee, by the Field-Officers of the said Association.

It being represented to the Hoouse, by the Speaker, that some Doubts have been entertained by the Commissioners and Township- and Ward-Assessors of the several Counties, whether they are to proceed to the Execution of the Duties enjoined by the Resolves of Assembly of the Twenty-fifth of *November* last, respecting their making out Lists and levying Taxes on Non-Associators in this Province,

*Resolved*, That the Commissioners and Assessors, within this Province, proceed, with all Diligence and Fidelity, in the Execution of the respective Duties required of them by the above-mentioned Resolves, without waiting for any further Notice.

A Petition from the Privates of the First Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Cumberland*, was presented to the House, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *in* General Assembly *met.*

The PETITION of the Privates of the First Battalion of Militia, in *Cumberland* County,

*Most humbly sheweth,*

A Petition from the Privates of the First Battalion of Militia, in *Cumberland* County.

THAT your Petitioners, desirous of exerting themselves in Defence of *American* Liberty, against the Tyranny of a cruel and desolating Enemy, beg Leave to lay before the Honourable House some Amendments, which they wish to have made in the Articles of Association, framed at your last Sitting, in order that they may sign them with that Freedom which every true Patriot and Friend to *American* Liberty ought to feel himself possessed of; without which Amendments, the Liberties of the Privates of the Association appear to be in a gréat Measure taken away.

*First.* The Time of keeping the Associators out on actual Service is no where limited, either in the Rules or Articles of Association, which your Petitioners apprehend puts them in a worse Situation than the inlisted Troops: We submit it to the Wisdom of the Honourable House, whether two or three Months are not sufficient to keep out any Party of Associators at one Time, until relieved by others at the Call of the Assembly or Committee of Safety.

*Secondly.* The Articles, as they now stand, establish all the Officers of the Association during Life, or until otherwise removed by Resignation, Promotion, or broken by the Sentence of a General Court of Associators: We would pray the Honourable House to re-consider this Matter, and see if it is not more agreeable to the Rights of Freemen and the Constitution of this Province, that all Military Officers, not exceeding the Rank of a Colonel of a Battalion, should be voted in by Ballot annually, in the same Manner as Members of Assembly, Sheriffs and other Civil Officers; the Field-Officers, Standard-Bearer and Adjutant, by the Battalion at large, and the Officers of a Troop or Company, by the Troop or Company. Your Petitioners are of Opinion, that Officers voted in in this Manner, would, by no Means, be liable to Disgrace upon the Promotion of others in their Room, as their going out of Office might not be for any bad Conduct alledged against them, but in order to serve others equally worthy of Notice;—for annual Election is so essentially necessary to the Liberty of Freemen, that your Petitioners hope the Honourable House will be careful not to deprive their Constituents of it.

*Thirdly.* Your Petitioners humbly conceive, that the Regimental and General Courts of Associators should consist of an equal Number of Officers and Court-Associators, one of the said Officers to be President, as we can see no Reason why there should be a superior Number of Officers in said Courts; because Officers and Privates of the Association, being engaged in the same Cause, ought to have the same Mode of Trial, be the Offence what it will.

*Fourthly.* The Thirty-first Article of Association enjoins the Associators to be subject to all the Rules and Articles already made by the Honourable Continental Congress, for the Government of the Continental Troops, when called by the Assembly, or the Committee of Safety in Recess of Assembly, into actual Service: Your Petitioners pray, that the Honourable House would please to amend said Article, by allowing the Associators to be tried for all Offences and Crimes, of which they may be guilty, as mentioned in the said Rules and Articles, when on actual Service, in the same Way as is proposed above, *viz.* By an equal Number of their own Officers and Court-Associators; and, where the Punishment directed by said Rules and Articles, is to be Whipping, and the Crime not made Felony by the Civil Law, that the Delinquent shall have it in his Power to evade such Whipping by paying a certain Fine, such as the Wisdom of the Honourable House shall point out, and in such Time as shall be thought proper after Conviction.

1776. *March* 11. tion. This Indulgence your Petitioners apprehend will not be attended with any bad Conſequences to the Army, as the Aſſociators are on a different Footing from the Continental Troops, and may, through Inadvertency or Ignorance, be guilty of an Offence that would ſubject them to a Puniſhment, which would be a laſting Stain to them and their Family, more eſpecially if they have been of any Repute at home.

*Laſtly*. Your Petitioners pray the Honourable Houſe to conſider the Inequality of Fines reſpecting Non-Aſſociators; the Grievances whereof are ſo great and many, that it would be giving you too much Trouble to enumerate them, as we are well aſſured they are fully laid before the Honourable Houſe in a Petition from the Committee of Privates of the City and Suburbs of *Philadelphia*, and perhaps by other Committees.

Your Petitioners moſt humbly pray the Honourable Houſe to take theſe Matters into their moſt ſerious Conſideration, and grant the Amendments herein propoſed, or ſuch Redreſs of the Grieveances we complain of, as to their Wiſdom ſhall appear right.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will pray.

*Signed, in Behalf of the Twelve Companies of the Firſt Battalion of Militia in* Cumberland *County, by Order of Delegates from each of the ſaid Companies.*

JONATHAN HOGE,
WILLIAM LYON,
HENRY MAKINLY,
JOHN CREIGH,
WILLIAM BROWN,
HUGH M'CORMICK,
ROBERT WHITEHILL,
} *Committee of Correſpondence.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Inſtructions, for recruiting Officers, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which was read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 12. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter dated the ſixth Inſtant, from the Committee of *Berks* County, reſpecting the Arms directed to be provided for the Uſe of the ſaid County, and ſome other public Matters, which was read, and

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

The Petition from the Privates of the Firſt Battalion of Militia, in the County of *Cumberland*, was again read, and referred to the Committee appointed to reviſe the Rules and Regulations, formed by the Houſe for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Draught of Inſtructions for recruiting Officers, which being read by Paragraphs, and agreed to by the Houſe, was tranſcribed, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

## INSTRUCTIONS for recruiting RIFLE-MEN, in the Service of *Pennſylvania*.

Inſtructions for recruiting Rifle-Men, in the Service of *Pennſylvania*.

1ſt. YOU are to inliſt no Man who is not able-bodied, healthy and active, nor any, whoſe Attachment to the Rights and Liberties of this Province, and of *America* in general, you have any Cauſe to ſupect.

2dly. You are to have great Regard to Sobriety, and moral Character in general.

3dly. You are to take the utmoſt Care, as you value your Office and the Eſteem of your Country, that you inliſt no Man who is not provided with a good Rifle-Gun, perfectly fit for Service, and very expert in the Uſe of it.

4thly. You are not to inliſt any indented Servant, nor, without the Leave of his Maſter or Miſtreſs, any Apprentice.

5thly. You will take Notice, that the Colonel of the Battalion, or ſome Perſon to be appointed by him, is to inſpect your Men, and to reject ſuch as do not anſwer to your Inſtructions.

6thly. Every Man is to be inliſted by his taking and ſubſcribing, before ſome Juſtice of the Peace, an Oath or Affirmation in the following Words, *to wit:* " I A. B. vo-
" luntarily inliſted a Soldier, until the Firſt Day of *January*, 1778, unleſs ſooner
" diſcharged, in the Troops ordered to be raiſed by the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*, and
" ſubjecting myſelf to ſuch Rules and Articles, as are or ſhall be made, or directed by
" the ſaid Aſſembly, for regulating and governing the ſaid Troops, do ſolemnly
" that, in this Service, I will truly and faithfully obey the preſent and any Aſſembly of
" this Colony, and, in their Receſs, any Committee of Safety by them appointed for
" the Time being, and, in Purſuance of their Direction and Command, ſuch Officers
" as ſhall be placed in Authority over me; that I will, to the utmoſt of my Power,

" defend

" defend the Rights and Liberties of this Province, and of *America* in general, and " will oppose and resist any Force or Enemies that shall act, or be employed, against " them." So help me 1776. *March* 12.

7thly. You are to use all Diligence in compleating your Company, and report to your Colonel.

8thly. You shall be allowed *Ten Shillings*, per Week, for the Subsistance of every Recruit, till they arrive at their Stations; and *Ten Shillings* for every Man you inlist, who shall be approved on Inspection, besides such Subsistance-Money and your Pay.

9thly. You are to furnish each of the Subalterns of your Company with a Copy of these Instructions, who are to exert themselves in recruiting.

10thly. That each Soldier when inlisted, and having taken the foregoing Qualification, shall receive a Month's Pay Advance.

11thly. That the Men be inlisted to serve till the First Day of *January*, 1778, to find themselves Arms and Cloathing, and to be subject to be discharged, at any Time, upon the Advance of a Month's Pay to each Man, over and above the Sum that may be due to him.

*Signed by Order of the House,*

JOHN MORTON, Speaker."

*To* *Esq;*
*Captain of the* *Company of Rifle-Men,*
*in the Province of* Pennsylvania.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland* was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners last Year mortgaged their Lands, in the General Loan-Office of this Province, with a Prospect of re-paying the Money they borrowed, agreeable to the Terms stipulated; but, that the distressing Situation of public Affairs, which prevents selling the Produce of their Plantations, their Stock or other Property, whereby they expected to raise Money, has put it out of their Power to comply with their Contracts, within the Times limited by Law;—that the Petitioners therefore pray the House will suspend the Execution of the Law, till a Revival of Trade shall enable them to dispose of their Effects, when they will most chearfully, without any Compulsion, perform their respective Agreements. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of *Rye* Township, in *Cumberland* County, was presented to the House and read, praying an Act of Assembly may be passed for establishing a Saw- and Grist-Mill, lately built by *Marcus Hulings*, near the Mouth of *Shearman's* Creek, and to enable the said *Hulings* to erect a Dam across the said Creek, which will be no Obstruction to the Navigation thereof. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants in and near the Townships of *Whitehall* and *Salisbury*, in the County of *Northampton*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth, that the Petitioners conceive the Articles for regulating the Associators in this Province, are very unequal, as those, who do not join with them, are put to no Expence in providing themselves with Arms and Accoutrements, and have only the trifling Sum of *Fifty Shillings* to pay yearly; that, for this Reason, many of the Inhabitants still neglect to sign the Articles of Association, by which Means the public Cause suffers:—That the Petitioners therefore humbly pray the Honourable House to take the Premises into Consideration, and make such further Rules and Regulations as shall render the public Defence less burthensome to Individuals. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Shearman's* Valley was presented to the House and read, praying that *Marcus Hulings* may not be permitted to erect a Dam across *Shearman's* Creek. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Appointment of Officers for the new Levies, in the Rifle-Service, and

*Resolved*, That *Andrew Long* of *Bucks* County, *Peter Grubb*, junior, of *Lancaster* County, and *Lewis Farmer* of the City of *Philadelphia*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Captains in the said Service.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly for the City of* " Philadelphia, *and in the several Counties therein named,*" the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Blank, in the first Clause of the said Bill, shall be filled with the Words [the Twenty-fifth Day of *April* next]? *March* 13.

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

YEAS.

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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Roſs*, | Mr. *Gray*, |
| Mr. *Potts*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Roberts*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Swoope*, | Mr. *Foulke*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *Chapman*, |
| Mr. *Morris*, | Mr. *Chreiſt*, | Mr. *Twining*, |
| Mr. *Rittenhouſe*, | Mr. *Kachlein*, | Mr. *Brown*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Taylor*, | Mr. *Jenks*, |
| Mr. *Wynkoop*, | Mr. *Dougherty*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, |
| Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Hunter*, | Mr. *Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Grubb*, | Mr. *Thompſon*. | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Slough*, | | Mr. *Webb*. |

The ſaid Bill having been read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, the Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether it ſhall be tranſcribed for a third Reading? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

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| Mr. *Hillegas*, | Mr. *Slough*, | Mr. *Roberts*, |
| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Roſs*, | Mr. *Foulke*, |
| Mr. *Potts*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Chapman*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Swoope*, | Mr. *Twining*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *Brown*, |
| Mr. *Morris*, | Mr. *Chreiſt*, | Mr. *Jenks*, |
| Mr. *Rittenhouſe*, | Mr. *Kachlein*, | Mr. *Pearſon*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Taylor*, | Mr. *Webb*. |
| Mr. *Wynkoop*, | Mr. *Dougherty*, | |
| Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Hunter*, | |
| Mr. *Jacobs*, | Mr. *Thompſon*. | |
| Mr. *Grubb*, | | |

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter from the Committee of Safety, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*In* COMMITTEE *of* SAFETY.

SIR, *Philadelphia, 13th March, 1776.*

A Letter from the Committee of Safety to the Houſe

A Company of Soldiers being on their March to the Southward, General *Lee*, under whoſe Orders they are, has applied to this Board to ſettle the Rates they are to pay for their Accommodation on the Road; the Board diſmiſſed the Application, as not being competent to the Buſineſs; but as ſuch Caſes will frequently happen in the Courſe of the War, and the unſettled Prices be a fruitful Source of Contention between Landlords and Soldiers, they ſubmit to your Honourable Houſe, whether it is not an Object worthy of their Attention to determine what Rates are reaſonable to be paid by all the *American* Troops on their March through this Province. I am, SIR,

*Your very humble Servant,*
*By Order of the Committee,*
JOHN NIXON, *Chairman.*"

*To* JOHN MORTON, *Eſquire.*

A Petition from *James Patton* and *John Allen*, of the County of *Cumberland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners were indicted for erecting a Dam in *Shearman's* Creek, contrary to a Law of this Province, by which the ſaid Creek is declared a public Stream and Highway;—that being found guilty, at the laſt Court of General Quarter-Seſſions of the Peace held at *Carliſle*, they were fined *Fifty Pounds* each, ordered to pay the Coſts of Proſecution, and to ſtand committed till the ſame be complied with;—that in Conſequence of this Judgment, they were immediately committed, and are ſtill confined in Gaol;—that ſince their Confinement, their Creditors have ſeized all their Effects, which has reduced their Families to great Diſtreſs, and they are informed the Sheriff is required to break down their Dam, as ſoon as the Weather will allow, which muſt totally deprive them of the Means of Support; that the Petitioners therefore pray the Honourable Houſe to take their unhappy Caſe into Conſideration, and grant ſuch Relief therein as they may think proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe proceeded to the Nomination of Field-Officers for the three Battalions to be raiſed for the Service of this Province, and

*Reſolved*, That *Samuel Miles*, Eſq; of the County of *Philadelphia*, be, and he is hereby

hereby appointed, Colonel of the two Rifle-Battalions; and *John Cadwalader*, Esq; of the City of *Philadelphia*, Colonel of the Battalion of Musket-Men to be raised for the Service aforesaid. 1776. *March* 13.

*Resolved*, That *Daniel Brodhead*, Esq; of *Berks* County—*James Piper*, Esq; of *Bedford* County, and *Caleb Parrey*, Esq; of *Philadelphia* County, be, and they are hereby appointed, Lieutenant-Colonels of the said three Battalions.

*Resolved*, That *Enion Williams*, *John Patton*, and *James Potts*, Esquires, of the County of *Philadelphia*, be, and they are hereby appointed, Majors of the said three Battalions.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *March* 14.

The Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly, "for the City of* Philadelphia, *and in the several Counties therein named*," being transcribed according to Order, and read the third time, the Question was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the said Bill shall pass the House and be sent to the Governor? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

| YEAS. | YEAS. | NAYS. |
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| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Ross*, | Mr. *Roberts*, |
| Mr. *Potts*, | Mr. *Ewing*, | Mr. *Foulke*, |
| Mr. *Miles*, | Mr. *Swoope*, | Mr. *Chapman*, |
| Mr. *Parker*, | Mr. *Montgomery*, | Mr. *Twining*, |
| Mr. *Rittenhouse*, | Mr. *Chreist*, | Mr. *Brown*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | Mr. *Kachlein*, | Mr. *Jenks*, |
| Mr. *Wynkoop*, | Mr. *Taylor*, | Mr. *Pearson*, |
| Mr. *Bartholomew*, | Mr. *Dougherty*, | Mr. *Humphreys*, |
| Mr. *Jacobs*, | Mr. *Hunter*, | Mr. *Webb*. |
| Mr. *Grubb*, | Mr. *Thompson*. | |
| Mr. *Slough*, | | |

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rittenhouse* and Mr. *Montgomery* wait on the Governor with the said Bill for his Assent to the same.

The House taking into Consideration their Resolution of the Seventh Instant, respecting the Settlement of Rank in the Battalions raising for the Service of this Province,

*Resolved*, That *Samuel Miles*, Esq; take Rank as first Colonel of the *Pennsylvania* Forces; and that the two Battalions of Rifle-Men be formed into one Regiment, to be commanded by the said Colonel.

*Resolved*, That *John Cadwalader*, Esq; take Rank as second Colonel of the said Forces, and that the Battalion of Musket-Men be commanded by the said Colonel.

*Resolved*, That *James Piper*, Esq; take Rank as Lieutenant-Colonel of the first Battalion—and *Daniel Brodhead*, Esq; as Lieutenant-Colonel of the second Battalion in the Regiment of Rifle-Men.

*Resolved*, That *Caleb Parrey*, Esq; take Rank as Lieutenant-Colonel of the Battalion of Musket-Men.

*Resolved*, That *Enion Williams*, Esq; take Rank as Major of the first Battalion, and *John Patton*, Esq; as Major of the second Battalion in the Regiment of Rifle-Men.

*Resolved*, That *James Potts*, Esq; take Rank as Major of the Battalion of Musket-Men.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill passed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bill into immediate Consideration. *Post Meridiem*

A Number of printed Copies of the Instructions to the recruiting Officers being produced at the Table, the same were signed by the Speaker, by Order of the House, and delivered to Colonel *Miles*.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That an Order for the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* be drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; payable to Colonel *Samuel Miles*, to be immediately applied to the Recruiting-Service;—and an Order being drawn at the Table accordingly, was signed by the Speaker, and delivered to Colonel *Miles*.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting "a certain Tract of Land, situate in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in "Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which was referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment. *March* 15.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Resolution of the Honourable Continental Congress, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

1776. *March* 15.

In CONGRESS, *March* 14, 1776.

" *Reſolved*, That it be recommended to the ſeveral Aſſemblies, Conventions and " Councils, or Committees of Safety of the United Colonies, immediately to cauſe all " Perſons to be diſarmed within their reſpective Colonies, who are notoriouſly diſaffected " to the Cauſe of *America*, or who have not aſſociated, and refuſe to aſſociate to defend " by Arms theſe United Colonies againſt the hoſtile Attempts of the *Britiſh* Fleets and " Armies; and to apply the Arms taken from ſuch Perſons in each reſpective Colony, " in the firſt Place, to the arming the Continental Troops raiſed in ſaid Colony; in the " next, to the arming ſuch Troops as are raiſed by the Colony for its own Defence, and " the Reſidue to be applied to the arming the Aſſociators: That the Arms, when " taken, be appraiſed by indifferent Perſons, and ſuch as are applied to the arming " Continental Troops be paid for by Congreſs, and the Reſidue by the reſpective Aſ- " ſemblies, Conventions or Councils, or Committees of Safety.

*Extract from the Minutes*,
CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary*."

The Houſe proceeded to the Nomination of Officers for the Battalion of Muſket-Men to be raiſed for the Defence of this Province, and

*Reſolved*, That *Thomas Herbert*, *Joſeph Howell*, jun. *Abraham Dehuff*, *Francis Murray*, *Abraham Marſhall*, *John Nice*, *Patrick Anderſon* and *Peter Zachary Lloyd*, Eſquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Captains of the ſaid Battalion.

It being repreſented to the Houſe, that the Continental Troops, at the Barracks of this City, are in Want of ſome Neceſſaries uſual in Quarters,

*Reſolved*, That the Committee of Safety make Enquiry into the Circumſtances of the ſaid Troops, and give Orders to the Barrack-Maſter to allow them the Uſe of ſuch Bedding and other Conveniences, at the Barracks, as have been provided for the Troops of this Province.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem*. A Petition from the Committee of Privates of the Military Aſſociation, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met*.

The *PETITION* of the COMMITTEE of PRIVATES of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

*Humbly ſheweth*,

A Petition from the Committee of Privates.

THAT your Petitioners obſerving that this Honourable Houſe had, in the Introduction to the Articles of Aſſociation, expreſſed an Intention of altering ſuch Articles, Rules and Reſolutions, reſpecting the Military Aſſociation, as ſhould be found inconvenient, and being deſirous of obtaining ſuch Alterations as would give general Satisfaction throughout the Province, and to ſave this Honourable Houſe the Trouble of repeated Applications for Amendments, opened a Correſpondence with the Country Battalions, to know what Objections they had to the Reſolutions of this Honourable Houſe, deſigning, if poſſible, to expreſs the Senſe of the whole Province in their Petition; but, as theſe Objections did not come to Hand in Time, your Petitioners requeſt this Honourable Houſe to take the Amendments propoſed, in the incloſed Papers, into their ſerious Conſideration, and grant Redreſs in ſuch Manner as ſhall appear moſt conſonant to their Wiſdom and Juſtice. They particularly recommend the Article to your Honours, reſpecting the Proviſion which ought to be made for the Support of the Families of ſuch Aſſociators during their Abſence on actual Service, whoſe Maintenance depends on their Labour, as no Man, who is able, by his Induſtry, to ſupport his Wife and Children, could ever conſent to have them treated, by the Overſeers of the Poor, as the Law directs. We therefore pray, that ſuch a Fund be fixed, for their Supply, as may be more worthy of Men who are riſking their All in Defence of their Country.

And your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will pray, *&c.*

*Signed by Order of the Committee of Privates*,
WILLIAM ADCOCK, *Chairman*.

The Papers referred to in the above Petition, containing divers Amendments propoſed by the Committees of Privates of the *Elk* or Fourth Battalion, in *Cheſter* County, and Col. *Galbreath's* Battalion, in *Lancaſter* County, to the *Rules and Regulations* drawn up by the Houſe at their laſt Sitting, were read by Order, and referred to the Committee of the Houſe appointed to conſider and report on ſundry other Papers of the ſame Kind.

An Account from Major *Lewis Nicola*, Barrack-Maſter, was produced at the Table, amounting to £ 10 12 2, for Diſburſements at the Barracks, and the ſame being allowed

lowed by the House, an Order was drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for the said Sum in Payment thereof. 1776. March 15.

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill, entituled, "*An Act for vesting a certain Tract of Land, situate in* Middletown *Township, in the County of* Bucks, *in Trustees, to be sold, and for other Purposes therein mentioned*," which being read and considered, were agreed to by the House, and the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to increase the Number of Representatives in Assembly for the City of* Philadelphia, *and in the several Counties therein named*," and acquainted the House he should be ready to pass the same whenever presented to him for that Purpose.

Two Accounts, from *Jeremiah Trexler* and *Adam Yohe*, were laid before the House, amounting to £ 28 5 9, for Expences in entertaining and conducting a Number of *Indians* from *Easton* to *Philadelphia*, which being examed, were allowed, and an Order drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for Payment.

The House then taking into Consideration the Appointment of Subalterns, for the Rifle-Regiment,

*Resolved*, That *Thomas Paxton*, *Thomas Bartholomew Bowen*, *John Stoner*, *John Clerk*, *Jacob Levan*, *John Davis*, *John Thompson*, *William Gray*, *John Young*, *John Spear*, *Matthew Scott*, and *Edward Thompson*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, First Lieutenants in the said Regiment of Rifle-Men.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Colonel *John Cadwalader*, which was read, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

SIR,

I AM informed, that the Honourable House of Assembly have thought proper to appoint me a Colonel, (Second in Command) in the Provincial Service. I am very sensible of the Honour conferred on me; but, as the House have not granted my Request, (which was the Command of the First Battalion) I beg you will be pleased to inform the House, that I decline accepting the Appointment.

I am, SIR, with great Respect,

*Your most obedient, very humble Servant, &c.*

*Philadelphia, March* 15, 1776.

JOHN CADWALADER.

*To the Honourable* JOHN MORTON, *Esq*;
*Speaker of the Honourable House of Assembly of* Pennsylvania.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *March* 16.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and proceeding in the Appointment of Subalterns for the Regiment of Rifle-Men,

*Resolved*, That *Jacob Maise*, *Thomas Gourley*, *Jost Treisbach*, *Robert M'Pherson*, *John Perrin*, *John Carpenter*, *John Robb*, *James Hamilton*, *John Shannon*, *Joseph Finley*, *John Burns* and *James Carnagan*, Esquires, be, and they are hereby appointed, Second Lieutenants in the said Regiment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House an Extract of a Letter from *Zebulon Butler*, Esq; of *Westmoreland*, dated the 28th of *February* last, with the Depositions of *Jeremiah Bickford* and *John Shewfert*, relative to the late Disturbances at *Wyoming*, which were read, and *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Applications from Lieutenant-Colonel *Brodhead* and Major *Coats*, for the Command of the Battalion of Musket-Men, now vacant by the Resignation of Colonel *Cadwalader*, were presented to the House and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *March* 18. *Post Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, pursuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *March* 19.

A Quorum met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration certain Resolutions of Congress sent down to the House, reported a Draught of sundry Resolves for carrying into Execution the several interesting Matters recommended by Congress, which Draught was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House proceeded in the Nomination of Subalterns for the Rifle-Regiment, and

*Resolved*, That *Jacob Stake*, *Stephen Hanna*, *William Barnit*, *John Dungan*, *Abraham Smith*, *Thomas Boyd*, *Joseph Jacquet*, *Charles Taylor*, *Daniel Topham*, *Robert Campbell*, *David Sloan* and *George Grant*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Third Lieutenants in the said Regiment.

It being represented to the House, that *Thomas Paxton*, of *Bedford* County, is an improper Person for a Lieutenancy in the Rifle-Service, to which he was appointed on the 15th Instant,

*Resolved*,

1776. *March* 19. *Reſolved*, That *James Francis Moore*, of the ſaid County, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Firſt Lieutenant in the ſaid Regiment, in the room of *Thomas Paxton* aforeſaid.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That an Order, for the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds*, be drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; payable to Lieutenant-Colonel *Parrey*, to be applied to the Service of recruiting Men for the Muſket-Battalion; and, an Order being drawn accordingly at the Table, the ſame was ſigned by the Speaker and delivered to Colonel *Parrey*.

The Houſe being informed, that *William Rankin*, Eſq; of *York* County, appointed a Captain in the Rifle-Service, has reſigned his Commiſſion,

*Reſolved*, That *Philip Albright*, Eſq; of the ſaid County, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Captain in the ſaid Service, in place of *William Rankin* aforeſaid.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 20. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and receiving Information, that *John Shannon*, of *Bucks* County, appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Rifle-Service, is an improper Perſon to be continued therein,

*Reſolved*, That the Commiſſion of the ſaid *Shannon* be vacated, and ſome other Perſon appointed in his room.

Adjournment The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of Subalterns for the Battalion of Muſket-Men, and having made ſome Progreſs therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Poſt Meridiem* A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the high Security required by our Laws has been found a great Diſcouragement to the ſetting Negroes at Liberty in this Province, and praying ſuch Alteration of the Laws as ſhall render a Practice ſo humane and commendable leſs difficult in future. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from *Thomas Hutchinſon*, an inſolvent Debtor in the Gaol of *Philadelphia* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon. *Referred to the Committee of Grievances.*

The Houſe proceeding in the Nomination of Subalterns for the Battalion of Muſket-Men,

*Reſolved*, That *Morton Garret*, *John Davis*, *Joſeph M'Clellan*, *Barnard Ward*, *Walter Finney*, *Peter Sheffner*, *Matthias Weidman* and *Robert Caldwell*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Lieutenants in the ſaid Battalion.

*Reſolved*, That *James Lang*, *Hezekiah Davis*, *Michael App*, *Henry Valentine*, *Alexander Huſton*, junior, *John Hough*, *William Henderſon* and *John Kirk*, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Enſigns in the ſaid Battalion of Muſket-Men.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*March* 21. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Memorial and Petition from *John Secord*, in Behalf of himſelf and a Number of other Settlers, on the Eaſt Branch of *Suſquehanna*, above *Wyoming*, with the Affidavit of *John Salmon*, were preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, reſpecting the opening a Road from the Middle Ferry on *Schuylkill*, to the Village of *Straſburg*, with two Affidavits, were preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from divers Inhabitants of *Hilltown* Townſhip, in the County of *Bucks*, was preſented to the Houſe and read,—praying that the Accounts of Captain *Shaw*, of the ſaid Townſhip, may be re-examined. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That the Committee for ſettling the Battalion-Accounts, do, and they are hereby required and impowered to, call before them all ſuch Perſons as have been complained againſt by Petitions to this Houſe, for having exhibited to, and ſettled with, the ſaid Committee, unjuſt and exorbitant Accounts of Military Expences,—and that the ſaid Committee do examine ſtrictly upon Oath or Affirmation, where they judge it neceſſary, in order to diſcover and correct ſuch Errors as may have been committed.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Roſs*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill, or Bills, for the Releaſe of ſuch inſolvent Debtors, in the different Gaols of this Province, as have petitioned this Houſe for Relief in reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Refuſal of *John Cadwalader*, Eſquire, to ſerve as Colonel of the Battalion of Muſket-Men,

*Reſolved*, That *Samuel Atlee*, Eſq; of the County of *Lancaſter*, be, and he is hereby appointed, Colonel of the ſaid Battalion.

*Reſolved*, That *George Wert*, of *Philadelphia*, Gentleman, be, and he is hereby appointed, a Second Lieutenant in the Rifle-Service, in the place of *John Shannon* of the County of *Bucks*.

*Reſolved*,

1776. *March* 21.

*Resolved*, That *John Maxwell Nesbit*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, Pay-Master of the *Pennsylvania* Forces, Naval and Military.

*Resolved*, That a Dollar, *per Diem*, be allowed to the said Pay-Master, for his Services in both Departments, and that he give Security to the Speaker of this House, for the Time being, in the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of his Trust.

*Resolved*, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, pay such Orders as shall be drawn by the Committee of Safety, in Favour of the said Pay-Master, from Time to Time, for the Purpose of paying the said Forces.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Rittenhouse*, be a Committee to contract with Persons willing to undertake supplying the Troops to be raised, for the Service of this Province, with Provisions.

*Resolved*, That *Ludowick Sprogle*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, Muster-Master of the Forces of this Province, and that he be allowed, for his Services, *Eighteen Dollars* per Month.

*Resolved*, That the said Muster-Master be enjoined to muster the said Forces at least once a Month, and make a just Return thereof to the Pay-Master, three Days before they are to be paid, and also return a Copy of his Muster-Roll monthly to the Committee of Safety, or to the Assembly of this Province, when sitting.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

*March* 22.

The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment, and taking into Consideration the Expediency of appointing Surgeons, and a Chaplain, for the three *Pennsylvania* Battalions,

*Resolved*, That *John Davis* and *William Curry*, of *Chester* County, and *Jacob Reiger*, of *Lancaster* County, Gentlemen, be, and they are hereby appointed, Surgeons of the said Battalions.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. *William Rogers* be, and he is hereby appointed, Chaplain of the said Forces.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That *Francis Mentges* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Adjutant in the said Forces.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to make perpetual an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled,* "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor;*" and, after some Time spent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House again took up the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to perpetuate an Act passed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty* GEORGE *the Third, entituled,* "*An Act for the Relief of the Poor;*" which being read the second time, was ordered to be transcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to consider and report to the House the best Mode of encouraging the Raising of Flax, in this Province, presented a written Report thereon at the Table, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

*March* 23.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

A Memorial from the Committee of Inspection and Observation, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles* and Mr. *Grubb* wait on the Governor, and request to know at what Hour To-day the House shall attend him to enact into Laws the Bills that have been returned with his Assent.

The Bill entituled, "*An Act to continue Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled,* "*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and "*for making further Provisions for the better executing the said Act,*" being transcribed according to Order, was read the third time and compared at the Table.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, reported they had delivered their Message according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would acquaint the House by the Secretary at what Hour he could meet them to pass the Bills that have been agreed on.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Rittenhouse* join with the Secretary in comparing the engrossed Bills with their Originals, and after they are passed into Laws, see the Great Seal affixed to them, and deposite the same in the Rolls Office.

1776. March 23.

*A Meſſage by the* SECRETARY.

" SIR,

" The Governor is in the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the " Speaker and the Houſe to enact into Laws the Bills that have been returned with his " Aſſent."

Mr. Speaker then, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported that they had waited on his Honour, and preſented three Bills, entituled as follows, *viz.* " *An Act to enable the Keepers of Records, in the Counties of* Philadelphia *and* Cheſter, " *to remove them to more ſafe and convenient Places*;"—" *An Act for veſting a certain* " *Tract of Land ſituate in* Middletown *Townſhip, in the County of* Bucks, *in Truſtees, to* " *be ſold, and for other Purpoſes therein mentioned*;" and, " *An Act to increaſe the Num-* " *ber of Repreſentatives in Aſſembly for the City of* Philadelphia, *and in the ſeveral Coun-* " *ties therein named*;" to which Bills the Governor had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent by enacting the ſame into Laws.

*Ordered*, That the above-mentioned Law, for increaſing the Number of Repreſentatives in Aſſembly, be immediately publiſhed.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Rittenhouſe*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Swoope*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to ſettle the Rank of the Captains and Subalterns in the ſeveral Battalions of the *Pennſylvania* Forces.

The Houſe being certified that *Hezekiah Davis*, lately appointed an Enſign in the Muſket-Battalion of the ſaid Forces, was previouſly engaged in the Continental Service, and has not been diſcharged,

*Reſolved*, That the Appointment of the ſaid *Davis*, in the Corps aforeſaid, be, and the ſame is hereby declared, void.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.*

*March* 25. *Poſt Meridiem*. Twenty-two Members met, purſuant to Adjournment, and the Speaker being prevented by neceſſary Buſineſs from attending, the Members preſent were adjourned by the Clerk to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

*March* 26. A Quorum met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the three Laws paſſed on *Saturday* laſt, and to depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to continue an* " *Act, entituled,* " *An Act to regulate the Fiſhery in the River* Schuylkill," and *to make* " *further Proviſions therein*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Upon Motion,

The Repreſentation from *John Secord*, in Behalf of himſelf and other Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, at or near *Wyoming*, with the ſeveral Papers and Affidavits attending the ſame, were again read, and after ſome Debate, referred to the Committee of Grievances, who are to hear the Complainants, and report thereon to the Houſe.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Poſt Meriaiem*. The Houſe again took up the Reſolves of the Committee appointed to conſider the Reſolutions of Congreſs, which having been read a ſecond time, and ſeparately agreed to on the Queſtion, were tranſcribed, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, 1. That any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, within this Colony, who ſhall harbour and conceal any Deſerter, (knowing him to be ſuch) from the Continental Forces, or any other Forces raiſed within this or any other of the United Colonies, for the Defence of *America*, ſhall forfeit and pay any Sum not exceeding *Fifty*, nor leſs than *Thirty Dollars*, or ſuffer three Months Impriſonment for each Offence, being convicted thereof, by the Teſtimony of one or more Witneſſes, before any two Juſtices of the Peace of the City, Borough or County reſpectively where ſuch Offence ſhall be committed, who are hereby authoriſed to hear and determine all Offences contrary to the above Reſolve; which Fine ſhall be depoſited in the Hands of the Overſeers of the Poor of the City, Borough or Townſhip, where the Offence is committed, for the Uſe of the Poor of ſuch Place.

*Reſolved*, 2. That the Commander in Chief, or the Officer commanding a Detachment, or any Poſt in this Colony, have Power, and he is hereby authoriſed, to adminiſter an Oath or Affirmation to any Perſon or Perſons, to the Truth of any Information or Intelligence ſuch Perſon or Perſons may give, relative to the Public, Military or Naval Service.

*Reſolved*, 3. That there ſhall be erected, and conſtantly held, in the City of *Philadelphia*, a Court of Juſtice, by ſuch able and diſcrete Perſon as ſhall be appointed, from Time to Time, by the Aſſembly, and commiſſioned, under the Hand and Seal of their

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Speaker, for that Purpose, whose Business it shall be to take Cognizance of and try the Justice of any Capture, or Captures, of any Vessel, or Vessels, that shall be made by any Person or Persons, in Pursuance of the Resolves of the Honourable Continental Congress, and brought into the Port of *Philadelphia* aforesaid; and the Judge, so commissioned to hold said Court as aforesaid, shall have Power, at all Times, to issue his Warrant, or Warrants, to the Marshal of the City and County of *Philadelphia* hereafter to be appointed by the Committee of Safety, which they are hereby impowered to do, commanding him to summon twelve honest and lawful Men of the County of *Philadelphia* aforesaid, to appear before the said Judge, at such Time and Place as he shall appoint; and the said Marshal is required to execute said Warrant and make Return thereof, as in and by the same he shall be authorised and directed.

*Resolved*, 4. That when any Person, or Persons, shall take and bring into any Port, in this Colony, any Vessel or Vessels, that have been offending or employed by the Enemy, contrary to the Resolves of the Honourable Continental Congress, such Person or Persons, so taking or bringing in such Vessel, shall immediately make out a Bill in Writing, therein giving a full and ample Account of the Time and Manner of the Caption of said Vessel, and the Employment she was in when so taken, and of the Persons who were aiding and assisting in taking her, to the best of his Knowledge, at the Time of her Caption, and shall deliver the same to the Judge, who shall have Jurisdiction of the Port aforesaid, with all the Papers that may be found on board such Vessel, to the Intent that the Jury may have the Benefit of Evidence therefrom arising; and the Judge, to whom said Bill shall be delivered, shall immediately issue his Warrant or Warrants, as aforesaid, to the said Marshal, commanding him, in Manner aforesaid, to return twelve good and lawful Men to try the Truth of any Facts alledged in such Bill; which Jury shall be sworn, or affirmed, to return and give a true Verdict upon the said Bill according to Evidence; and if it shall appear to said Judge, by said Verdict, that such Vessel had been employed or offending as aforesaid, he shall condemn said Vessel, Cargo and Appurtenances, and order them to be sold at public Vendue, and shall order the Charges of said Trial and Condemnation to be paid out of the Money such Vessel and Cargo shall sell for, into the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; the Treasurer of this Colony, or such other Treasurer as the Assembly shall appoint, and shall order the Residue thereof to be delivered to the Captors, their Agents or Attornies, for the Use and Benefit of such Captors and others concerned therein. And if two or more Vessels, the Commanders whereof shall be properly commissioned, shall jointly take such Vessel, the Money arising from the Sale thereof, her Cargo and Appurtenances, after Payment of all Charges as aforesaid, shall be divided between the Captors, in Proportion to their Men. And the said Judge, before whom any such Trial and Condemnation, as is afore-mentioned, shall be had, shall be and is hereby authorised to make out his Precept, under his Hand and Seal, directed to the said Marshal, requiring him to sell such Vessel, Cargo and Appurtenances, and to pay thereout the Charges of Trial, Condemnation and Sale, to the Treasurer aforesaid, and to deliver the Residue to the Captors and Persons concerned as aforesaid.

*Resolved*, 5. That there shall be paid to the Judge, Jurors, Marshal and Clerk, out of the public Treasury, such Fees as have been heretofore paid, in the Port of *Philadelphia*, in like Cases, or shall hereafter be established.

*Resolved*, 6. That when any such Bill shall be delivered to such Judge, he shall cause Notification thereof, and the Name (if known) and Description of the Vessel so brought in, with the Day set for the Trial thereon, in at least two of the public News-Papers printed at *Philadelphia*, fifteen Days before the Time set for the Trial, that the Owner of such Vessel, or any Person concerned, may appear and shew Cause, if any they have, why such Vessel, with her Cargo and Appurtenances, should not be condemned as aforesaid.

*Resolved*, 7. That the Process and Proceeding, upon any Vessel that shall be retaken from the Enemy by any Person or Persons, shall be in the same Manner as is herein provided for other Vessels; and to be sold and disposed of, in Manner aforesaid, for the Benefit and to the Uses directed by the Congress aforesaid, in Cases of Re-captures.

*Resolved*, 8. That in all Cases an Appeal shall be allowed to the Congress, or such Person as they shall appoint for the hearing and trying Appeals; provided the Appeal be demanded within five Days after definitive Sentence, and such Appeal be lodged, with the Secretary of Congress, within forty Days afterwards; and provided the Party appealing shall give Security to prosecute the said Appeal to effect. And in Case of the Death of the Secretary, during the Recess of Congress, then the said Appeal to be lodged in Congress within twenty Days after the Meeting thereof.

*Resolved*, 9. That the Judge of such Court shall appoint an able Clerk, who shall keep a true and fair Record of all the Proceedings of said Court, and shall be duly sworn or affirmed to act, in the said Office, with Truth and Fidelity, and his Attestations shall be received as Evidence.

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*Reſolved*, 10. That the Depoſitions of the Witneſſes, in any of the Caſes aforeſaid, ſhall be taken before the Judge aforeſaid and filed in the Clerk's Office, and that the ſame ſhall be, at all Times, admitted in Evidence, in Caſe of the Death or Abſence of the Witneſs; and that the ſame Depoſitions ſhall and may be taken, *ex Parte*, on ſuch Notice being given to the adverſe Party as the ſaid Judge ſhall direct and appoint.

And whereas it is neceſſary to aſcertain impartially the Number of Inhabitants of this as well as the other United Colonies, in order to fix the Quota of Taxes to be by them reſpectively raiſed and paid towards ſinking the Monies iſſued by the Continental Congreſs, for the Support and Defence of the ſaid Colonies,

*Reſolved*, therefore, 11. That the Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Wards of the City of *Philadelphia*, and of the Boroughs, Diſtricts and Townſhips, in the Counties of this Province reſpectively, having firſt taken an Oath or Affirmation for that Purpoſe, ſhall make diligent Search and Enquiry, and thereupon make a fair and juſt Return of the Number of Inhabitants of all Ages and Sexes, (including Negroes and Mulattoes) in their reſpective Boroughs, Diſtricts, Wards and Townſhips, diſtinguiſhing their ſeveral Ages and Sexes, according to a printed Liſt to be furniſhed them by the Commiſſioners for that Purpoſe, and ſhall deliver the ſame compleated, on or before the Firſt Day of *December* next, to the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, who ſhall forthwith tranſmit the ſame to the Aſſembly. And if any Aſſeſſor ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform the Duty aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, or any two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to fine him in any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds*, which ſhall be levied and recovered in the ſame Manner as is directed by the Laws of this Province, for levying and recovering Fines impoſed on Aſſeſſors refuſing or neglecting to perform the Duties therein required of them, to be paid into the Hands of the reſpective County-Treaſurers, to be by them delivered to the ſame Perſon, and applied to the ſame Uſe as the other Monies directed to be levied by the Reſolves of this Houſe; and in Caſe of Neglect or Refuſal as aforeſaid, the ſaid Commiſſioners, or any two of them, are hereby authoriſed and required to appoint another fit and capable Perſon, in the Place of him ſo neglecting or refuſing, who is hereby impowered to perform the Duties enjoined by the foregoing Reſolve.

And whereas it is neceſſary to prevent the arreſting of Continental or Colonial Soldiers for ſmall Debts,

*Reſolved*, 12. That no ſuch Soldier ſhall be arreſted or impriſoned, at the Suit of any Creditor, unleſs the ſaid Creditor make Oath or Affirmation, that the ſaid Soldier is juſtly indebted to him in the Sum of *Thirty-five Dollars*, over and above all Diſcounts; and that the Eſtate of ſuch Soldier ſhall not be liable to Attachment, at the Suit or for the Benefit of all or any of his Creditors, unleſs their Debts in the Whole, on being aſcertained by their Oaths or Affirmations, ſhall amount to more than *One Hundred and Fifty Dollars*.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Brown* be added to the Committee appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the ſeveral Battalions of Aſſociators in this Province.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition from the Inhabitants of the Town of *Reading*, for building Barracks in the ſaid Town, and after ſome Debate, ordered that the ſaid Petition lie on the Table.

Three Petitions from *James Talbot*, *John Patterſon* and *Michael Jordan*, inſolvent Debtors in the Gaol of the City of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, praying Relief with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons.

*Referred to the Committee of Grievances.*

The Bills entituled, "*An Act to make perpetual an Act paſſed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled, "An Act for the Relief of the Poor,"* and, "*An Act to continue an Act, entituled, "An Act to regulate the Fiſhery in the River* Schuylkill," and "*to make further Proviſions therein,*" being tranſcribed according to Order, were read the third time and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Swoope* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That Colonel *Miles* be, and he is hereby impowered to procure, on Rent, ſuch empty Houſes, in the Borough of *Cheſter* and *Marcus-Hook*, as he ſhall judge neceſſary to accommodate the Troops, in the Service of this Province, that may be ſtationed in thoſe Parts; and that he be allowed to make ſuch Alterations and Repairs to the ſaid Houſes, as ſhall appear abſolutely neceſſary.

The Petition of *James Patton* and *John Allen*, of *Cumberland* County, was, on Motion, again read, and, after ſome Debate, *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

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The House again took up the Resolutions of the Committee appointed to consider of the best Mode of encouraging the Culture of Flax, in this Province, and having spent some Time therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

A Member of the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to continue the Poor-Act, presented a Draught at the Table, entituled, "*An Act to extend an Act passed in the seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Increase of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons, within this Province," to the City of* Philadelphia *and other Places therein mentioned,*" which being read the first time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a second Reading.

Adjournment *March* 28.

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, with the Bills passed Yesterday, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he would take the said Bills into immediate Consideration.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House a Letter of the 26th Instant from *Mark Bird*, Esq; Chairman of the *Berks* County Committee, inclosing a Letter, to the said Committee, from *Richard Tea*, one of the Commissioners for the County aforesaid, representing, that his Colleagues, *Samuel High* and *Michael Bright*, have absolutely refused to act as Commissioners, in carrying into Execution the Resolves of Assembly, respecting the Military Association.

*Referred to the Committee appointed to revise the Military Rules and Regulations.*

The House proceeded to the second Reading of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to extend an Act passed in the seventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty, entituled, "An Act to prevent the Mischiefs arising from the Increase of Vagabonds and other idle and disorderly Persons, within this Province," to the City of* Philadelphia *and other Places therein mentioned,*" and after some Time spent therein, referred the same to further Consideration.

Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

The House resumed the Consideration of the Letter from the Committee of Safety of the 13th Instant, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jacobs* and Mr. *Ross*, be a Committee to settle the Rates to be allowed for the Entertainment of Troops marching through this Province, and the Hire of Carriages employed in transporting Provisions, Baggage and Military Stores, for the Use of such Troops.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That *James Sutor* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Ensign, in the Battalion of Musket-Men, in the Place of *Hezekiah Davis*, in the Continental Service.

The House taking into Consideration the Resignation of *Jacob Levan*, *Daniel Topham* and *John Hough*, appointed a First Lieutenant, Third Lieutenant and Ensign, in the *Pennsylvania* Forces,

*Resolved*, That *Daniel Topham* be, and he is hereby appointed, a First Lieutenant, in the said Forces, in the Place of *Jacob Levan* aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That *Abner Davis* be, and he is hereby appointed, a Third Lieutenant, in the said Forces, in the Place of *Daniel Topham* aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That *Joseph Davis* be, and he is hereby appointed, an Ensign, in the said Forces, in the Place of *John Hough* aforesaid.

The Committee appointed to view the Machines, constructed by *John Marshall*, reported, "that, in Obedience to the Order of the House, they had examined the several "Machines and Implements, in the House of Employment, made by the said *Marshall*, "for carrying on the Manufacture of Thread, particularly his curious Machine for "Twisting, which appeared to them so well contrived for expediting the said Business, "that they are of Opinion he well deserves a Reward from the Public."

Upon Motion,

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition from *Chester* County, with the Affidavits attending the same, and after some Debate thereon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Ross*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to suspend the Opening a Part of the Road, lately laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Corporation-Ferry, on *Schuylkill*, to the Village of *Strasburg*.

The Committee appointed to settle the Rank of the Captains and Subalterns, in the several Battalions of the *Pennsylvania* Forces, presented a written Report thereon, which was read and is as follows, *viz.*

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OFFICERS of the RIFLE-REGIMENT.

| Captains of the First Battalion. | Captains of the Second Battalion. |
|---|---|
| 1. *Lewis Farmer,* | 1. *John Murrow,* |
| 2. *Richard Brown,* | 2. *William Peoples,* |
| 3. *Andrew Long,* | 3. *James Marſhall,* |
| 4. *Philip Albright,* | 4. *Joſeph Irwine,* |
| 5. *Henry Shade,* | 5. *Peter Grubb, junior,* |
| 6. *Caſpar Weitzell.* | 6. *Henry Chreiſt, junior.* |

| First Lieutenants. | Second Lieutenants. | Third Lieutenants. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. *Thomas Bart. Bowen,* | 1. *George Wert,* | 1. *Joſeph Jacquet,* |
| 2. *Matthew Scott,* | 2. *John Perrin,* | 2. *William Barnit,* |
| 3. *William Gray,* | 3. *John Robb,* | 3. *Thomas Boyd,* |
| 4. *James Francis Moore,* | 4. *John Carpenter,* | 4. *John Dungan,* |
| 5. *John Spear,* | 5. *John Carnagan,* | 5. *David Sloan,* |
| 6. *John Stoner,* | 6. *John Burns,* | 6. *Stephen Hanna,* |
| 7. *John Thompſon,* | 7. *Joſt Treiſbach,* | 7. *Abraham Smith,* |
| 8. *John Clark,* | 8. *James Hamilton,* | 8. *Jacob Stake,* |
| 9. *John Davis,* | 9. *Joſeph Finley,* | 9. *Charles Taylor,* |
| 10. *John Young,* | 10. *William M'Pherſon,* | 10. *Robert Campbell,* |
| 11. *Edward Thompſon,* | 11. *Jacob Maiſe,* | 11. *George Grant,* |
| 12. *Daniel Topham.* | 12. *Thomas Gourley.* | 12. *Abner Davis.* |

OFFICERS of the MUSKET-BATTALION.

| Captains. | Lieutenants. | Enſigns. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. *Patrick Anderſon,* | 1. *Walter Finney,* | 1. *James Lang,* |
| 2. *Peter Zachary Lloyd,* | 2. *Matthias Weidman,* | 2. *William Henderſon,* |
| 3. *Francis Murray,* | 3. *Morton Garret,* | 3. *Alexander Huſton, jun.* |
| 4. *Abraham Marſhall,* | 4. *John Davis,* | 4. *John Kirk,* |
| 5. *Thomas Herbert,* | 5. *Joſeph M'Clellan,* | 5. *James Sutor,* |
| 6. *Abraham Dehuff,* | 6. *Robert Caldwell,* | 6. *Henry Valentine,* |
| 7. *John Nice,* | 7. *Barnard Ward,* | 7. *Michael App,* |
| 8. *Joſeph Howell, junior.* | 8. *Peter Shaffner.* | 8. *Joſeph Davis.* |

Your Committee beg Leave to report, that they have ſettled the Rank of the Regiment of Rifle-Men conſiſting of two Battalions, and the Battalion of Muſketry, as follows, *viz.*

*Firſt,* The Officers to rank according to the Number indorſed on their reſpective Commiſſions.

*Secondly,* The Officers of the firſt Battalion of Rifle-Men to take Rank of the Officers of the ſecond Battalion, where their Commiſſions have the ſame Number indorſed.

*Thirdly,* The Officers of the Regiment of Rifle-Men to take Rank where the Officers of the Muſketry are of the ſame Number.

*Fourthly,* All Promotions to go and be made by Seniority in the particular Battalion where a Vacancy happens.

*All which is ſubmitted to the Houſe by*

MICHAEL SWOOPE, SAMUEL MILES,
JOHN MONTGOMERY, DAVID RITTENHOUSE,
GEORGE TAYLOR, WILLIAM RODMAN,
BARNARD DOUGHERTY, CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
SAMUEL HUNTER, GEORGE ROSS."

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved,* That Captain *Joſeph Shaw, Joſiah Hart* and *William Roberts,* who have been brought before a Committee of this Houſe to rectify Errors committed in the Settlement of their reſpective Accounts of Military Expences, do forthwith pay the Fees ariſing to the Sergeant at Arms, and the Allowance to the ſeveral Witneſſes who have attended on the Occaſion.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk of this Houſe do tax the Bills to be reſpectively paid by the ſaid *Joſeph Shaw, Joſiah Hart* and *William Roberts,* and that they be ſerved with Copies of the ſame by the ſaid Witneſſes, who are hereby authoriſed to demand Payment.

Adjournment

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bills, entituled, " *An Act to make* " *perpetual an Act paſſed in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his preſent Majeſty King* " GEORGE *the Third, entituled,* " *An Act for the Relief of the Poor,*" and, " *An Act* " *to continue an Act, entituled,* " *An Act to regulate the Fiſhery in the River* Schuylkill,

" *and*

" *and to make further Provisions therein,*" and acquainted the House, that he should be ready to pass the said Bills whenever presented to him for that Purpose. 1776. *March* 29.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor with the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to continue Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of* " *his present Majesty King* GEORGE *the Third, entituled,* " *An Act for regulating and* " *continuing the nightly Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* " Philadelphia, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, " *for making further* " *Provisions for the better executing the said Act,*" and deliver the same for his Consideration and Assent.

The Members return and report they had waited on his Honour with the said Bill, and that he was pleased to say he would take the same into immediate Consideration.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Ross* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules and Regulations for the Government of the *Pennsylvania* Forces.

Mr. *Parker*, in Behalf of the Committees appointed to strike the several Sums of *Thirty-five* and *Eighty Thousand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, pursuant to Resolutions of the late and present House of Assembly, produced, at the Table, the Receipts of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, for the said several Sums in Bills of Credit aforesaid to him paid as directed by the said Resolutions. The same Member also produced six unsigned extra Sheets of the said *Thirty-five* and three of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds*, printed to supply any accidental Loss during the Signing and Numbering of the said Bills, which extra Sheets being examined, were burned by Order of the House, in the Presence of the Members.

The Committee, to whom the several Memorials from the County Committees, and Petitions from the Officers and Privates of the Military Association, together with the Rules and Articles for the better Government thereof, were referred for Consideration and Amendment, presented a Report thereon in Writing, which was read by Order, and referred to further Consideration.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment *Post Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

The House took into Consideration the Petition of *Samuel Penrose*, Tenant on the *Province-Island*, with the Accounts of Damages sustained on the said Island by the Storm in *September* last, and the Expence of Repairs since made to the Banks, and after a Debate of some Length,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Rittenhouse* and Mr. *Humphreys*, be a Committee to confer with the Tenants, and report what Allowance it may be reasonable the House should make for the Losses they have sustained by the late Storm.

A Petition from divers Inhabitants, in the Southern Part of the County of *Lancaster*, was presented to the House and read, setting forth the Utility of the new Road laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Middle Ferry, on *Schuylkill*, to the Village of *Strasburg*, and praying that Part of the public Money, appropriated to the Repair and Improvement of provincial Roads, may be applied to the Clearing the said new Road, as far as the same extends from the Village of *Strasburg* to the Sign of the Ship. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The House took into Consideration the Resolution laid before them, from the Honourable Continental Congress, of the Fourteenth Instant, together with a later Resolve of the same Body, in the Words following, *viz.*

" Whereas, in the Execution of the Resolve of Congress of the 14th of *March*, re-
" specting the disarming disaffected Persons, many Fire-Arms may be taken, which
" may not be fit for Use, to arm any of the Troops mentioned therein; therefore *Re-*
" *solved*, That all the Fire-Arms so taken, being appraised according to said Resolve,
" none of them shall be paid for, but those that are fit for the Use of such Troops, or
" that may conveniently be so made, and the Remainder shall be safely kept by the
" Assemblies, Conventions, Councils or Committees of Safety, for the Owners, to be
" delivered to them when the Congress shall direct;" and, after a Debate of considerable Length, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The House met, pursuant to Adjournment, and resuming the Consideration of the Resolutions of Congress before them last Night, after further Debate thereon, *March* 30.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Bartholomew*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Taylor*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Resolves, directing the Mode of disarming disaffected Persons, and procuring Arms from other Inhabitants of this Province, pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions of Congress.

Sundry Accounts from *Andrew M'Nair* for *Indian* Expences, amounting to £. 46 16 11, being laid before the House and allowed, an Order was drawn on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; and signed by the Speaker for Payment thereof.

The House adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker,

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Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*April* 1. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment *April* 2.

A Quorum met, purſuant to the Adjournment of laſt Night.

The Committee appointed to examine and conſider the Papers and Petition of *John Lytell*, of *Lancaſter* County, reported, "that the Caſe of the Petitioner merits the No-"tice of the Houſe, and that it will be proper to give him the Relief he ſolicits."

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Purpoſe expreſſed in his Petition.

Purſuant to the above Order, a Member preſented at the Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for confirming the Eſtate of* Andrew Herſhey, *in and to certain Lands, in the* "*Townſhip of* Donegal, *in the County of* Lancaſter," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Diſcharge of divers inſolvent Debtors, from the Gaol of this County, preſented a Draught for that Purpoſe, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions *and* William Sanders, "*Priſoners for Debt, in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with reſpect to the Impriſon-*"*ment of their Perſons*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

An Account of Expences incurred by raiſing a Troop of Horſe, in *Weſtmoreland* County, amounting to £ , was laid before the Houſe, and after ſome Debate, referred to the Committee appointed to ſettle the Accounts of Battalion-Expences.

A Member produced at the Table an Account of ſundry Goods, amounting to £ 93 10 0, furniſhed by *Joſeph Spear* to *George Croghan*, Eſq; to be given to the Hoſtages left by the *Delawares* and Six Nation *Indians*, to evince their ſincere Deſire of preſerving Peace, with this Province, when War was commenced between the *Shawaneſe* and *Virginians*,—and alſo to the Deputies ſent with Speeches; which Account being read, and appearing irregular, was *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill to ſuſpend the opening a new Road, laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, from the Corporation-Ferry on *Schuylkill*, to the Village of *Straſburg* in *Lancaſter* County, preſented a Draught for that Purpoſe, entituled, "*An Act to ſuſpend the carrying into Execution the Orders of* "*the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this Province*," which was read the firſt time, and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to conſider the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation in this Province, together with the Objections made to the ſame by the Officers and Privates of the ſaid Aſſociation; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee, upon the Rules and Regulations, *&c.* and having made ſome Progreſs therein, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *April* 3.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed for that Purpoſe, preſented at the Table a Bill, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Priſoner for Debt, in the Gaol of* Phi-"ladelphia *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon*," which being read the firſt time, was ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to ſuſpend the* "*carrying into Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain* "*Road in this Province*," which being read the ſecond time, and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to ſettle the Rates to be allowed for the Entertainment of Troops marching in and through this Province, and the Hire of Carriages employed in tranſporting Proviſions, Baggage and Military Stores, for the Uſe of ſuch Troops, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That there ſhall be allowed and paid to every Innholder, or other Perſon, who ſhall furniſh Proviſion to Troops marching in and through this Province, the Sum of *Six-pence* for each Meal, with one Pint of Cyder or Small-Beer, that ſhall be by them ſo furniſhed to any Soldier of the United Colonies, or in the Pay of this Province, or to any Aſſociator when called into actual Service, and no more.

*Reſolved*, That there ſhall be paid *Fifteen Shillings, per Diem*, and no more, for every Waggon or Cart, with a Driver, (the ſaid Driver maintaining himſelf and Horſes, and the Load of each Waggon or Cart not exceeding Two Thouſand Weight) that ſhall be employed in tranſporting Proviſions, Baggage and Military Stores, for the Uſe of Troops in the Pay of the United Colonies, or of this Province, or of Aſſociators when called into actual Service.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Draught of Rules and Regulations for the Government of the *Pennſylvania* Forces, reported, "that they had examined the

" the Rules and Regulations made by the Honourable Congreſs, for the Government " of the Continental Forces, and recommend that the ſame be adopted for the Govern- " ment of the Forces of this Province."

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The Houſe again took up the Report of the Committee upon Rules and Regulations, and having made further Progreſs therein, adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That all Commiſſions to Officers of the ſeveral Battalions of Aſſociators, in this Province, be iſſued and ſigned by the Speaker of the Aſſembly for the Time being.

*Reſolved*, That all Battalions now formed, as well as thoſe hereafter to be formed, in the City of *Philadelphia*, are deſired to make Returns of their Officers, with their reſpective Ranks, to the Committee for the ſaid City; and the Battalions, in the ſeveral Counties, are deſired to make Returns, in like Manner, to their reſpective Committees; which Committees are deſired to certify ſuch Returns, with the reſpective Rank of each Battalion in their Counties, to the Aſſembly of this Province, or, in the Receſs of the Houſe, to the Speaker thereof, that Commiſſions may be iſſued, for every Officer, agreeable to the above Reſolve.

*Reſolved*, That the Twenty-fourth Article of the Rules and Regulations, publiſhed at the laſt Sitting of Aſſembly, directing Military Commiſſions to be iſſued by the Committee of Safety, be, and the ſame is hereby declared, void.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rittenhouſe*, Mr. *Twining*, Mr. *Pyle*, Mr. *Grubb*, Mr. *Montgomery*, Mr. *Kachlein*, Mr. *Dougherty* and Mr. *Hunter*, be a Committee to viſit the *Pennſylvania* Hoſpital, and make Report, at the next Sitting, of the State and Oeconomy of that Inſtitution.

A Petition from *William Scout*, of the Manor of *Moreland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioner, agreeable to the Directions of the Houſe, had waited on Capt. *Joſiah Hart*, and requeſted him to pay the Account allowed by the Committee to the Petitioner for his Services as Fugal-Man to the Company of the ſaid *Hart*, and that the Captain had abſolutely refuſed Payment of the ſame.

The Houſe taking the foregoing Petition immediately into Conſideration,

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid *Joſiah Hart* be forthwith brought to the Bar of the Houſe, by the Sergeant at Arms, to anſwer for his Contempt of the Order of the Houſe. And a Warrant for that Purpoſe being made out at the Table, and ſigned by the Speaker, was delivered to the Sergeant at Arms.

A Petition from Meſſrs. *Owen Biddle* and *Benjamin Ruſh*, of the City of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Petitioners, having the public Works erected for the making Salt-Petre, in the ſaid City, under their Care and Direction, before the Twenty-fifth Day of *November* laſt, when, by a Reſolve of the Honourable Houſe, they took the ſaid Works under their Management, and appointed a Committee to ſuperintend the ſame, had, over and above the public Money put into their Hands, expended divers Sums of their own Money, and contracted ſundry Debts for that Service, as will appear by an Account exhibited with their Petition; and there being no Proviſion made for Payment thereof, the Petitioners pray the Honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to take the Premiſes into Conſideration, and direct the Diſburſements and Contracts aforeſaid to be paid in ſuch Manner as they, in their Wiſdom, ſhall judge proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition from a conſiderable Number of Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, reſpecting the ſetting Negroe Slaves at Liberty, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *April* 4.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rittenhouſe*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Roſs*, be a Committee to collect and conſider the ſeveral Reſolutions of Congreſs, relative to the *Wyoming* Diſpute, together with the Petitions, Complaints and Affidavits, that have been laid before this Houſe by the Parties, and report a State of the ſaid Diſpute to the Houſe, at their next Sitting.

The Bill entituled, " *An Act to ſuſpend the carrying into Execution the Orders of the* " *Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this Province*," being tranſcribed according to Order, was read the third time, and compared at the Table.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Pennock* wait on the Governor therewith for his Aſſent to the ſame.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom the Petitions of *John Patterſon*, *Michael Jordan* and *James Talbot* were referred for Examination, reported " that they had at- " tended at the Gaol of this City to hear the ſaid Petitioners and their Creditors, and " having conſidered the Objections of ſuch Creditors as appeared, they recommend

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*Ordered*, That *Michael Jordan* be included in the Bill now before the Houſe for Relief of inſolvent Debtors.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Relief* " *of* William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan *and* William Sanders, *Priſoners for* " *Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Per-* " *ſons*," which, being read the ſecond time and debated by Paragraphs, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.*

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, entituled, " *An Act for the Relief* " *of* Alexander Stewart, *a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with* " *reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon*," which being read the ſecond time, was ordered to be tranſcribed for a third Reading.

The Committee appointed to examine the Complaints of *John Aurandt*, *George Wolff* and *Thomas Sutherland*, againſt divers Magiſtrates of *Northumberland* County, reported, " that the Petitioners only attending, the Committee could not with Propriety " determine on the Merits of the Petitions referred to them; but, are of Opinion, that " as the Time of the preſent Seſſion does not admit of calling the Parties together, to " anſwer the above Complaints and hearing their Defence, they ought to be ſummoned " to attend at the next Seſſion of Aſſembly, unleſs the Matters complained of ſhould be " accommodated before that Time."

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Bill paſſed in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the ſame according to Order, and that his Honour was pleaſed to ſay he would take the ſaid Bill into immediate Conſideration.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to bring in a Draught of Rules and Articles for the Government of the *Pennſylvania* Forces, and finding that thoſe formed for the Continental Troops, and recommended by the Committee, will require material Alterations,

*Ordered*, That the ſame Committee do prepare and report a Draught of ſuch Alterations of the Continental Articles as may be proper for the Troops in Pay of this Province.

The Houſe again took up the Report of the Committee upon the Petitions of the Officers and Privates of the Military Aſſociation in this Province, together with the Rules and Regulations of the Houſe for the better Government of the ſaid Aſſociation, and having nearly gone through the ſame, adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *April* 5. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and proceeded in the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation in this Province, and having adopted ſundry Alterations propoſed by the Committee, the ſaid Rules and Regulations were tranſcribed accordingly, and are as follow, *viz.*

## RULES *and* REGULATIONS *for the better Government of the* MILITARY ASSOCIATION *in* Pennſylvania.

Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Aſſociation.

*Firſt*, ALL Officers choſen or appointed in Battalions that were formed before the Firſt Day of *October* laſt, in the City of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark* and the Townſhips of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamenſing* and *Paſſyunk*, to take Rank or Precedence of all other Officers of equal Dignity, choſen or appointed in any other Part of the Province.

*Second*, All Officers choſen or appointed before the ſaid Firſt Day of *October*, as aforeſaid, in *Philadelphia* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, choſen or appointed in any other County.

*Third*, All Officers choſen or appointed before the ſaid Firſt Day of *October*, as aforeſaid, in *Bucks* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity, choſen or appointed in any other than the City and County of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark* and the Townſhips of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamenſing* and *Paſſyunk*.

*Fourth*, All Officers choſen or appointed before the ſaid Firſt Day of *October*, as aforeſaid, in *Cheſter* County, to take Rank of all Officers of equal Dignity choſen or appointed in any other than *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and *Philadelphia* City, the Diſtrict of *Southwark* and Townſhips of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamenſing* and *Paſſyunk*.

*Fifth*, All Officers choſen or appointed before the ſaid Firſt Day of *October*, as aforeſaid, in *Lancaſter* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, choſen or appointed in any other than *Cheſter*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, and the City of *Philadelphia*, the Diſtrict of *Southwark* and Townſhips of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamenſing* and *Paſſyunk*.

*Sixth*, All Officers choſen or appointed before the ſaid Firſt Day of *October*, as aforeſaid,

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said, in *York* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in any other than *Lancaster*, *Chester*, *Bucks* and *Philadelphia* Counties, *Philadelphia* City, the District of *Southwark* and Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*.

*Seventh*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Cumberland* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in the junior Counties of *Berks*, *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

*Eighth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Berks* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity, in the Counties of *Northampton*, *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland*.

*Ninth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Northampton* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Bedford*, *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

*Tenth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Bedford* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Northumberland* and *Westmoreland* Counties.

*Eleventh*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Northumberland* County, to rank before Officers of equal Dignity in *Westmoreland* County.

*Twelfth*, All Officers chosen or appointed before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid, in *Westmoreland*, the youngest or last made County in this Province, to yield up Rank or Precedence to all Officers of equal Dignity chosen or appointed in every other County in this Province before the said First Day of *October*, as aforesaid.

*Thirteenth*, Where Commissions of equal Dignity in different Counties bear the same Date, Precedency to be determined by Seniority of Counties, but where they are in the same County, by the Rank of the Battalion.

*Fourteenth*, The Colonels chosen or appointed in the City of *Philadelphia*, the District of *Southwark* and the Townships of the *Northern Liberties*, *Moyamensing* and *Passyunk*, having already determined their Ranks with respect to each other by Lot, their and the other Field-Officers Commissions will be dated according to the Lot so drawn.

*Fifteenth*, The Colonels chosen or appointed in every County before the said First Day of *October*, are to determine their Rank with respect to each other (where not already done) by Lot, and Commissions for them and their respective Field-Officers will be dated accordingly.

*Sixteenth*, The Captains in every Battalion to determine their Rank in Battalion (where not already settled) by Lot, and their Commissions with those of their Lieutenants and Ensigns will be dated accordingly.

*Seventeenth*, All Officers chosen or appointed after the said First Day of *October*, to have their Commissions dated at the Time of such Choice or Appointment, and to take Rank according to said Dates.

*Eighteenth*, All Battalions to be compleated as soon as possible, and (except Battalions of Rifle-Men) to consist of at least six Companies of not less than Forty and not more than Seventy-six Privates each, and to have for Officers, a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, a Standard-Bearer, Adjutant, Serjeant-Major, a Drum- and Fife-Major; and the Officers of each Company to consist of a Captain, two Lieutenants, one or two Ensigns, four Serjeants, four Corporals, a Drummer and Fifer, except the Light-Infantry Companies, which, instead of two Lieutenants and two Ensigns, are to have four Lieutenants, the two youngest of which are to rank as Ensigns.

*Nineteenth*, All Battalions of Rifle-Men shall consist of at least six Companies of not less than Forty, nor more than Fifty-six Privates each, and have for Officers a Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, and two Majors; and the Officers of each Company shall be a Captain, two First Lieutenants and two Second Lieutenants, who shall rank as Ensigns, a Fifer or Hornblower, and as many Serjeants and Corporals as may be found necessary; the Serjeants, Corporals and Fifers or Hornblowers to be appointed by the Field-Officers.

Every Officer and Private of a Rifle Company shall furnish himself with a good Rifle Gun, a Powder-Horn, a Charger, a Bullet-Screw, twelve Flints, a strong Pouch or Bag that will hold four Pounds of Ball, and such other Accoutrements as may be proper for a Rifle-Man.

*Twentieth*, The Standard-Bearer of each Battalion to rank as eldest Lieutenant of the Battalion.

*Twenty-first*, All National Distinctions in Dress or Name to be avoided, it being proper that we should now be united in this General Association for Defending our Liberties and Properties, under the sole Denomination of *Americans*.

*Twenty-second*, No Field-Officers to have Companies.

*Twenty-third*, For the better Order and Government of Companies which may be raised after the Completion of the several Battalions already formed in the City and Counties, such Companies are not to be admitted as independent, but are to be annexed to the most convenient Battalion, until a sufficient Number of Companies are raised to

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*Twenty-fourth*, That all Commiſſions to Officers of the ſeveral Battalions of Aſſociators, in this Province, be iſſued and ſigned by the Speaker of the Aſſembly for the Time being.

That all Battalions now formed, as well as thoſe hereafter to be formed, in the City of *Philadelphia*, be deſired to make Returns of their Officers, with their reſpective Ranks, to the Committee for the ſaid City; and the Battalions, in the ſeveral Counties, are deſired to make Returns, in like Manner, to their reſpective Committees; which Committees are deſired to certify ſuch Returns, with the reſpective Rank of each Battalion in their Counties, to the Aſſembly of this Province, or, in the Receſs of the Houſe, to the Speaker thereof, that Commiſſions may be iſſued, for every Officer, as above directed.

*Twenty-fifth*, Every Aſſociator (except Rifle-Men) is required to furniſh himſelf with a good and ſufficient Firelock fit for actual Service, a Bayonet fitted thereto, Steel Ramrod, Worm, Priming-Wire and Bruſh, a Cartridge-Box that will contain Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges, twelve Flints, a Knapſack, a ſufficient Powder-Horn, and a Pouch at the Bottom of his Cartridge-Box, or a ſtrong Bag, that will hold four Pounds of Ball.

*Twenty-ſixth*, The Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Counties, within this Province, ſhall deliver the Firelocks, Bayonets, Cartridge-Boxes and Knapſacks, directed to be provided by the Reſolutions of the late Houſe of Aſſembly, to the commanding Officers of the ſeveral Battalions, in their reſpective Counties, in due Proportions, according to the Number of Men in each Battalion, for the Uſe of ſuch Aſſociators, in their Battalions, as are unable to ſupply themſelves, taking Receipts for the ſame, which they ſhall immediately tranſmit to the Committee of Safety, having firſt entered the Accounts of the ſame in their reſpective Minute-Books; and the ſaid commanding Officers ſhall be accountable for the Delivery of ſuch Arms and Accoutrements, unleſs loſt in actual Service, whenever they ſhall be called upon by the Aſſembly or Committee of Safety.

*Twenty-ſeventh*, That the public Arms delivered to Aſſociators be not ſubject to any Diſtreſs for Rent or Execution for Debt: That any Aſſociator who ſhall ſell ſuch Arms, or by any Means defraud the Public thereof, or endeavour ſo to do, ſhall forfeit £ 6, and be held up to public Infamy and Diſgrace: And any Perſon who ſhall detain, buy or exchange ſuch Arms, knowing them to be public Property, ſhall forfeit £ 10, and be held up in like Manner.

*Twenty-eighth*, Every Aſſociator is required to attend conſtantly, with his Arms and Accoutrements in good Order, on the laſt *Monday* in the Month of *February*, the two laſt *Mondays* in the Month of *March*, the three laſt *Mondays* in the Month of *April*, the four *Mondays* in the Month of *May*, the two firſt *Mondays* in the Month of *June*, the laſt *Monday* in the Month of *July*, the three firſt *Mondays* in the Month of *Auguſt*, the three laſt *Mondays* in the Month of *September*, and the ſecond *Monday* in the Month of *October*, at the Places appointed by their commanding Officers, to be trained and exerciſed in Companies or Battalions, as the Officers ſhall direct:

And it is alſo recommended to ſuch Aſſociators, as are not ſufficiently expert in the Exerciſe, to meet as frequently as they conveniently can, at other Times, to perfect themſelves in the ſame: It is alſo directed, that the commanding Officers reſpectively ſhall give due Notice to the Aſſociators of the Places and Hours of Meeting, either in Companies or Battalion; and if the Aſſociators are prevented from meeting on any of the Days herein-appointed, by the Inclemency of the Weather, they are to meet on the next fair Day.

*Twenty-ninth*, No Company or Battalion ſhall meet at a Tavern on any of the Days of Exerciſe; nor ſhall march to any Tavern before they are diſcharged.

*Thirtieth*, The Aſſociators, on Days of Exerciſe, may be detained under Arms, on Duty in the Field, any Time not exceeding ſix Hours, provided they are not kept above three Hours under Arms at any one Time, without allowing them a proper Time to refreſh themſelves.

*Thirty-firſt*, The Serjeant or Clerk of any Company to be for this Purpoſe appointed by the Captain, Lieutenants and Enſigns of the Company, is required, at the End of one Hour after the Time appointed for the Meeting of the Company or Battalion, to call over the Muſter-Roll of the Company, noting thoſe who are abſent, and that Day to make Return, in Writing, to the Captain of ſuch Abſentees; and all Perſons ſo abſent, at the Time of calling over the Roll, are to be liable to the Fines hereafter mentioned in the Articles for Non-Attendance.

*Thirty-ſecond*, The Captain of every Company, as ſoon as he is ſupplied by the Public with

with Powder and Lead for the Purpoſe, is to take eſpecial Care, that Twenty-three Rounds of Cartridges are properly made up, and ſuited to the Bore of each Firelock reſpectively belonging to his Company, and ſhall keep all the Cartridges, that are ſo made up, in ſome dry and convenient Place, with the Name of the Private affixed for whoſe Firelock they are fitted, ready to be delivered out, when Occaſion requires. 1776. April 5.

*Thirty-third*, Adjutants, Drummers and Fifers, ſhall receive the following Pay for every Day of Service they attend their reſpective Battalions or Companies by Order of the commanding Officer.

An Adjutant *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*. A Drummer *Three Shillings*; a Fifer *Three Shillings*. The Drum-Major and Fife-Major of every Battalion ſhall receive each a Sum not exceeding *Fifteen Shillings* per Week, and be continued in Pay as long as the Colonels of the ſeveral Battalions ſhall think neceſſary; and it is required, that ſuch Drum-Majors and Fife-Majors, when not in Service on Days of Exerciſe, ſhall be diligently employed in inſtructing a proper Number of Perſons for Drummers and Fifers of the ſeveral Battalions. That, inſtead of an Adjutant on Pay, there be a Serjeant-Major to each Battalion of the City of *Philadelphia*, who ſhall receive a Sum not exceeding *Eight Dollars* per Month, and be continued in Pay as long as the Colonels of the ſeveral Battalions ſhall think neceſſary, provided the ſame be not extended beyond the ſecond *Monday* in *October* next.

*Thirty-fourth*, All Officers and Soldiers of the Aſſociation when employed on Military Watch and Ward, or when called into actual Service, in Caſe of an Invaſion or Inſurrection, or imminent Danger of either, by this Houſe of Aſſembly, or, in their Receſs, by the Committee of Safety, ſhall, while on ſuch Watch, or in ſuch Service, be entitled to and receive the ſame Pay that the Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Troops receive.

*Thirty-fifth*, If any Officer or Soldier, not labouring under any Infirmity incapacitating him to ſerve, ſhall, when ſo called into actual Service, refuſe to appear and march with his Arms, Ammunition and Accoutrements, or (if a Soldier) ſhall refuſe to provide a ſuitable Perſon well cloathed, armed and accoutred, to march in his Stead, ſuch Perſon to be approved by the commanding Officer of the Battalion, or if any Officer or Soldier, having entered on ſuch Service, ſhall depart without Leave of ſuch commanding Officer, he ſhall be held up to the Public as a Coward and Betrayer of his Country; provided always, that no Aſſociator be detained, in actual Service, longer than two Months, at one Time, without his free Conſent.

*Thirty-ſixth*, If any Aſſociator, ſo called into actual Service, ſhall leave a Family not of Ability to maintain themſelves in his Abſence, the Overſeers of the Poor, with the Concurrence of one Juſtice of the Peace of the City or County where ſuch Aſſociator did reſide, ſhall immediately make Proviſion, by Way of Out-Penſion, for the Maintenance of ſuch Family; and a true and proper Account being kept thereof, ſhall be returned to the Aſſembly, in order that the ſame may be made a Provincial Expence, and paid accordingly.

*Thirty-ſeventh*, When any of the Aſſociators ſhall be ſo called into actual Service, the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, or any one of them, ſhall immediately provide ſuch Carriages as may be neceſſary for their Accommodation, at the Expence of the Public.

*Thirty-eighth*, As there may happen Occaſions wherein it may be neceſſary to call out a Part of the Aſſociators to actual though temporary Service, and not the whole Body, and it would be inconvenient and burthenſome, if, upon every Alarm, where the Aſſiſtance of Part only may be wanted, the Whole ſhould come together, or a much greater Number than the Occaſion required, it is recommended, that Orders may iſſue from the Aſſembly, or, in their Receſs, the Committee of Safety, to the Colonels, either to march their whole Battalion, or to ſend to an appointed Rendezvous one or more Companies, as they may be wanted;—and, in the latter Caſe, ſuch Company to be formed by Draughts out of the Companies, and to be commanded by an Officer out of each Company, on the Tour of Duty,—each Company ſerving, on ſuch Calls, in its Turn, and for ſuch Proportion of Time as ſhall make the Burthen nearly equal; and if the Aſſociators, who are called forth, are not all provided with good Arms, it is recommended to all thoſe, who have ſuch and are not called out, to lend the ſame for that Occaſion, at the Riſk of the Public.

*Thirty-ninth*, The Field-Officers of every Battalion ſhall appoint ſome Perſon, in each Company of their reſpective Battalions in whom they can confide, and the Officers, in every Troop of Horſe and Company of Artillery, ſhall, in like Manner, chuſe ſome Perſon in their Troop or Company reſpectively, whoſe Names ſhall be returned, by the ſaid Officers reſpectively, to the County Treaſurers for the Provincial Taxes in their ſeveral Counties, which Perſons ſo appointed ſhall, from Time to Time, collect all Fines incurred by the Aſſociators for Non-Attendance, and ſhall ſeverally pay the ſame to the ſaid County Treaſurers reſpectively, firſt deducting a Commiſſion of 5 *per Cent.*

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*Laſtly*, This Houſe having drawn up the following Articles of Agreement, for all the Aſſociators in the Province, they do earneſtly recommend the ſame to be adopted, ſigned and agreed to, by all the ſaid Aſſociators, in order that one general Syſtem may prevail in *Pennſylvania*.

## ARTICLES *of* ASSOCIATION *in* PENNSYLVANIA.

Articles of Aſſociation.

WE the Officers and Soldiers, engaged in the preſent Aſſociation for the Defence of *American* Liberty, being fully ſenſible, that the Strength and Security of any Body of Men, acting together, conſiſts in juſt Regularity, due Subordination, and exact Obedience to Command, without which no Individual can have that Confidence, in the Support of thoſe about him, that is ſo neceſſary to give Firmneſs and Reſolution to the Whole, do voluntarily and freely, after Conſideration of the following Articles, adopt the ſame as the Rules and Regulations by which we agree and reſolve to be governed in all our Military Concerns and Operations, until the ſame, or any of them, ſhall be changed or diſſolved by the Aſſembly of this Province, or a happy Reconciliation ſhall take Place between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies.

1. If any Officer make Uſe of any profane Oath or Execration when on Duty, he ſhall forfeit and pay, for each and every ſuch Offence, the Sum of *Five Shillings:* And if a non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier be thus guilty of curſing or ſwearing, he ſhall forfeit and pay, for each and every ſuch Offence, the Sum of *One Shilling*.

2. Any Officer or Soldier, who ſhall refuſe to obey the lawful Orders of his ſuperior Officer, may be ſuſpended from doing Duty on that Day, and ſhall, upon being convicted thereof before a Regimental Court of Aſſociators, make ſuch Conceſſions as ſaid Court ſhall direct.

3. Any Officer or Soldier who ſhall begin, excite, cauſe, join in or promote any Diſturbance in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Battalion, Troop or Company, ſhall be fined or cenſured, according to the Nature of the Offence, by the Judgment of a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators.

4. Any Officer or Soldier who ſhall ſtrike his ſuperior Officer, or draw or offer to draw, or ſhall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence againſt him, being in the Execution of his Office, ſhall, upon a Conviction before a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators, be diſmiſſed, and ſhall be deemed thereby diſgraced as unworthy the Company of Freemen.

5. Any commanding or other Officer, who ſhall ſtrike any Aſſociator when on Duty, ſhall, upon Conviction before a General Court of Aſſociators, ſuffer ſuch Puniſhment as the ſaid Court ſhall inflict.

6. Any Officer or Soldier, who ſhall make uſe of inſolent, provoking or indecent Language, while on Duty, ſhall ſuffer ſuch Cenſure or Fine as ſhall be inflicted by a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators, according to the Nature of the Offence.

7. If any Officer or Soldier ſhall think himſelf injured by his Colonel, or the commanding Officer of the Battalion, and ſhall, upon due Application made to him, be refuſed Redreſs, he may complain to the General or Commander in Chief of the *Pennſylvania* Aſſociators, or to the Colonel of any other Battalion, who ſhall ſummon a General Court of Aſſociators, that Juſtice may be done.

8. If any inferior Officer or Soldier ſhall think himſelf injured by his Captain, or other ſuperior Officer in the Battalion, Troop or Company to which he belongs, he may complain to the commanding Officer of the Battalion, who ſhall ſummon a Regimental Court of Aſſociators for the doing Juſtice, according to the Nature of the Caſe.

9. No Officer, non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier, ſhall fail of repairing, with his Arms and Accoutrements, on any of the Days appointed by the Aſſembly for exerciſing, to the Place of Parade, or other Rendezvous, appointed by the commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickneſs, or ſome other evident Neceſſity, of which the commanding Officer of ſaid Battalion ſhall judge; or ſhall go from the Place of Parade or Rendezvous, without Leave from the ſaid commanding Officer, before he ſhall be regularly diſmiſſed, on Penalty of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence*.

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10. Any Officer or Soldier found drunk when under Arms, ſhall be ſuſpended from doing Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop on that Day, and be fined or cenſured at the Diſcretion of a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators.

11. Whatever Centinel ſhall be found ſleeping or drunk on his Poſt, or ſhall leave it before he is regularly relieved, ſhall ſuffer ſuch Penalty or Diſgrace as ſhall be ordered by a Regimental Court of Aſſociators.

12. Whatever commiſſioned Officer ſhall be convicted, before a General Court of Aſſociators, of behaving in a ſcandalous or infamous Manner unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, ſhall be diſmiſſed from the Aſſociation with Diſgrace.

13. Every non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier, who ſhall be convicted at a Regimental Court of Aſſociators, of having careleſsly loſt, wilfully ſpoiled or waſted, any Ammunition, Arms or Accoutrements, belonging to this Province, ſhall be diſmiſſed his Battalion, Troop or Company, as an unworthy Member, and be proſecuted as the Law directs.

14. All Diſorders and Neglects which Officers or Soldiers may be guilty of, to the Prejudice of the good Order and Military Diſcipline of the Aſſociation of this Colony, are to be taken Cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court of Aſſociators, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and ſuch Officers or Soldiers ſhall be fined or cenſured at the Diſcretion of the Court.

15. That on the firſt Meeting of every Company, after ſubſcribing theſe Articles of Aſſociation, and from thence forward on the firſt Meeting of every Company, after the laſt *Monday* in *February* annually, there ſhall be choſen, by the non-commiſſioned Officers and Privates, out of each Company in the reſpective Battalions, two Perſons who are entitled to vote for Members of Aſſembly, whoſe Duty and Office ſhall be, for the Year following, to ſit and join with the Officers in Courts of Aſſociation, which Perſons ſo choſen ſhall be ſtiled Court-Aſſociators.

16. Every General Court of Aſſociators ſhall conſiſt of thirteen Members, ſix of whom ſhall be commiſſioned Officers under the Rank of Field-Officer, and ſix Court-Aſſociators, who ſhall be drawn by Lot out of the whole Number for the Battalion, and theſe twelve are to chuſe a Preſident, who ſhall be a Field-Officer, and have a caſting Voice.

17. Every Regimental Court of Aſſociators ſhall be compoſed of ſeven Members, three Officers, thee Court-Aſſociators, and a Preſident, who is to be a Captain, and to be choſen by the ſix, and alſo to have a caſting Voice.

18. In all Courts of Aſſociators, not leſs than two Thirds of the Members muſt agree in every Sentence for inflicting Penalties, or for diſgracing any Aſſociator, otherwiſe he ſhall be acquitted.

19. The Preſident of each and every Court of Aſſociators, whether General or Regimental, ſhall require all Witneſſes, in order to the Trial of Offenders, to declare on Oath or Affirmation, that the Evidence they ſhall give, is the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth; and the Members of all Courts of Aſſociators ſhall take an Oath or Affirmation, which the Preſident is required to adminiſter to the other Members, and the next in Rank is required to adminiſter to him, that they will give Judgement with Impartiality.

20. All non-commiſſioned Officers, Drummers, Fifers, or others, that ſhall be employed and receive Pay in any of the Battalions, Companies or Troops, ſhall ſubſcribe theſe Rules and Regulations, and be ſubject to ſuch Fines, to be deducted from their Pay, and to ſuch Penalties, as a Regimental Court of Aſſociators ſhall think proper, upon being convicted of having tranſgreſſed any of theſe Regulations.

21. All Aſſociators called as Witneſſes in any Caſe before a Court of Aſſociators, who ſhall refuſe to attend and give Evidence, ſhall be cenſured or fined at the Diſcretion of the Court.

22. No Officer or Soldier, being charged with tranſgreſſing theſe Rules, ſhall be ſuffered to do Duty in the Battalion, Company or Troop to which he belongs, until he has had his Trial by a Court of Aſſociators, and every Perſon ſo charged ſhall be tried as ſoon as a Court of Aſſociators can be conveniently aſſembled.

23. The Officers and Soldiers of every Company of Artillery, or other Company, Troop or Party, that is or ſhall be annexed to any Battalion, ſhall be ſubject to the Command of the Colonel or commanding Officer of ſaid Battalion, and the Officers ſhall ſit as Members of Courts of Aſſociators, in the ſame Manner as the Officers of any other Company.

24. No Penalty ſhall be inflicted, at the Diſcretion of a Court of Aſſociators, other than degrading, caſhiering or fining: The Fines for the Officers not to exceed *Three Pounds*, and the Fine for a non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier not to exceed *Twelve Shillings*, for one Fault.

25. The Field-Officers of each and every Battalion ſhall appoint a Perſon, in every Company, to receive ſuch Fines as may ariſe within the ſame, for Breach of any of

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26. The General or Commander in Chief of this Aſſociation, for the Time being, ſhall have full Power of pardoning or mitigating any Cenſures or Penalties ordered to be inflicted for the Breach of any of theſe Articles, by any General Court of Aſſociators; and every Offender, convicted as aforeſaid by any Regimental Court of Aſſociators, may be pardoned, or have his Penalties mitigated by the Colonel or commanding Officer of the Battalion, excepting only where ſuch Cenſures or Penalties are directed as Satisfaction for Injuries received by one Officer or Soldier from another.

27. Any Officer, non-commiſſioned Officer or other Perſon, who, having ſubſcribed theſe Articles, ſhall refuſe to make ſuch Conceſſions, pay ſuch Fines, or, in any other Matter, refuſe to comply with the Judgment of any Court of Aſſociators, ſhall be diſmiſſed the Service, and returned to the Commiſſioners of the County, who ſhall charge and proceed againſt him as a Non-Aſſociator, and he ſhall further be deemed unfriendly to the Liberties of *America*.

28. Upon the Determination of any Point by a Regimental Court of Aſſociators, if the Officer or Soldier concerned on either Side, thinks himſelf ſtill aggrieved, he may appeal to a General Court of Aſſociators; but, if, upon a ſecond Hearing, the Appeal appears groundleſs and vexatious, the Perſon ſo appealing ſhall be cenſured at the Diſcretion of the ſaid General Court.

29. Upon the Death, Reſignation, Promotion or other Removal of a Field-Officer, Standard-Bearer, or Adjutant, the Officers of the Battalion ſhall chuſe a Perſon in his Place; and upon the Death, Reſignation, Promotion or other Removal of an Officer or Court-Aſſociator from a Troop or Company, ſuch Vacancy is to be filled by the Perſon ſuch Troop or Company ſhall elect.

30. No Officer or Soldier ſhall be tried a ſecond time for the ſame Offence, except in caſe of Appeal.

31. That when any Officers or Soldiers of the Aſſociation, in this Province, ſhall be called into actual Service by the Aſſembly, or Committee of Safety in Receſs of Aſſembly, they ſhall be ſubject to all the Rules and Articles made by the Aſſembly, at this Sitting, for regulating and governing the Troops in the Pay of this Province, until they are joined to and in Service with Continental Troops, and then they ſhall be ſubject to all the Rules and Articles already made by the Honourable Congreſs, for the Government of the Continental Troops; provided always, that no Officer or Soldier of the ſaid Aſſociation ſhall, after ſuch Junction, be tried by any Court Martial, unleſs ſuch Court be wholly compoſed of Officers of the ſaid Aſſociation, if a ſufficient Number can be had.

32. No commiſſioned, non-commiſſioned Officer or Private, ſhall withdraw himſelf from the Company to which he belongs, without a Diſcharge from the commanding Officer of the Battalion, nor ſhall ſuch Perſon be received into any other Company without ſuch Diſcharge.

In Teſtimony of our Approbation and Conſent to be governed by theſe Regulations, which have been deliberately read to or carefully peruſed by us, we have hereunto ſet our Hands.

## RESOLUTIONS *directing the Mode of levying Taxes on* NON-ASSOCIATORS.

Reſolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Aſſociators.

1. THE Aſſeſſors of the ſeveral Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards and Diſtricts within this Province, who have not performed the ſaid Service, are required on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of *May* next enſuing, to make in Writing and deliver an exact Liſt of the Names and Sirnames of every male white Perſon capable of bearing Arms, between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, (Miniſters of the Goſpel of all Denominations, Schoolmaſters in actual Employ, and Servants purchaſed *bona fide* and for a valuable Conſideration, only excepted) reſiding in ſuch Townſhip, Borough, Ward or Diſtrict, to the Commiſſioners of the County choſen by Virtue of the Act for raiſing of County Rates and Levies.

2. If any Aſſeſſor ſhall neglect or refuſe to perform the Duty aforeſaid, the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, or any two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to fine him in any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds*, unleſs ſuch Aſſeſſor's Refuſal proceeds from conſcientious Motives; and ſuch Fine ſhall be levied and recovered in the ſame Manner as is directed by the Laws of this Province for levying and recovering Fines impoſed on Aſſeſſors refuſing or neglecting to perform the Duties therein required of them, to be paid into the Hands of the reſpective County Treaſurers, to be by them delivered to the ſame Perſon, and applied to the ſame Uſe, as the other Monies directed to be levied by the Reſolves of this Houſe, in their preſent Sitting.

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3. The Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any two of them, are hereby required and enjoined to appoint some proper Person to make out the List aforesaid, in the Place of the Assessor so refusing or neglecting, which Person so appointed shall make out and return such List to the Commissioners on or before the First Day of *May* next ensuing.

4. Every Assessor, or Person appointed in his Place as aforesaid, shall, before he begins to make out the Lists aforesaid, take an Oath or Affirmation, which any Magistrate of the County is hereby required and enjoined to administer, without Fee or Reward: "*That he will go to the Place or Places of Abode of all and every Person and Persons residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and make a faithful and diligent Enquiry of, and endeavour by all other lawful Ways and Means in his Power, to procure a true and exact Account and List of the Names and Sirnames of all male white Persons capable of bearing Arms, who are between the Ages of Sixteen and Fifty Years, residing within his Township, Borough, Ward or District, and will make a Return of such Account or List* (if an Assessor) *to the Commissioners of the County respectively in which he resides, on or before the Twenty-fifth Day of* May *next ensuing, or* (if a Person appointed in the Place of an Assessor) *on or before the First Day of* June *next ensuing.*"

5. Every Assessor, or other Person appointed and acting in the Place of an Assessor as aforesaid, shall receive, for his Trouble in making out and returning such Lists, the Sum of *Four Shillings* for every Day he shall be employed in that Service.

6. If any Dispute shall arise, concerning the Age of any Non-Associator, the same shall be determined before the Commissioners of the County, or any two of them, by Oath or Affirmation of the Person whose Age is in Question, which Oath or Affirmation the said Commissioners, or any of them, is hereby required to administer, or by any other proper Evidence.

7. The Captains of every Company are required and enjoined, on or before the 15th Day of *June* next ensuing, to deliver under his Hand, to the Colonel of the Battalion to which he belongs, a Copy of the Articles of Association signed by the Associators of his Company, therein mentioning the County and the Township, Borough, Ward, or District, in which each of the said Associators resides, which the Colonel shall carefully keep, and therefrom shall immediately make out and return, on or before the 25th Day of the same Month, a fair Duplicate to the Commissioners aforesaid of the respective Counties in which the said Associators respectively reside.

8. The said Commissioners, or any two of them, are required, on or before the First Day of *July* next ensuing, to meet together, and cause their Clerks to make out fair Lists of the Names and Sirnames of all Persons mentioned in the Duplicates returned to them as aforesaid, with their Places of Abode, who appear by the Duplicates returned by the Colonels not to have signed the Articles of Association; and thereupon the said Commissioners are required to charge every such Person not associating, over and above the Rates and Assessments set upon him by Virtue of the Laws of this Province, the Sum of *Three Pounds Ten Shillings*, on the Lists made out by their Order as aforesaid.

9. If any Apprentice is willing to associate, and his Master or Mistress will not permit him so to do,——or detains him from the Parade, on any of the Days of Exercise herein appointed,——such Master or Mistress shall be liable to the Payment of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence* for each time he or she shall detain his or her said Apprentice; and, if any Apprentice of suitable Age shall neglect or refuse to appear, on any of the said Days of Exercise, not being detained by his said Master or Mistress,——such Apprentice, if of Estate, shall, by his Guardian, pay such Penalty.

10. If any Commissioner shall neglect or refuse to perform any of the Duties required of him, by these Resolutions, such Commissioner shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Pounds* for every such Offence, unless such Refusal proceeds from conscientious Motives; such Fine to be recovered, levied and applied in the same Manner, by the same Persons, and for the same Uses as the Fines arising from the Delinquency of the Assessors;—and, in such Case, the Prothonotaries of the several Counties of this Province respectively, or their immediate Deputies, are hereby enjoined, by and with the Concurrence of any two Magistrates of said County, to appoint some suitable and proper Person, in the Place and Stead of such Commissioner so refusing or neglecting as aforesaid,—which Person so appointed shall have the same Power and Authority, and perform the several Duties hereby required of the said Commissioner; or, on Failure thereof, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, to be applied as aforesaid; and the said Prothonotary and Justices shall proceed to appoint another, and so as often as it shall become necessary.

11. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall, at the Day of Appeal, produce to the Commissioners a Certificate from the commanding Officer of any Battalion, Troop of Horse, or Company of Artillery, that he has become an Associator in such Battalion, Troop or Company, the Commissioners, or any two of them, shall make an Allowance, in Favour of such Person, of *Three Shillings* and *Six-*

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*pence*, for each of the Days of Exercise appointed by this House, after such Person became an Associator, on which he attended his Battalion, Troop or Company, or has been fined for Non-Attendance.

12. If any Person, charged by the Commissioners as a Non-Associator, shall die before the Day of Appeal, or, if before that Day, an Accommodation shall be made between *Great-Britain* and the Colonies on this Continent, and, in Consequence thereof, the Military Association, in this Province, shall be dissolved; in either of those Cases, the Commissioners, or any two of them, shall make an Abatement, in the Assessment charged as aforesaid, of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence*, for each of the Days of Exercise aforesaid, after the Death of such Non-Associator, or the Dissolution of the Association.

13. If any Non-Associator, or the Parent, Guardian, Master or Mistress of any Non-Associator, between the Ages of 16 and 21 Years, or any other Non-Associator, shall think him or herself aggrieved by the Assessment aforesaid, he or she may appeal to the Commissioners of the County wherein he or she resides, who, or any two of them, shall meet together on the Tenth Day of *October* next ensuing, and so from Day to Day as long as may be necessary, and at such Place or Places as the Commissioners, or any two of them, shall appoint; of which Days and Places of meeting they shall cause the Collectors to give due Notice to the Inhabitants, and then and there the said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall hear such Appeals as may be made to them, and may discharge such Assessment, or lower the same, as to them, on Consideration of Inability of Person or Estate only, shall appear just and equitable.

14. The said Commissioners of the respective Counties, or any two of them, within ten Days after hearing and determining the Appeals made to them, shall rectify and adjust the Lists returned to them as aforesaid, and the Assessments thereon, and deliver to the Treasurers of the respective Counties a true Account of the Sums total, which every Collector shall be charged with, in Pursuance of these Resolves, and shall cause their Clerks to make out and deliver fair Duplicates thereof to the respective Collectors of the Townships, Boroughs, Wards and Districts within their respective Counties, who shall collect the said Sums, keeping exact and separate Accounts of the Sums so charged on Non-Associators, and shall pay the same into the Hands of the respective County Treasurers, who shall pay the same into the Hands of *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; to be applied to the same Purposes as the Fines and Penalties collected from the Association are limited and directed. And all Persons shall be liable to the Payment of the said Sums, in the same Manner, and the Collectors shall have the same Powers, and shall proceed in collecting and levying the said Sums, and shall be accountable, in the same Manner, as is directed by the Act, entituled, "*An Act for raising County Rates and Levies.*"

15. The Allowances to the Collectors of such Assessments, and to the Treasurers respectively, shall be the same with those appointed and directed in the Collection of Fines from Associators for Non-Attendance.

16. The Treasurers of the respective Counties, before they enter on the Duties hereby required of them, shall give the like Security, for the faithful Discharge of their Office, to the Commissioners of their several Counties, that they are now obliged, by the Laws of this Province, to give for the due Payment of Provincial Taxes.

17. All and every Person and Persons, who are required or enjoined by these Resolutions, or any of them, to discharge or perform any of the Offices or Duties herein before-mentioned, are hereby further earnestly and solemnly required and enjoined, with all Diligence and Fidelity, strenuously to exert themselves in discharging and performing such Offices and Duties, and every Part thereof, as they regard the Freedom, Security and Happiness of their Country.

Whereas a Number of spirited *Germans* and other Foreigners, not entitled to the Privileges of Freemen of this Province, have chearfully associated in its Defence, and shewn a Readiness to expose their Lives therefor, if necessary,—*Resolved* therefore, that every such Person producing a Certificate, under the Hand and Seal of the commanding Officer of any Battalion, in the Military Association of this Province, signifying that such Person has signed the Articles of the Association and served pursuant thereto, and, in Case of an Invasion or Alarm, has, upon his own Account, gone forth into actual Service,—such Person shall be and is hereby recommended to the special Notice and Encouragement of this and any future Assembly, in order to his being put in the same Condition, and entitled to the same Rights and Privileges, as natural-born Subjects within this Province now are.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Safety procure a sufficient Number of complete Copies of the "*Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the Military Association in* Pennsylvania," "*The Articles of the said Association*," and the "*Resolutions directing the Mode of levying Taxes on Non-Associators in* Pennsylvania," as amended at this Sitting,

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to be immediately printed in the *English* and *German* Languages, and transmitted to the commanding Officers of the several Battalions, and to the Commissioners of the several Counties in this Province. 1776. April 5.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the Bill, entituled, "*An Act to continue "Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King "*George *the Third, entituled, "An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly "Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for "other Purposes therein mentioned*," and, "*for making further Provisions for the better "executing the said Act*," with some Amendments to the same, which being read and admitted by the House, the said Bill was ordered to be engrossed accordingly.

The Committee appointed last Night to bring in a Draught of Rules and Articles for the Troops in Pay of this Province, agreeable to the Alterations directed by the House, reported an Essay for that Purpose, which being read and agreed to, the same was transcribed by Order, and follows in these Words, *viz.*

## RULES *and* ARTICLES *for the Government of the* PENNSYLVANIA FORCES.

Rules and Articles for the Government of the *Pennsylvania* Forces.

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of this Province are under an indispensable Necessity of raising an armed Force for their immediate Security and Protection, and to repel any hostile Attacks which may be made upon them; for the due regulating and governing whereof,

*Resolved*, That the following Rules and Articles be attended to, obeyed and observed by such Troops as are or may be raised and in the Pay of this Province.

*Art.* 1. It is earnestly recommended to all Officers and Soldiers diligently to attend Divine Service; and all Officers and Soldiers, who shall behave indecently or irreverently at any Place of Divine Worship, shall, if commissioned Officers, be brought before a Court Martial, there to be publicly and severely reprimanded by the President; if non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, every Person so offending shall, for his first Offence, forfeit One Sixth of a Dollar, to be deducted out of his next Pay; for the second Offence, he shall not only forfeit a like Sum, but be confined Twenty-four Hours; and, for every like Offence, shall suffer and pay in like Manner, which Money so forfeited shall be applied to the Use of the sick Soldiers of the Troop or Company to which the Offender belongs.

*Art.* 2. Whatsoever non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall use any profane Oath or Execration, shall incur the Penalties expressed in the foregoing Article; and, if a commissioned Officer be thus guilty of profane Cursing or Swearing, he shall forfeit and pay, for each and every such Offence, the Sum of *Four Shillings* lawful Money.

*Art.* 3. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall behave himself with Contempt or Disrespect towards the Commander in Chief of the said Forces, or shall speak false Words tending to his, or their Hurt, or Dishonour, shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Judgment of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 4. Any Officer or Soldier who shall begin, excite, cause or join in any Mutiny or Sedition in the Regiment, Troop or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Regiment, Troop or Company of the said Forces, either by Land or Sea, or in any Party, Post, Detachment, or Guard, on any Pretence whatsoever, shall suffer Death or such other Punishment as a General Court Martial shall direct.

*Art.* 5. Any Officer, non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who, being present at any Mutiny or Sedition, does not use his utmost Endeavours to suppress the same, or, coming to the Knowledge of any Mutiny, or intended Mutiny, does not, without Delay, give Information thereof to the commanding Officer, shall be punished by Order of a General Court Martial, according to the Nature of his Offence.

*Art.* 6. Any Officer or Soldier, who shall strike his superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence against him, being in the Execution of his Office, on any Pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful Commands of his superior Officer, shall suffer such Punishment as shall, according to the Nature of his Offence, be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 7. Any non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, who shall desert, or, without Leave of his commanding Officer, absent himself from the Troop or Company to which he belongs, or from any Detachment of the same, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be punished, according to the Nature of his Offence, at the Discretion of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 8. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall be convicted of having advised or persuaded any other Officer or Soldier to desert, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 9. Any Officer or Soldier who shall desert to the Enemy, and afterwards be taken, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as a General Court Martial shall direct.

*Art.* 10. All Officers, of what Condition soever, shall have Power to part and quell all

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*Art.* 11. No Officer or Soldier ſhall uſe any reproachful or provoking Speeches or Geſtures to another, nor ſhall preſume to ſend a Challenge to any Perſon to fight a Duel: And whoever ſhall knowingly or willingly ſuffer any Perſon to go forth to fight a Duel, or ſhall ſecond, promote, or carry any Challenge, ſhall be deemed as a Principal: And whatſoever Officer or Soldier ſhall upbraid another for refuſing a Challenge, ſhall alſo be conſidered as a Challenger: And all ſuch Offenders, in any of theſe, or ſuch like Caſes, ſhall be puniſhed at the Diſcretion of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 12. Every Officer commanding in Quarters, or on a March, ſhall keep good Order, and, to the utmoſt of his Power, redreſs all ſuch Abuſes or Diſorders, as may be committed by any Officer or Soldier under his Command: If, upon any Complaint being made to him of Officers or Soldiers beating, or otherwiſe ill treating any Perſon, or of committing any Kind of Riot, to the diſquieting of the Inhabitants of this Continent, he the ſaid Commander, who ſhall refuſe or omit to ſee Juſtice done on the Offender or Offenders, and Reparation made to the Party or Parties injured, as far as the Offenders Wages ſhall enable him or them, ſhall, upon due Proof thereof, be puniſhed as ordered by a General Court Martial, in ſuch Manner as if he himſelf had committed the Crimes or Diſorders complained of.

*Art.* 13. If any Officer ſhall think himſelf wronged by his Colonel or the commanding Officer of the Regiment, and ſhall, upon due Application made to him, be refuſed to be redreſſed, he may complain to the Commander in Chief of the ſaid Forces, in order to obtain Juſtice, who is hereby required to examine into ſaid Complaint, and ſee that Juſtice be done.

*Art.* 14. If any inferior Officer or Soldier ſhall think himſelf wronged by his Captain, or other Officer commanding the Troop or Company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the commanding Officer of the Regiment, who is hereby required to ſummon a Regimental Court Martial, for the doing Juſtice to the Complainant; from which Regimental Court Martial, either Party may, if he thinks himſelf ſtill aggrieved, appeal to a General Court Martial; but if, upon a ſecond Hearing, the Appeal ſhall appear to be vexatious and groundleſs, the Perſon ſo appealing ſhall be puniſhed at the Diſcretion of the General Court Martial.

*Art.* 15. All public Stores taken in the Enemy's Camp or Magazines, whether of Artillery, Ammunition, Cloathing or Proviſions, ſhall be ſecured for the Uſe of this Province. And all commiſſioned Officers found guilty by a General Court Martial of embezzling the ſame, or any of them, ſhall forfeit all his Pay, be *ipſo facto* caſhiered, and deemed unfit for further Service as an Officer. And all non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers, convicted before a Regimental Court Martial of ſtealing or embezzling the ſame, if a non-commiſſioned Officer, ſhall be reduced to the Ranks, and puniſhed with Whipping, not leſs than Fifteen nor more than Thirty-nine Laſhes, at the Diſcretion of the Court Martial; if a private Soldier, with the ſame Puniſhment.

*Art.* 16. Whatſoever non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier ſhall be convicted, at a Regimental Court Martial, of having ſold, or deſignedly, or through Neglect, waſted the Ammunition, Arms or Proviſions, or other Military Stores, delivered out to him, to be employed in the Service of this Province, ſhall, if an Officer, be reduced to a private Centinel; and, if a private Soldier, ſhall ſuffer ſuch Puniſhment as ſhall be ordered by a Regimental Court Martial.

*Art.* 17. All commiſſioned Officers, found guilty by a General Court Martial of any Fraud or Embezzlement, ſhall forfeit all his Pay, be *ipſo facto* caſhiered, and deemed unfit for further Service as an Officer.

*Art.* 18. All non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers, convicted before a Regimental Court Martial of ſtealing, embezzling or deſtroying Ammunition, Proviſions, Tools or any Thing belonging to the public Stores, if a non-commiſſioned Officer, to be reduced to the Ranks and puniſhed with Whipping, not leſs than Fifteen nor more than Thirty-nine Laſhes, at the Diſcretion of the Court Martial; if a private Soldier, with the ſame corporal Puniſhment.

*Art.* 19. All non-commiſſioned Officers and Soldiers, who ſhall be found one Mile from the Camp, without Leave in Writing from their commanding Officer, ſhall ſuffer ſuch Puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted, on him or them, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court Martial.

*Art.* 20. Every non-commiſſioned Officer and Soldier ſhall retire to his Quarters or Tent, at the Beating of the Retreat; in Default of which, he ſhall be puniſhed, according to the Nature of his Offence, by Order of the commanding Officer.

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*Art.* 21. No Officer or Soldier shall lie out of his Quarters or Camp, without Leave from the commanding Officer of the Regiment, upon Penalty, if an Officer, of being mulcted one Month's Pay for the first Offence, and cashiered for the second; if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, of being confined seven Days on Bread and Water for the first Offence, and the same Punishment and a Forfeiture of a Week's Pay for the second.

*Art.* 22. No Officer, non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall fail of repairing, at the Time fixed, to the Place of Parade or Exercise, or other Rendezvous appointed by the commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness, or some other evident Necessity, or shall go from the said Place of Rendezvous, or from his Guard, without Leave from his commanding Officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed or relieved, on Penalty of being punished, according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court Martial.

*Art.* 23. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be found drunk on his Guard, Party, or other Duty under Arms, shall be cashiered with Infamy; any non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, so offending, shall be sentenced to be whipped, not less than Twenty nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, according to the Nature of the Offence.

*Art.* 24. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier, placed as a Centinel, shall be found sleeping upon his Post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, if a commissioned Officer, shall be cashiered with Infamy; if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall be sentenced to be whipped, not less than Twenty nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, according to the Nature of the Offence.

*Art.* 25. Any Person belonging to the said Troops, who, by discharging of Fire-Arms, beating of Drums, or by any other Means whatsoever, shall occasion false Alarms in Camp or Quarters, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 26. Any Officer or Soldier, who without urgent Necessity, or without Leave of his superior Officer, shall quit his Platoon or Division, shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a Regimental Court Martial.

*Art.* 27. If any Officer or Soldier shall leave his Post or Colours, in Time of an Engagement, to go in Search of Plunder, he shall, if a commissioned Officer, be cashiered with Infamy, and forfeit all Share of Plunder; if a non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, be whipped, not less than Twenty nor more than Thirty-nine Lashes, according to the Nature of the Offence, and forfeit all Share of Plunder taken from the Enemy.

*Art.* 28. No Officer or Soldier shall do Violence, or offer any Insult, or Abuse, to any Person who shall bring Provisions, or other Necessaries, to the Camp, or Quarters of the Forces of this Province; any Officer or Soldier so offending shall, upon Complaint being made to the commanding Officer, suffer such Punishment as shall be ordered by a Regimental Court Martial.

*Art.* 29. Whatsoever Officer or Soldier shall misbehave himself before the Enemy, or shamefully abandon any Post committed to his Charge, or shall speak Words inducing others to do the like, shall suffer Death immediately.

*Art.* 30. In all Cases where a commissioned Officer is cashiered for Cowardice or Fraud, it be added in the Punishment, that the Crime, Name and Place of Abode, and Punishment of the Delinquent be published in the News-Papers of this Province. After which it shall be deemed scandalous in any Officer to associate with him.

*Art.* 31. Any Person belonging to the said Troops, who shall make known the Watchword to any Person who is not intitled to receive it, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, or shall presume to give a Parole, or Watchword, different from what he received, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 32. All Persons convicted of holding a treacherous Correspondence with, or giving Intelligence to the Enemy, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as a General Court Martial shall think proper.

*Art.* 33. Whosoever, belonging to the Troops of this Province, shall relieve the Enemy with Money, Victuals, or Ammunition, or shall knowingly harbour or protect an Enemy, shall suffer such Punishment as by a General Court Martial shall be ordered.

*Art.* 34. If any Commander of any Post, Intrenchment, or Fortress, shall be compelled, by the Officers or Soldiers under his Command, to give it up to the Enemy, or to abandon it, the commissioned Officer, non-commissioned Officers or Soldiers, who shall be convicted of having so offended, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as may be inflicted upon them by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 35. All Officers and Soldiers who shall wilfully, or through Negligence, disobey any general or special Orders, shall be punished at the Discretion of a Regimental Court Martial, where the Offence is against a Regimental Order, and at the Discretion of a General Court Martial, where the Offence is against an Order given from the Commander in Chief, or the Commander of any Detachment or Post, and such General Court Martial can be had.

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*Art.* 36. All Sutlers and Retailers to a Camp, and all Perſons whatſoever, ſerving with the ſaid Troops in the Field, though not inliſted Soldiers, are to be ſubject to theſe Articles, Rules and Regulations.

*Art.* 37. No General Court Martial ſhall conſiſt of a leſs Number than Thirteen, none of which ſhall be under the Degree of a commiſſioned Officer, and the Preſident ſhall be a Field-Officer: And the Preſident of each and every Court Martial, whether General or Regimental, ſhall have Power to adminſter an Oath to every Witneſs, in order to the Trial of Offenders. And the Members of all Courts Martial ſhall be duly ſworn by the Preſident; and the next in Rank on the Court Martial ſhall adminiſter the Oath to the Preſident.

*Art.* 38. The Members, both of General and Regimental Courts Martial, ſhall, when belonging to different Corps, take the ſame Rank which they hold in the Army; but, when Courts Martial ſhall be compoſed of Officers of one Corps, they ſhall take their Ranks according to their Commiſſions by which they are muſtered in the ſaid Corps.

*Art.* 39. All the Members of a Court Martial are to behave with Calmneſs, Decency and Impartiality; and, in giving of their Votes, are to begin with the youngeſt or loweſt in Commiſſion.

*Art.* 40. No Field-Officer ſhall be tried by any Perſon under the Degree of a Captain; nor ſhall any Proceedings or Trials be carried on, excepting between the Hours of Eight in the Morning and Three in the Afternoon; except in Caſes which require an immediate Example.

*Art.* 41. The commiſſioned Officers of every Regiment may, by the Appointment of their Colonel or commanding Officer, hold Regimental Courts Martial for the enquiring into ſuch Diſputes or criminal Matters as may come before them, and for the inflicting corporal Puniſhments for ſmall Offences, and ſhall give Judgment by the Majority of Voices; but no Sentence ſhall be executed till the commanding Officer (not being a Member of the Court Martial) ſhall have confirmed the ſame.

*Art.* 42. No Regimental Court Martial ſhall conſiſt of leſs than Five Officers, excepting in Caſes where that Number cannot be conveniently aſſembled, when Three may be ſufficient, who are likewiſe to determine upon the Sentence by the Majority of Voices, which Sentence is to be confirmed by the commanding Officer, not being a Member of the Court Martial.

*Art.* 43. Every Officer commanding in any Fort, Caſtle, Barrack, or elſewhere, where the Corps under his Command conſiſts of Detachments from different Regiments, or of independant Companies, may aſſemble Courts Martial for the Trial of Offenders, in the ſame Manner as if they were Regimental, whoſe Sentence is not to be executed till it ſhall be confirmed by the commanding Officer.

*Art.* 44. No Perſon whatſoever ſhall uſe menacing Words, Signs or Geſtures, in the Preſence of a Court Martial then ſitting, or ſhall cauſe any Diſorder or Riot, ſo as to diſturb their Proceedings, on the Penalty of being puniſhed at the Diſcretion of the ſaid Court Martial.

*Art.* 45. To the End that Offenders may be brought to Juſtice, whenever any Officer or Soldier ſhall commit a Crime deſerving Puniſhment, he ſhall by his commanding Officer, if an Officer, be put in Arreſt; if a non-commiſſioned Officer or Soldier, be impriſoned till he ſhall be either tried by a Court Martial, or ſhall be lawfully diſcharged by proper Authority.

*Art.* 46. No Officer or Soldier who ſhall be put in Arreſt, or Impriſonment, ſhall continue in his Confinement more than Eight Days, or till ſuch Time as a Court Martial can be conveniently aſſembled.

*Art.* 47. No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provoſt Marſhal, ſhall refuſe to receive or keep any Priſoner committed to his Charge, by an Officer belonging to the ſaid Forces; which Officer ſhall at the ſame Time deliver an Account in Writing, ſigned by himſelf, of the Crime with which the ſaid Priſoner is charged.

*Art.* 48. No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provoſt Marſhal, ſhall preſume to releaſe any Priſoner committed to his Charge, without proper Authority for ſo doing; nor ſhall he ſuffer any Priſoner to eſcape, on the Penalty of being puniſhed for it, by the Sentence of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 49. Every Officer or Provoſt Marſhal, to whoſe Charge Priſoners ſhall be committed, is hereby required, within Twenty-four Hours after ſuch Commitment, or as ſoon as he ſhall be relieved from his Guard, to give in Writing to the Colonel of the Regiment, to whom the Priſoner belongs, (where the Priſoner is confined upon the Guard belonging to the ſaid Regiment, and that his Offence only relates to the Neglect of Duty in his own Corps) or to the Commander in Chief, their Names, Crimes, and the Names of the Officers who committed them, on the Penalty of being puniſhed for his Diſobedience or Neglect, at the Diſcretion of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 50. And if any Officer under an Arreſt ſhall leave his Confinement before he is ſet at Liberty by the Officer who confined him, or by a ſuperior Power, he ſhall be caſhiered for it.

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*Art.* 51. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be convicted before a General Court Martial, of behaving in a scandalous, infamous Manner, such as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, shall be discharged from the Service.

*Art.* 52. All Officers, Conductors, Gunners, Matrosses, Drivers, or any other Persons whatsoever, receiving Pay or Hire, in the Service of the Artillery of this Province, shall be governed by the aforesaid Rules and Articles, and shall be subject to be tried by Courts Martial, in like Manner with the Officers and Soldiers of the Provincial Troops.

*Art.* 53. For Differences arising amongst themselves, or in Matters relating solely to their own Corps, the Courts Martial may be composed of their own Officers; but where a sufficient Number of such Officers cannot be assembled, or in Matters wherein other Corps are interested, the Officers of Artillery shall sit in Courts Martial, with the Officers of the other Corps.

*Art.* 54. All Crimes not capital, and all Disorders and Neglects, which Officers and Soldiers may be guilty of, to the Prejudice of good Order and Military Discipline, though not mentioned in the Articles of War, are to be taken Cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court Martial, according to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and be punished at their Discretion.

*Art.* 55. That no Persons shall be sentenced by a Court Martial to suffer Death, except in the Cases expresly mentioned in the foregoing Articles, nor shall any Punishment be inflicted at the Discretion of a Court Martial, other than degrading, cashiering, drumming out of the Army, whipping not exceeding Thirty-nine Lashes, Fine not exceeding Two Months Pay of the Offender; Imprisonment, not exceeding One Month.

*Art.* 56. The Field-Officers of each and every Regiment are to appoint some suitable Person belonging to such Regiment, to receive all such Fines as may arise within the same, for any Breach of any of the foregoing Articles, and shall direct the same to be carefully and properly applied to the Relief of such sick, wounded or necessitous Soldiers, as belong to such Regiment; and such Person shall account with such Officer for all Fines received, and the Application thereof.

*Art.* 57. All Members sitting in Courts Martial shall be sworn or affirmed by the President of said Courts, which President shall himself be sworn or affirmed by the Officer in said Court next in Rank.—The Oath or Affirmation to be administered previous to their proceeding to the Trial of any Offender, in Form following, *viz.*

" You *A. B.* do swear or affirm, that you will well and truly try, and impartially " determine, the Cause of the Prisoner now to be tried, according to the Rules for re- " gulating the Troops of this Province."

*Art.* 58. All Persons called to give Evidence, in any Case, before a Court Martial, who shall refuse to give Evidence, shall be punished for such Refusal, at the Discretion of such Court Martial: The Oath or Affirmation to be administered in the following Form, *viz.*

" You swear (or affirm) the Evidence you shall give, in the Case now in hearing, " shall be the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth."

*Art.* 59. Every Officer commanding a Regiment, Troop or Company, shall, upon Notice given to him by the Commissary of the Musters, or from one of his Deputies, assemble the Regiment, Troop or Company under his Command, in the next convenient Place for their being mustered, on Penalty of his being cashiered, and mulcted of his Pay.

*Art.* 60. Every Colonel or other Field-Officer, or Officer commanding any Corps to which there is no Field-Officer, and actually residing with it, may give Furloughs to non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, in such Numbers, and for so long a Time, as he shall judge to be most consistent with the Good of the Service; but no non-commissioned Officer or Soldier shall, by Leave of his Captain, or inferior Officer, commanding the Troop or Company, (his Field-Officer not being present) be absent above Twenty Days in Six Months, nor shall more than two private Men be absent at the same Time from their Troop or Company, excepting some extraordinary Occasion shall require it; of which Occasion the Field-Officer present with, and commanding the Regiment or independant Corps, is to be Judge.

*Art.* 61. At every Muster the commanding Officer of each Regiment, Troop or Company there present, shall give to the Muster-Master Certificates, signed by himself, signifying how long such Officers, non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers, who shall not appear at the said Muster, have been absent, and the Reason of their Absence; which Reasons, and the Time of Absence, shall be inserted in the Muster-Rolls opposite to the Names of such Absentees: And the Surgeons, or their Mates, shall, at the same Time, give to the Muster-Master a Certificate signed by them, signifying the State of Health or Sickness of those under their Care; and the said Certificates shall, together with the Muster-Rolls, be, by the said Muster-Master, transmitted to the Commander in Chief of said Troops, and to this or any future Assembly, or, in their Recess, to the Committee of Safety, at least once a Month; on Failure whereof the Muster-Master, so offending, shall be discharged from the Service.

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*Art.* 62. Every Officer who ſhall be convicted, before a General Court Martial, of having ſigned a falſe Certificate relating to the Abſence of either Officer, non-commiſſioned Officer or private Soldier, and every Surgeon or Mate, convicted of ſigning a falſe Certificate relating to the Health or Sickneſs of thoſe under his Care, ſhall be caſhiered.

*Art.* 63. Every Officer, who ſhall knowingly make a falſe Muſter of Man or Horſe, and every Officer or Commiſſary, who ſhall willingly ſign, direct, or allow the ſigning of the Muſter-Rolls, wherein ſuch falſe Muſter is contained, ſhall, upon Proof made thereof, by two Witneſſes, before a General Court Martial, be caſhiered, and moreover forfeit all ſuch Pay as may be due to him at the Time of Conviction of ſuch Offence.

*Art.* 64. Any Commiſſary, who ſhall be convicted of having taken any Gift or Gratuity, on the muſtering any Regiment, Troop or Company, or on the ſigning the Muſter-Rolls, ſhall be diſplaced from his Office, and forfeit his Pay, as in the preceding Article.

*Art.* 65. Any Officer, who ſhall preſume to muſter any Perſon as a Soldier, who is at other Times accuſtomed to wear a Livery, or who does not actually do his Duty as a Soldier, ſhall be deemed guilty of having made a falſe Muſter, and ſhall ſuffer accordingly.

*Art.* 66. Every Officer, who ſhall knowingly make a falſe Return to the Commander in Chief of the ſaid Forces, or to any ſuperior Officer, authoriſed to call for ſuch Returns, of the State of the Regiment, Troop, independant Company, or Garriſon, under his Command, or of Arms, Ammunition, Cloathing, or other Stores thereunto belonging, ſhall, by a Court Martial, be caſhiered.

*Art.* 67. The commanding Officer of every Regiment, Troop, independant Company, or Garriſon in the Service aforeſaid, ſhall, in the Beginning of every Month, remit to the Commander in Chief of ſaid Forces an exact Return of the State of the Regiment, Troop, independant Company, or Garriſon under his Command, ſpecifying the Names of the Officers not then reſiding at their Poſts, and the Reaſon for and Time of their Abſence. Whoever ſhall be convicted of having, through Neglect or Deſign, omitted ſending ſuch Returns, ſhall be puniſhed, according to the Nature of his Crime, by the Judgment of a General Court Martial.

*Art.* 68. No Sutler ſhall be permitted to ſell any Kind of Liquors or Victuals, or to keep their Houſes or Shops open, for the Entertainment of Soldiers, after Nine at Night, or before the Beating of the Reveilles, or upon Sundays during Divine Service or Sermon, on the Penalty of being diſmiſſed from all future Sutling.

*Art.* 69. All Officers commanding in the Camp, or in any Forts, Barracks, or Garriſons, are hereby required to ſee that the Perſons permitted to ſuttle ſhall ſupply the Soldiers with good and wholeſome Proviſions, at a reaſonable Price, as they ſhall be anſwerable for their Neglect.

*Art.* 70. No Officers commanding in any Camp, Garriſons, Forts, or Barracks, ſhall either themſelves exact exorbitant Prices for Houſes or Stalls let out to Sutlers, or ſhall connive at the like Exactions in others, nor lay any Duty or Impoſitions upon, or be intereſted in the Sale of ſuch Victuals, Liquors, or other Neceſſaries of Life, which are brought into the Camp, Garriſon, Fort, or Barracks, for the Uſe of the Soldiers, on the Penalty of being diſcharged from the Service.

*Art.* 71. That the Commander in Chief of ſaid Troops, for the Time being, ſhall have full Power of pardoning, or mitigating any of the Puniſhments ordered to be inflicted for any of the Offences mentioned in the foregoing Articles; and every Offender convicted as aforeſaid, by any Regimental Court Martial, may be pardoned, or have his Puniſhment mitigated by the Officer commanding the Regiment.

*Art.* 72. When any commiſſioned Officer ſhall happen to die, or be killed in the Service of this Province, the Major of the Regiment, or the Officer doing the Major's Duty in his Abſence, ſhall immediately ſecure all his Effects or Equipage then in Camp or Quarters; and ſhall, before the next Regimental Court Martial, make an Inventory thereof, and forthwith tranſmit the ſame to the Clerk of the Aſſembly of this Province, to the End that his Executors or Adminiſtrators may, after Payment of his Debts in Quarters, and Interment, receive the Overplus, if any be, to his or their Uſe.

*Art.* 73. When any non-commiſſioned Officer, or private Soldier, ſhall happen to die, or be killed in the Service of this Province, the then commanding Officer of the Troop or Company ſhall, in the Preſence of two other commiſſioned Officers, take an Account of whatever Effects he dies poſſeſſed of, and tranſmit the ſame, as in the Caſe above provided for, in order that the ſame may be ſecured for and paid to their reſpective Repreſentatives.

*Art.* 74. All Officers and Soldiers of every Battalion, Troop or Company, in the Forces raiſed in this Province, when joined to and in Service with the Continental Troops, ſhall be ſubject to the Rules and Articles made by the Honourable Congreſs for the Government of ſaid Troops.

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Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That every Officer, in the Troops now raising for the Service of this Province, shall, at the Time he shall receive his Commission, before some Justice of the Peace, take an Oath or Affirmation, in the following Words, *to wit:*

I *A. B.* hereby subjecting myself to such Rules and Articles as are or shall be made or directed by the Assembly of *Pennsylvania*, for regulating and governing the Troops ordered to be raised by them, do solemnly that I will well and truly execute the Office mentioned in my Commission, according to the best of my Ability: That I will faithfully obey the present and any Assembly of this Colony, and, in their Recess, any Committee of Safety by them appointed for the Time being, and, in Pursuance of their Direction and Command, such Officers as are or shall be placed in Authority over me: That I will, to the utmost of my Power, defend the Rights and Liberties of this Province, and of *America* in general, and will oppose and resist any Force or Enemies that shall act or be employed against them; and that I will disband and lay down my Arms, whenever I shall be ordered so to do by the Assembly of this Colony, or, in their Recess, by such Committee of Safety. So help me God.

A Certificate whereof shall be endorsed, on the Commissions of the said Officers, by the Magistrates administering the same.

*Resolved*, That every Officer already appointed, commissioned and in the Pay of this Province, shall, on or before the First Day of *May* next, take the Oath or Affirmation aforesaid; a Certificate of which shall be endorsed and certified on the Back of the Commission of such Officer.

*Resolved*, That any Officer, neglecting or refusing to take the said Oath or Affirmation, shall be *ipso facto* cashiered.

*Resolved*, That the Justices of the Peace, to whom Application shall be made to administer the Oaths or Affirmations to Officers and Soldiers, in the Service of this Province, shall administer and certify the same without Fee or Reward.

Upon Motion,

The Petition of Messrs. *Owen Biddle* and *Benjamin Rush* was again read, and after some Debate, referred to the Committee of Accounts.

The Bills, entituled, "*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jordan *and* William Sanders, *Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons*," "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Prisoner for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person*," and, "*An Act for confirming the Estate of* Andrew Hershey, *in and to certain Lands, in the Township of* Donegal, *in the County of* Lancaster," being transcribed according to Order, were read the third time, and compared.

*Resolved*, That the said Bills do pass.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rittenhouse* and Mr. *Grubb* wait on the Governor therewith for his Assent to the same.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That a Ration for the *Pennsylvania* Forces shall consist of one Pound of Beef, or three Quarters of a Pound of Pork, or one Pound of Mutton *per* Man *per* Day —One Pound of Flour or Bread *per* Man *per* Day—Three Pints of Pease or Beans, at *Six Shillings per* Bushel, *per* Man *per* Week, or Vegetables equivalent thereto—Half a Pint of Rice, or one Pound of *Indian* Meal *per* Man *per* Week—One Pint of Milk *per* Man *per* Day—One Quart of small Beer *per* Man *per* Day, or nine Gallons of Molasses for one Hundred Men *per* Week—One Gill of Vinegar *per* Man *per* Week——Three Pounds of Candles for one Hundred Men *per* Week, for Guards—Twenty-four Pounds of soft or eight Pounds of hard Soap for one Hundred Men *per* Week.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That *George Ross*, Esq; of the County of *Lancaster*, be and he is hereby appointed Judge of the Court of Admiralty lately instituted in this Province, pursuant to the Recommendation of the Honourable Continental Congress.

*Resolved*, That the Marshal of the said Court of Admiralty, directed to be appointed by the Committee of Safety, shall receive his Commission from the Speaker of this House.

The Committee appointed to enquire who first introduced in this Province the Spinning Machine claimed by *Christopher Tully* and *Joseph Hague*, reported, "that, upon "Examination, they find the said Machine was made and used in this Province by both "the Persons above named, nearly at the same Time, but unknown to each other; and "that the Committee think they are therefore alike deserving of Reward from the "Public, the Machine being really useful, as it dispatches Business much faster than "the common Spinning Wheel."

The House adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The House met, pursuant to their Adjournment.

The Governor by Mr. Secretary returned the Bills, entituled, "*An Act for confirming*

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" *ing the Eſtate of* Andrew Herſhey, *in and to certain Lands, in the Townſhip of* Done-
" gal, *in the County of* Lancaſter," " *An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John
" Onions, Michael Jordan *and* William Sanders, *Priſoners for Debt in the Gaol of* Phi-
" ladelphia *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of their Perſons,*" and, " *An Act*
" *for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Priſoner for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia
" *County, with reſpect to the Impriſonment of his Perſon,*" and acquainted the Houſe that he ſhould be ready to paſs the ſame when preſented to him for that Purpoſe.

The Secretary alſo brought down the Bill, entituled, " *An Act to ſuſpend the carrying* " *into Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this* " *Province,*" with ſome Amendments, which were read and conſidered, and an Anſwer to the ſame being prepared at the Table, propoſing an Addition to one of the ſaid Amendments,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Rodman* and Mr. *Jacobs* wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and deliver the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments.

The Governor, by Mr. Secretary, returned the ſaid Bill and informed the Houſe that he agreed to their propoſed Addition to his Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be engroſſed accordingly.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Humphreys* wait on his Honour and acquaint him the Houſe incline to adjourn to the Twentieth Day of *May* next, if he has no Objection thereto, and requeſt he will be pleaſed to appoint ſome Members of Council to compare the engroſſed Bills with their Originals, and let the Houſe know at what Hour To-day they ſhall attend him to enact the ſaid Bills into Laws.

The Houſe then reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee appointed to eſſay a Draught of Reſolutions directing the Mode of diſarming diſaffected Perſons, and procuring the Arms of Non-Aſſociators in this Province, which being gone through, and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to, was tranſcribed by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

Whereas the Honourable the Continental Congreſs did lately recommend to the ſeveral Aſſemblies, Conventions, Councils and Committees of Safety of the ſeveral United Colonies, to cauſe all Perſons to be diſarmed, within their reſpective Colonies, who are notoriouſly diſaffed to the Cauſe of *America*, or who have not aſſociated, and refuſe to aſſociate, for the Defence of theſe Colonies, by Arms, againſt the hoſtile Attempts of the *Britiſh* Fleets and Armies, and ſuch Arms, having been duly appraiſed, to be applied to the arming the Continental Troops raiſed in this Colony, the Troops raiſed in its own ſpecial Defence, and the Reſidue for the Uſe of the Aſſociators; the ſaid Appraiſement to be paid by the Congreſs, Aſſemblies, Conventions and Committees of Safety reſpectively, as the ſaid Arms ſhould be appropriated: And, by a further Reſolve, it was declared, that the Appraiſement of the Arms of diſaffected Perſons, ſo taken as above, ſhould not be paid, unleſs for ſuch Arms as were fit for the Uſe of the Troops, or could be conveniently made ſo, but that all defective Arms ſhould be ſafely kept by the Aſſemblies, Conventions, Councils and Committees of Safety, to be delivered to the Owners when the Congreſs ſhould direct.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the ſaid Recommendations, and the very great Difficulty of procuring Arms to put into the Hands of Continental and Provincial Troops, and the Aſſociators within this Province, for the Defence of the Liberties of *America:* Therefore,

*Reſolved*, That it be earneſtly recommended by this Houſe to all well-affected Non-Aſſociators, who are poſſeſſed of good Arms, to deliver them to the Collectors hereafter directed to be choſen, as they regard the Freedom, Safety and Proſperity of their Country.

*Reſolved*, That the Freeholders and Freemen of every Townſhip, Borough, Ward and Diſtrict, within this Province, qualified to vote for Members of Aſſembly, ſhall reſpectively meet together, at ſome convenient Place, within their ſeveral Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards and Diſtricts, on the Twenty-fifth Day of this Month, and then and there chuſe by Ballot three Perſons for Collectors of Arms; which Perſons ſo choſen ſhall meet the Perſons choſen by the next two adjoining Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards or Diſtricts; and the ſaid Perſons, or a Majority of them, ſhall collect and receive all ſuch Arms of Non-Aſſociators as are fit for Uſe, or can be conveniently made ſo, within their reſpective Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards and Diſtricts, and ſhall appraiſe or cauſe the ſaid Arms to be appraiſed, according to the true and real Value, which they ſhall pay to the Owners, and then ſhall depoſite the ſaid Arms in ſome dry, ſafe and convenient Place, in the ſeveral Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards and Diſtricts, ſubject to the Orders of Aſſembly, or, in their Receſs, of the Committee of Safety.

*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Perſons ſo choſen, or a Majority of them, ſhall diſarm all diſaffected Perſons before deſcribed, and ſhall appraiſe, or cauſe the Arms taken from them to be appraiſed as aforeſaid, and ſhall pay to the Owners the Value of ſuch Arms as are fit for Uſe, or that can be conveniently made ſo, depoſiting all the Arms in the Manner before-mentioned.

*Reſolved*, That if any Townſhips, Boroughs, Wards or Diſtricts, ſhall neglect or refuſe

fuse to chuse such Persons as aforesaid, or if the Persons so chosen shall neglect or refuse to perform the Duties hereby required of them; in such Case the Committee of Inspection and Observation, in each County respectively, shall immediately proceed to carry the foregoing Recommendation of Congress effectually into Execution. 1776. April 6.

*Resolved*, That the Persons so chosen shall immediately make Returns of all Arms fit for Use, or that can conveniently be made so, which they shall take, collect or receive, with the Value thereof, to the Assembly, or, in their Recess, to the Committee of Safety, who may draw Orders, for the Amount thereof, in Favour of such Persons, on *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; Treasurer, who is hereby required to pay the same out of the Monies directed to be emitted by this House.

The House adjourned to Three o'Clock, *P. M.* Adjournment

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Message of the House in the Forenoon, reported they had delivered the same according to Order, and that his Honour was pleased to say he had no Objection to the Adjournment proposed by the House; that he would appoint some Members of Council to assist in comparing the engrossed Bills, and be at the Council-Chamber, at Five o'Clock this Afternoon, to enact the said Bills into Laws. *Post Meridiem*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas* and Mr. *Reed* join with the Gentlemen of the Council in collating the engrossed Bills, and see the Great Seal affixed to the said Bills after they are enacted into Laws and depositе the same in the Rolls Office.

The House then taking into Consideration the Governor's Support for the current Year,

*Resolved*, That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be allowed and given to the Honourable *John Penn*, Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province, towards his Support for the current Year.

And a Certificate for the said Sum being drawn at the Table, the same was signed by the Speaker, to be presented to his Honour when the House shall attend him with the Bills.

The Members appointed to compare the engrossed Bills with their Originals, reported they had done the same according to Order, and found them to agree.

*A* Message *by Mr. Secretary.*

"SIR,

"The Governor is at the Council-Chamber, and requires the Attendance of the "Speaker and the House to enact into Laws the several Bills that have received his "Assent."

Mr. Speaker then with the whole House waited on the Governor, and being returned from the Council-Chamber, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported they had waited on his Honour, and presented several Bills respectively entituled, "*An Act to* "*continue Part of an Act made in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his present Majesty* "*King* George *the Third, entituled,* "*An Act for regulating and continuing the nightly* "*Watch, enlightening the Streets, Lanes and Alleys of the City of* Philadelphia, *and for* "*other Purposes therein mentioned,*" and, "*for making further Provisions for the better* "*executing the said Act;*"—"*An Act to make perpetual an Act passed in the Eleventh* "*Year of the Reign of his present Majesty King* George *the Third, entituled,* "*An Act* "*for the Relief of the Poor;*"—"*An Act to continue an Act, entituled,* "*An Act to re-*"*gulate the Fishery in the River* Schuylkill;"—"*An Act to suspend the carrying into* "*Execution the Orders of the Governor and Council, for opening a certain Road in this* "*Province;*"—"*An Act for the Relief of* William Judd, John Onions, Michael Jor-"dan *and* William Sanders, *Prisoners for Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with* "*respect to the Imprisonment of their Persons;*"—"*An Act for confirming the Estate of* "Andrew Hershey, *in and to certain Lands, in the Township of* Donegal, *in the County* "*of* Lancaster;"—and, "*An Act for the Relief of* Alexander Stewart, *a Prisoner for* "*Debt in the Gaol of* Philadelphia *County, with respect to the Imprisonment of his Person;*" to which several Bills the Governor had been pleased to give his Assent by enacting the same into Laws.

Mr. Speaker also reported, that he had then, in Behalf of the House, presented their Certificate for *Five Hundred Pounds* to his Honour, who was pleased to say he was obliged to the House.

Upon Motion,

*Resolved*, That an Agent be appointed to provide necessary Cloathing and Accoutrements for the Troops ordered to be raised for the Service of this Province; the Expence to be deducted out of the Pay of such Troops;—that such Agent be allowed Two and an Half *per Cent.* for his Trouble, and that he make no other Profit or Emolument whatever by Contracts with the Tradesmen he may employ, or in any other Manner whatsoever.

*Resolved*, That *Matthias Slough*, of *Lancaster*, Esq; be, and he is hereby appointed, Agent for the Purpose aforesaid.

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*Reſolved*, That the ſaid Agent ſupply every Private, in the Pay of this Province, with a good Blanket, at the Expence of the Province.

*Reſolved*, That the Committee of Safety may draw Orders on *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; Treaſurer, in Favour of the ſaid *Matthias Slough*, for ſuch Sums of Money as they, from Time to Time, ſhall judge neceſſary.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Parker* and Mr. *Rittenhouſe* be added to the Committee of Safety.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Reed* be added to the Committee appointed to reviſe and correct the Minutes of this Houſe, previous to the Publication thereof.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Bills paſſed this Afternoon, and to depoſite the ſame in the Rolls Office, reported they had performed that Service according to Order.

Mr. *Hillegas* produced at the Table an Account from the Managers of the Houſe of Employment, amounting to *Twenty-ſeven Pounds Ten Shillings*, for the Cloathing, Board and Burial of *Catherine Smith*, a blind Pauper lately in the Alms-Houſe. And a Certificate for the ſaid Sum being drawn by Order, was ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to Mr. *Hillegas*.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration that the public Service will require the iſſuing a further Sum of Money in Bills of Credit, before the Time of their next Meeting,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds* be forthwith ſtruck in Bills of Credit, for anſwering the preſent Exigences of this Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Hillegas*, Mr. *Reed* and Mr. *Rittenhouſe* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Reſolves for ſtriking the ſaid *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit.

The Committee for Battalion-Expences reporting to the Houſe, that Captain *Joſiah Hart*, in Purſuance of the Order to the Sergeant at Arms, had attended the Committee and paid all the Expences incurred by his late Miſconduct,

*Ordered*, That the ſaid *Hart* be diſmiſſed, without appearing at the Bar of the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the ſeveral Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, relative to the ſetting Negro Slaves at Liberty, be referred to further Conſideration at the next Meeting of the Houſe.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in Reſolves for ſtriking the Sum of *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, reported a Draught for that Purpoſe, which being conſidered and agreed to, was tranſcribed, and is as follows, *viz.*

*Reſolved*, That Bills of Credit, to the Value of *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds*, ſhall, on or before the Twentieth Day of *May* next, be prepared and printed on good ſtrong Paper, under the Care and Direction of *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſquires, or any three of them; the Charge of which ſhall be defrayed out of the Bills hereby to be emitted; which Bills ſhall be made and prepared in the Manner and Form following, *viz.*

———————— according to the Reſolves of the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*, of the Sixth Day of *April*, in the Sixteenth Year of the Reign of his Majeſty GEORGE the Third:—Dated at *Philadelphia* the Twenty-fifth Day of *April*, *Anno Domini* 1776.

And the ſaid Bills ſhall have ſuch like Eſcutcheons and Devices as the ſaid *George Gray*, *Joſeph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Iſaac Pearſon*, or any three of them, ſhall think proper;—each of which Bills ſhall be of the ſeveral and reſpective Denominations following, and no other, *viz.*

*Fifty-four Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Forty-five* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Three-pence*.

*Fifty-four Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Forty-ſix* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Four-pence*.

*Fifty-four Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Forty-ſix* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Six-pence*.

*Fifty-four Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Forty-five* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Nine-pence*.

*Twenty-eight Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Seventy-two* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *One Shilling*.

*Twenty-eight Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Seventy-one* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *One Shilling* and *Six-pence*.

*Twenty eight Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Seventy-two* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Two Shillings*.

*Twenty-eight Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Seventy-one* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence*.

*Fourteen Thouſand* of the ſame Bills of the Sum of *Ten Shillings*.

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*Fourteen Thousand* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*.
*Fourteen Thousand* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Thirty Shillings*.
*Fourteen Thousand* of the same Bills of the Sum of *Forty Shillings*.

And the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, shall use their best Care, Attention and Diligence, during the Printing of the said Bills, that the Number and Amount thereof, according to the respective Denominations aforesaid, be not exceeded, nor any clandestine or fraudulent Practice be used by the Printer, his Servants, or others concerned therein.

*Resolved*, That, for perfecting the said Bills, all and every of them, under the Denomination of *One Shilling*, shall be signed by one of the Persons hereafter named; all and every of them, of the Denomination of *One Shilling* to *Half-a-Crown* inclusive, shall be signed by two of the Persons hereafter named, and all the rest of the said Bills shall be signed by three of the Persons hereafter named; that is to say, *Benjamin Betterton*, *William Smith*, Broker, *Joseph Redman*, *William Crispin*, *William Kenly*, *William Cliffton*, *Josiah Hewes*, *Andrew Tybout*, *George Douglass*, *Charles Moore*, *Thomas Moore*, *Abel Evans*, *Peter Thompson*, *Samuel Cadwalader Morris*, *Cornelius Barns*, *Sketchly Morton*, *Elisha Price* and *Hugh Lloyd*, Gentlemen, who are hereby nominated and appointed to be Signers of the said Bills, and shall, before they receive or sign any of the said Bills, take an Oath or Affirmation to the following Effect, *viz.*

" That they shall well and truly sign and number all the Bills of Credit, that shall " come to their Hands for that Purpose, and the same, when so signed and numbered, " will deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William* " *Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them."

*Resolved*, That, for avoiding the Danger of Embezzlement or Misapplication of any of the said Bills of Credit, the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, after the said Bills are printed, shall deliver them to the said Signers to be signed and numbered by Parcels, for which the said Signers, or some of them, shall give their Receipt; that is to say, *Two Thousand Pounds* Value in the said Bills, at one Time, and so from Time to Time, until all the said Bills of Credit shall be signed and numbered in such Manner, that not more than the Sum of *Two Thousand Pounds* shall remain in such Signers Hands at any one Time; of all which said Bills of Credit, so delivered to be signed, a true Account shall be kept by the Signers, who, upon their Re-delivery of each or any Parcel of the said Bills by them signed and numbered, shall take the Receipt of the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, to charge them before any Committee of Assembly to be appointed for that Purpose: And each of the said Signers shall have and receive *Ten Shillings* for every Thousand of the said Bills by them signed and numbered, and each of the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, shall have and receive, for their Trouble, the Sum of *Ten Shillings per Diem*; and the Treasurer hereafter appointed for receiving and paying the said Bills of Credit, shall have and receive *Five Shillings* for every *Hundred Pounds*, and no more, to be paid out of the Bills of Credit hereby ordered to be emitted.

*Resolved*, That, after the said Bills shall be signed, numbered and perfected, the said *George Gray*, *Joseph Parker*, *William Rodman* and *Isaac Pearson*, or any three of them, shall deliver them to *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; who is hereby appointed Treasurer for that Purpose, and take his Receipt or Receipts for the same, who shall pay off and discharge, out of the said Bills of Credit, all such Draughts and Certificates as shall be made by Order of the Assembly or the Committee of Safety of this Province.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer aforesaid shall give Bond, with two sufficient Sureties, to *John Morton*, Esq; in the Sum of *Ten Thousand Pounds*, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust reposed in him.

And for the more certain paying, redeeming, discharging and sinking the said Bills of Credit hereby emitted,

*Resolved*, That a Tax shall be raised and levied, by the respective Commissioners and Assessors of the several Counties within this Province, on the same Persons and Property, in the same Proportion, and in the same Manner and Mode, as the Provincial Tax, by the Laws now in Force, is raised, levied and recovered, and shall be paid, by the respective County Treasurers, to the Treasurer for the Time appointed or to be appointed for that Purpose; which said Tax shall commence immediately sinking the *Thirty-five Thousand Pounds* issued by the Resolutions of the late Assembly, on the Thirtieth Day of *June* last, and of the *Eighty Thousand Pounds* heretofore issued by this House,—which Tax, for the Purpose aforesaid, the several Commissioners and Assessors are enjoined and required to raise, levy and recover, and cause to be paid to the Treasurer aforesaid, as they regard the Freedom, Welfare and Safety of their Country.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer appointed as aforesaid, or his Successor, shall yearly, and every Year, pay into the Hands of the Committees of Assembly appointed to settle the public Accounts, all such Sum and Sums of Money, in the Bills of Credit of the

1776. *April 6.* *Thirty-five Thouſand Pounds* emitted as aforeſaid, and of the *Eighty Thouſand Pounds* heretofore emitted by this Houſe, and of the *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds* hereby to be emitted,—which Sums ſo paid, the ſaid Committees are hereby enjoined and required to burn, ſink and deſtroy. And the ſaid Treaſurer, when required, ſhall alſo lay his Accounts before the Aſſembly or the ſaid Committees, for their Inſpection and Settlement.

Upon Motion,

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Memorial from the Committee of Inſpection and Obſervation, for the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, and after a Debate of conſiderable Length, the Queſtion being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Houſe will alter the Inſtructions given, at their laſt Sitting, to the Delegates for this Province in Congreſs? *Carried in the Negative by a great Majority.*

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the Twentieth of *May* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*May 20. Poſt Meridiem* BY the Returns of the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties, where an additional Number of Repreſentatives were directed, by an Act of Aſſembly paſſed the laſt Sitting, to be choſen, it appears the following Gentlemen were duly elected to ſerve in Aſſembly, as Repreſentatives during the Remainder of this Year, *viz.*

For the City of *Philadelphia*. *Samuel Howell, George Clymer, Andrew Allen, Alexander Wilcocks.*
For the County of *Lancaſter*. *Thomas Porter, Bartram Galbreath.*
For the County of *York*. *Samuel Eddie, James Rankin.*
For the County of *Cumberland*. *Jonathan Hoge, Robert Whitehill.*
For the County of *Berks*. *Henry Haller, John Leſher.*
For the County of *Northampton*. *James Allen, Jacob Arndt.*
For the County of *Bedford*. *Thomas Smith.*
For the County of *Northumberland*. *James Potter.*
For the County of *Weſtmoreland*. *John Prockter.*

Mr. Speaker and Twenty-ſeven Members met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, the Houſe adjourned to To-morrow, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *May 21. Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment *May 22.* A Quorum of the Repreſentatives met this Day; but, it being too late to proceed upon Buſineſs, the Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter received from *Charles Moore*, Eſq; "requeſting that he might have Permiſſion to reſign his Office as Clerk to the Houſe, "finding it to be inconvenient to him in many Reſpects to continue longer therein."

Petitions from *Edward Tilghman* and *Abel Evans*, reſpectively praying to be appointed Clerk to the Houſe, in the Room of *Charles Moore*, Eſq; who has reſigned, were preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Proteſt of divers of the Inhabitants of this Province, in Behalf of themſelves and others, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

## The PROTEST of divers of the INHABITANTS of this Province, in Behalf of themſelves and others.

*To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of* PENNSYLVANIA.

GENTLEMEN,

Proteſt of divers Inhabitants of this Province. WE the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of ourſelves and others the Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, conceive it our Duty to repreſent unto this Houſe as followeth:

That whereas the Honourable Continental Congreſs hath, by a Reſolve bearing Date the Fifteenth Inſtant, recommended the taking up and eſtabliſhing new Governments, throughout all the United Colonies, under the "*Authority* of *the People*;" and as the chartered Power of this Houſe is derived from our mortal Enemy, the King of *Great-Britain*, and the Members thereof were elected by ſuch Perſons only as were either in real or ſuppoſed Allegiance to the ſaid King, to the Excluſion of many worthy Inhabitants whom the aforeſaid Reſolve of Congreſs hath now rendered Electors; and as this Houſe, in its preſent State, is in immediate Intercourſe with a Governor bearing the ſaid King's Commiſſion, and who is his ſworn Repreſentative, holding, and by Oath obliged to hold, official Correſpondence with the Miniſters of the ſaid King, and is not within the Reach of any Act of ours to be abſolved therefrom: We, therefore, in this ſolemn Manner, in Behalf of ourſelves and others, do hereby renounce and proteſt againſt the Authority and Qualification of this Houſe for framing a new Government.

As we mean not to enter into any Altercation with this Houſe, we ſhall forbear enumerating the particular Inconſiſtencies of its former Conduct, and content ourſelves with declaring,

declaring, that, as a Body of Men bound by Oaths of Allegiance to our Enemy, and influenced, as many of its Members are, either by Connexions with, or pecuniary Employments under, the Proprietary of this Province, who is likewiſe the ſaid King's Repreſentative, it is, to all good Intents and Purpoſes, diſqualified to take into Conſideration the late Reſolve of Congreſs, and, as an Houſe, is not within the Deſcription mentioned in the ſaid Reſolve, as "an Aſſembly under the Authority of the People" only; and becauſe likewiſe, that we have very alarming Apprehenſions, that a new Government, modelled by Perſons ſo inconſiſtently circumſtanced, would be the Means of ſubjecting ourſelves, and our Poſterity, to greater Grievances than any we have hitherto experienced. 1776. May 22.

In thus proteſting againſt the Authority of this Houſe, for framing a new Government, we mean not to object againſt its exerciſing the proper Powers, it has hitherto been accuſtomed to uſe, for the Safety and Convenience of the Province, until ſuch Time as a new Conſtitution, originating from, and founded on, "the Authority of the "People," ſhall be finally ſettled by a Provincial Convention to be elected for that Purpoſe, and until the proper Officers and Repreſentatives of the People ſhall be choſen agreeable thereto, and qualified to ſucceed this Houſe: For which Purpoſe, an Application will be made to the Committee of Inſpection and Obſervation of the City and Liberties, (whoſe Services, on all Occaſions, have been applied to the Support of the Rights of the People) for calling a Conference of Committees of the ſeveral Counties of this Province, agreeable to the Powers it is already inveſted with for that Purpoſe, which ſaid Conference of Committees ſhall iſſue out Summonſes, for electing by Ballot a Provincial Convention, conſiſting of at leaſt One Hundred Members, for the Purpoſe of carrying the ſaid Reſolve of Congreſs into Execution: As we are fully convinced, that our Safety and Happineſs, next to the immediate Providence of God, depend on our complying with, and ſupporting firmly, the ſaid Reſolve of Congreſs,—that thereby the Union of the Colonies may be preſerved inviolate.

*Signed in Behalf of and by the Direction of the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of* Philadelphia, *upon due Notification met*, Philadelphia, May 20th, 1776.

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, *Chairman.*

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Honourable the Continental Congreſs having paſſed a Reſolve the 15th Inſtant, recommending to the reſpective Aſſemblies and Conventions of the United Colonies, where no Government ſufficient to the Exigencies of their Affairs has been hitherto eſtabliſhed, to adopt ſuch Government as ſhall, in the Opinion of the Repreſentatives of the People, beſt conduce to the Happineſs and Safety of their Conſtituents in particular, and *America* in general: And it appearing to this Houſe, that Doubts have ariſen concerning the true Senſe and Meaning of the ſaid Reſolve:—Therefore,

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Andrew Allen*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to take into Conſideration the ſaid Reſolve of Congreſs, and the Preamble thereto; and to draw up a Memorial from this Houſe, ſetting forth the different Meanings that have been aſſigned to the ſaid Reſolve, and requeſting an Explanation in ſuch Terms as will not admit of any Doubt, whether the Aſſemblies and Conventions, now ſubſiſting in the ſeveral Colonies, are or are not the Bodies, to whom the Conſideration of continuing the old, or adopting new Governments, is referred.

A Petition of *Matthew Clarkſon*, Eſq; praying to be appointed Clerk to the Houſe, in the Room of *Charles Moore*, Eſq; who hath reſigned, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *George Bryan*, Eſq; to be appointed the Officer to ſuperintend the Imports and Exports, and other naval Affairs, of the Port of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *Jehu Jones*, for the Office of a Quarter-Maſter to the Troops raiſing for the Service of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe being informed that *Jacob Young*, of *Northampton* County, a Firſt Lieutenant in one of the Rifle-Companies, in the Service of this Province, had reſigned his Commiſſion; a Petition of *Caſper Weaver*, of the ſame Place, to be appointed in his ſtead, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *Andrew Boyd*, to be appointed a Third Lieutenant in the Rifle-Service, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *May* 23.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Wilcocks* and Mr. *James Allen* be added to the Committee of Accounts.

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1776. *May* 23. The Petition of *Jehu Jones* was read a ſecond time, and referred to further Conſideration.

An Addreſs of the Committee of Inſpection and Obſervation, for the County of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The ADDRESS of the COMMITTEE of INSPECTION and OBSERVATION, for the County of *Philadelphia.*

An Addreſs of the Committee of Inſpection and Obſervation for the County of *Philadelphia.*

WE eſteem ourſelves in no ſmall Degree happy, that we have the Satisfaction, in this very critical Conjuncture, of expreſſing our Sentiments to the conſtitutional Repreſentative Body of this Province.

With the deepeſt Concern we have lately obſerved, that the Ground, on which our Oppoſition, to the arbitrary and oppreſſive Meaſures of the *Britiſh* Miniſtry, was firſt made, is ſo totally changed.—Inſtead of our joining Hand and Heart, in forwarding a Reconciliation, with our Parent State, on conſtitutional Principles, which is the Object we ought ever to have kept in View, as the only Termination of our Diſputes, which can poſſibly give us Happineſs and Security, a Syſtem has been adopted by ſome Perſons, in the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, which tends immediately to the Subverſion of our Conſtitution. When we recollect the Declaration of Congreſs, that they meant not to deſtroy the Union, which has ſo long " and happily ſubſiſted, and which they ſin- " cerely wiſh to be reſtored."—When we think of the known Inſtructions given to the Delegates of ſeveral Colonies, as well as to thoſe of our own, we are alarmed at the Proſpect of a Diſunion, which muſt attend the Proſecution of a Scheme, that will, in the End, not only ſet Province againſt Province, but (more dreadful to think) foment civil Diſcords in each.

Should our inveterate Enemies be ſo loſt to all Senſe of Juſtice and Humanity, as to perſiſt in their infernal Plan of Deſpotiſm; ſhould they drive us, by their Violence, to that laſt Shift, a Declaration of Independance, every one will then be convinced of the Neceſſity of ſuch a Meaſure, and we ſhall be as one Man, ſo united and ſtrengthened by the Conviction, as to bid Defiance to all their Attempts.

The Inhabitants of this County, " in their own native Land, in Defence of the " Freedom which is their Birthright, and which they have ever enjoyed, until the late " Violation of it, for the Protection of their Property, acquired ſolely by the Induſtry of " their Forefathers and themſelves, againſt Violence actually offered, firſt took up " Arms, and mean not to lay them down, until Hoſtilities ſhall ceaſe on the Part of " the Aggreſſors, and all Danger of their being renewed ſhall be removed."

They have, with the greateſt Alacrity, given a conſiderable Part of their Time to qualify themſelves in Military Matters, and are well aſſured, they will be behind none in their Endeavours to put an End to the Oppreſſion of their Country; but it was, at the ſame Time, with a determined Reſolution to ſupport and defend their Conſtitution, againſt all Oppreſſions and Innovations whatſoever.

Theſe we know to be the Sentiments of the People, under whoſe Authority we act, as well as our own; and as ſuch, we ſhould be highly wanting in our Duty to ourſelves and our Conſtituents, were we to neglect laying them before you.

We are not inſenſible of the Difficulties, which attend your Situation; but truſt you will proceed in the weighty Affairs, now under your Conſideration, with Unanimity and Firmneſs, ſtill looking forward to a happy, permanent Termination of our Calamities, in a conſtitutional Reconciliation with our ancient Friends.

To forget Injuries, and to forgive thoſe who have offended, is as conducive to Happineſs, as conformable to the Rules of Virtue; and we make no Doubt, the moſt ſalutary Events muſt reſult from Meaſures formed and conducted on ſuch Principles.

What we have to offer and adviſe is, that you will moſt religiouſly adhere to the Inſtructions given to our Delegates in Congreſs. We conſider them our greateſt Security. And we do further moſt ſeriouſly entreat, that you will, to the utmoſt of your Power, oppoſe the changing or altering, in any the leaſt Part, of our invaluable Conſtitution, under which we have experienced every Happineſs, and in Support of which there is nothing juſt or reaſonable which we would not willingly undertake.

*Signed by Order of the Committee,*
WILLIAM HAMILTON, *Chairman.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Roſs*, Mr. *Potter*, Mr. *Haller* and Mr. *Arndt* be a Committee to examine the Muſter-Rolls returned to this Houſe, and report the Number of effective Men, Officers and Privates, in the Pay of this Province.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to To-morrow Morning at Ten o'Clock.

*May* 24. A Memorial of the Committee of Safety of this Province was preſented to the Houſe and

and read, ſetting forth, that there being only nine Members of the ſaid Committee reſiding in this City, who are not Members of Aſſembly, and ſeveral of the ſaid Committee being frequently out of Town on public Buſineſs, it often happens that a Board cannot be got together, by which, very important Matters are ſometimes delayed to the Injury of the Public; and repreſenting the Neceſſity of encreaſing the Number of the Committee immediately, by adding more Perſons reſiding in the City. 1776. May 24.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to take into Conſideration the Reſolve of Congreſs of the 15th Inſtant, and to draw up a Memorial to be preſented to Congreſs, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which was read by Order, and referred to further Conſideration.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That the Commiſſions of the Field and other Officers of the Military Aſſociators, in this Province, ſhall be dated at the Time they were reſpectively choſen; but the Rank to remain as ſettled heretofore for the ſeveral Counties; and that the Speaker make out the ſaid Commiſſions accordingly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Reſolve of Congreſs, which was read by Order, and is as follows, *viz.*

*In* CONGRESS, *April* 6, 1776.

*Reſolved*, That it be recommended to the Aſſemblies and Conventions, in the ſeveral Colonies, to appoint proper Officers, at convenient Places, in their reſpective Colonies, to take Bonds in adequate Penalties, for obſerving the Regulations made by the Congreſs, or Aſſemblies or Conventions, concerning Trade, and for ſecuring the Obſervation of ſuch Parts of the Aſſociation, as are not inconſiſtent therewith; and that the Obligor ſhall, within eighteen Months after the Departure of the Veſſel, produce to ſuch Officers a Certificate under the Hands and Seals of three or more reſpectable Merchants reſiding at the Port or Place where the Cargo ſhall be delivered, that the ſame was there unladed, and take Manifeſts, upon Oath, of the Cargoes exported and imported, and keep fair Accounts and Entries thereof, give Bills of Health when deſired, grant Regiſters ſhewing the Property of the Veſſels cleared out, and ſign Certificates, that the Requiſites for qualifying Veſſels to trade have been complied with; and that the Fees of the ſaid Officers be ſtated by the reſpective Aſſemblies or Conventions. Provided always, that no Proſecution, upon any of the ſaid Bonds, ſhall be commenced but within three Years after the Date thereof.

*Extract from the Minutes,*

CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will keep, as public Property, the Arms and Accoutrements they have purchaſed and put into the Hands of the Troops in the Pay of this Province, and will purchaſe ſuch Arms and Accoutrements, for the public Uſe, as the Troops may have of their own, and which they are willing to diſpoſe of; and that *Eight-pence per* Month be deducted out of the Pay of each Soldier, for the Uſe of ſuch Arms and Accoutrements.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Miles* be empowered to agree for and purchaſe ſuch Arms, at the Expence and for the Uſe of this Province.

*Reſolved*, That the Commander in Chief of the Forces, in the Pay of this Province, for the Time being, ſhall have and be allowed *Thirty Dollars per* Month, beſides his Pay, for the Expences of his Table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk write to the abſent Members, requeſting their Attendance in Aſſembly as ſoon as poſſible.

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Andrew Allen*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *James Allen* be a Committee to prepare and draw up Reſolutions for rendering Naturalization and the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance unneceſſary in all Caſes where they are required or have been uſually taken within this Colony.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *May 25.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of *John M'Cowan*, praying to be appointed to a Lieutenancy, in the Rifle-Service, vacant by the Reſignation of *Jacob Young*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment *May 27. Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-two Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, the Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment *May 28.*

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of *Luke Broadhead* to be appointed to the Office of a Lieutenant, in one of the Companies of Rifle-Men, in the Service of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

1776. May 28. A Memorial of the Committee of Inſpection and Obſervation of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, preſented to Congreſs the Twenty-fifth Inſtant, was laid before the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial of the Committee of Safety was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that, about the Beginning of this Month, being adviſed two of the King's Ships laying near Cape *Henlopen*, infeſting the Trade of this Colony, were proceeding up the River *Delaware*, the Committee iſſued Orders, to the Officers of the armed Boats, to ſtop their Progreſs:—That, in the Engagements that enſued, ſome were of Opinion, it was in the Power of the Gondolas to have taken the *Roebuck*, one of the ſaid Ships, which was not done. In a Variety of Opinions, reſpecting the Cauſe of this Miſcarriage, the Commanders of the armed Boats have, in a Publication, attributed it to the Miſconduct of the Committee, in not furniſhing them with ſufficient Quantities of Ammunition. They requeſt the Houſe will promote ſuch an Enquiry, as will ſatisfy the Public, where the Blame and Miſconduct is juſtly chargeable.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of a Number of the Freemen and Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland* was preſented to the Houſe and read, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

A Petition of the Inhabitants of *Cumberland* County.

WE the Subſcribers, Freemen and Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, in the ſaid Province, beg Leave to lay before you, at this very important Criſis, the following Repreſentation.

The arbitrary and unconſtitutional Claim of the *Britiſh* Parliament to bind, by its Acts, the *Britiſh* Colonies in all Caſes whatever, and the cruel Exertions of the *Britiſh* Adminiſtration to carry, by Force, that Claim into Execution, drove *America* into the preſent unhappy, but, on her Part, juſt and neceſſary War.

To obtain the Re-eſtabliſhment of their Rights, and to be reſtored to the Freedom and Proſperity, which, until lately, they enjoyed, were the declared Ends of the Coloniſts; of thoſe Ends we ardently wiſh to ſee the full Accompliſhment.

But this cannot take Place, without the Concurrence of thoſe who diſcover no Inclination to depart from the deſtructive Syſtem, which they have ſo pertinaciouſly purſued. Neceſſity therefore directs the Contemplation of the Public to other Objects.

If thoſe, who rule in *Britain*, will not permit the Colonies to be free and happy, in Connexion with that Kingdom, it becomes their Duty to ſecure and promote their Freedom and Happineſs, in the beſt Manner they can, without that Connexion.

The Proſecution of the War may require ſome Meaſures to be adopted, which, beſide the Purpoſes more immediately intended to be produced by them, may have a Tendency to weaken or even to diſſolve the Connexion before-mentioned.

To avoid the terrible Conſequences of Anarchy, to prevent the beſt Men from falling Sacrifices to the factious and intereſted Views of the worſt, it will ſoon become, if it has not already become, neceſſary to adviſe, and to form ſuch Eſtabliſhments, as will be ſufficient to protect the virtuous and reſtrain the vicious Members of Society: Thoſe Eſtabliſhments may be conſtrued to lead to a Separation from *Great-Britain*.

The foregoing Conſiderations induce us to petition this Honourable Houſe, that the laſt Inſtructions, which it gave to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs, wherein they are enjoined not to conſent to any Step, which may cauſe or lead to a Separation from *Great- Britain*, may be withdrawn. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That the Committee of Safety be directed to lay before this Houſe, as ſoon as poſſible, an Account of the Preparations of every Kind, already made or now making by them, for the Defence of this Colony.

*Ordered*, That *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; Treaſurer, lay before this Houſe an Account of the Money iſſued by the Reſolves of the Aſſembly, which has been drawn out of his Hands by Orders from the Aſſembly and Committee of Safety; and what Sum yet remains unexpended.

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Seventeen Shillings*, *per* Week, be allowed to each of the Officers, in the Pay of this Province, for their Subſiſtance, in the recruiting Service, from the Date of their Inſtructions, until the Time of their Arrival at their proper Stations.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Reſolved*, That the Pay of the Officers, in the Service of this Province, commence from the Date of their Inſtructions for enliſting Men.

*Reſolved*, That *John M'Gowan* be appointed Adjutant to one of the Battalions, in the Rifle-Regiment of the Forces, in the Pay of this Province.

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The Houſe taking into Conſideration the ſeveral Applications for the Vacancy in the Rifle-Regiment, 1776. May 28.

*Reſolved*, That *George Wert* be appointed a Firſt Lieutenant, in the ſaid Rifle-Regiment, in the Room of *Jacob Young*, who hath reſigned.

*Reſolved*, That *Joſeph Jacquet* be appointed a Second Lieutenant, in the ſaid Regiment, in the Room of *George Wert* promoted.

*Reſolved*, That *Luke Broadhead* be appointed a Third Lieutenant, in the ſaid Regiment, in the Room of *Joſeph Jacquet* promoted.

The Houſe reſuming the Conſideration of the Memorial of the Committee of Safety, preſented in the Morning,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Wynkoop*, Mr. *Foulke*, Mr. *Chapman*, Mr. *Twyning*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Jenks*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Pennock*, Mr. *Pyle*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Galbreath*, Mr. *Ewing*, Mr. *Eddy*, Mr. *Rankin*, Mr. *Hoge*, Mr. *Whitehill*, Mr. *Chreiſt*, Mr. *Haller*, Mr. *Leſher*, Mr. *Kachlein*, Mr. *James Allen*, Mr. *Arndt*, Mr. *Potter*, with the Speaker, be a Committee to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, reſpecting the Charge made againſt them, by the Captains of the armed Boats, and other Matters relative to the Engagement between the ſaid armed Boats and the King's Ships, in the River *Delaware*.

*Reſolved*, That *Jacob Laverſwyler*, *John Doyle* and *Frederick Molineux* be, and they are hereby appointed, Quarter-Maſters to the three Battalions, in the Pay of this Province.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment. *May* 29.

*John Proctor*, Eſq; this Day appearing in the Houſe, the firſt time ſince his being choſen a Repreſentative, took his Seat accordingly.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Petitions from *Northumberland* and other Counties, reſpecting the Money the Petitioners had taken out of the Loan-Office, on Loan, for which they had given their Mortgages, preſented to the Houſe at their laſt Sitting,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Roſs* and Mr. *Galbreath* be a Committee to prepare and report to the Houſe a Reſolution to indemnify the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, in Caſes where the Mortgagors have been deficient in their annual Payments, and the ſaid Truſtees have not proceeded againſt ſuch Defaulters, as the Laws of this Province direct.

Addreſſes, ſigned by a Number of Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* ASSEMBLY *met.*

The ADDRESS and REMONSTRANCE of the INHABITANTS of the City and County of *Philadelphia*.

An Addreſs of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*.

WHEREAS to our great Affliction we find, that a Paper has been preſented to the Houſe, ſtiled "The Proteſt of divers Inhabitants of this Province," ſaid to be "in Behalf of themſelves and others;" the Purport of which is to ſubvert and change the Conſtitution of this Government, upon ſundry Allegations which we cannot conceive to be well founded; and whereas, we think it an indiſpenſable Duty to ourſelves and our Poſterity, to claim and ſupport our Birthright, in the Charter and wiſe Laws of *Pennſylvania*, either conſented to by ourſelves, or delivered down to us by our Anceſtors, as far as may be poſſible, without Injury to the public Cauſe of *America*, during the preſent diſtreſſed Situation of our Affairs: We do therefore remonſtrate againſt the ſaid Proteſt, for the following Reaſons.

*Firſt*. Becauſe it holds up the Reſolve of Congreſs of the 15th Inſtant, as an abſolute Injunction for the "taking up and eſtabliſhing new Governments, throughout all "the United Colonies, under the Authority of the People." Whereas the ſaid Reſolve is only a conditional Recommendation "to the reſpective Aſſemblies and Conventions "of the United Colonies, where no Government, ſufficient to the Exigencies of their "Affairs, has been eſtabliſhed, to adopt ſuch Governments as ſhall, in the Opinion of "the Repreſentatives of the People, beſt conduce to the Happineſs and Safety of their "Conſtituents in particular, and *America* in general." And here it is obvious to remark, that, in this and every other Reſolve of Congreſs, where "Aſſemblies and Con-"ventions" are referred to, it muſt be intended, (and the Practice has been accordingly) that wherever Aſſemblies exiſt, and can meet, as the ancient conſtitutional Bodies, in their reſpective Colonies, the public Buſineſs is to be carried on by them, and by Conventions only, in thoſe urgent Caſes, where arbitrary Governors, by Prorogations and Diſſolutions, prevent the Repreſentatives of the People from ſitting, to deliberate on their own Affairs, or have ſubverted the Conſtitutions by abdicating their Offices, and

levying

1776. *May* 29. levying War againſt theſe Colonies. That the Aſſembly of this Province cannot be prorogued or diſſolved; that they have been exceeded by no Province, in their noble Exertions, in the common Cauſe of Liberty; that, by the Reſolve of Congreſs, who have never interfered in the domeſtic Police of the Colonies, the Repreſentatives of the People are left as the ſole Judges, whether their Governments be "ſufficient for the Exi-"gencies of their Affairs" or not; that our Courts of Law are open, Juſtice has been adminiſtered with a due Attention to our Circumſtances, and large Sums of Money iſſued, the Credit of which might be ſhaken, and numberleſs Confuſions enſue, from Innovations haſtily or unneceſſarily made.

*Second.* We remonſtrate againſt the ſaid Proteſt, as ſetting on foot a Meaſure which tends to Diſunion, and muſt damp the Zeal of Multitudes of the good People of *Pennſylvania*, in the common Cauſe, who, having a high Veneration for their civil and religious Rights, as ſecured by our Charter, never conceived, when they engaged, among other Things, for the Support of the Charter-Rights of another Colony, that they would be called upon to make a Sacrifice of their own Charter.—Nor can we now ſee any Thing, in our Situation, which requires ſuch an unequal Sacrifice, while other Colonies, particularly *Connecticut* and *Rhode-Iſland*, the Authority of whoſe Aſſemblies is the ſame Way derived by Charter as ours, continue their ancient Forms of Government, by theſe Bodies, without Conventions.

That, whatever temporary Alterations in Forms, the Urgency of Affairs, or the Authority of the People, can be conceived to juſtify or render expedient, that Authority is fully veſted in our Repreſentatives in Aſſembly freely and annually choſen.

Six Parts in ſeven of your Body are, by our ineſtimable Charter, veſted with the Power of determining in this Matter.——We look to you as entruſted with the Conſervation of our Rights, and are firmly of Opinion, that your Conſtituents in general will chearfully be governed by whatever your Wiſdom may ordain in the preſent Exigency,—humbly recommending it to you always to keep in Mind, that, in Times of Confuſion, every Change ſhould be cautiouſly adopted, and only ſuch made as are abſolutely neceſſary:—In which Particulars, the Province of *South-Carolina* (when impelled by Neceſſity, has ſet a laudable Example, regulating themſelves with a View towards, and only until "an Accommodation of the unhappy Differences, between *Great-Bri-*"*tain* and *America*, can be obtained; an Event which, though traduced and treated as "Rebels, they ſtill profeſs earneſtly to deſire."

*To the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

WHEREAS a Publication, ſtiled a "Proteſt of divers of the Inhabitants of this "Province, in Behalf of themſelves and others," hath appeared in the public Papers, addreſſed to the Repreſentatives of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, declared to be from "the Inhabitants of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of them-"ſelves and others." We the Subſcribers, Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, ſenſible of the many Advantages derived to us from our excellent Conſtitution and anxiouſly ſolicitous that they may be continued to us and our Poſterity, deem it our indiſpenſable Duty to declare, that we are not repreſented in the ſaid Proteſt, neither have we empowered any Perſon or Perſons whatever, on our Behalf, to ſign the ſame."

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *James Wallace*, requeſting to be appointed the Officer for the entering in and clearing out Veſſels, for the Port and Diſtrict of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

An Account of *Lewss Nichola*, Barrack-Maſter, for Repairs of the Barracks, was laid before the Houſe, read, and referred to the Committee of Safety to be paid.

An Account of Captain *Spring*, for Storeage of ſeveral Articles in the Magazine, was laid before the Houſe, read, and referred to the Committee of Accounts for Examination.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Poſt Meridiem* The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; Treaſurer, agreeable to the Order of Yeſterday, laid before the Houſe an Account, containing a Liſt of Orders drawn on him by the Committee of Safety, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table for the Peruſal of the Members.

A Petition of *Frederick Phile*, to be appointed to the Office of Collector of the Cuſtoms for the Port of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed this Morning to draw up a Reſolution, to indemnify the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, in Caſes where the Mortgagors have been deficient in their annual Payments, *&c.* reported a Reſolution for that Purpoſe, which was read and ordered to lie on the Table for a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

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1776. May 30.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

Petitions, ſigned by a Number of the Freemen and Inhabitants of the County of *Cumberland*, were preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that, by the Stagnation of Commerce, the Circulation of Money is nearly ſtopped among them:——And that many, who have Property ſufficient, and are willing to diſcharge their Debts, will be reduced to the greateſt Diſtreſs, if Sales by the Sheriff are permitted to be made indiſcriminately;—they therefore pray the Houſe to make ſuch Regulations, as ſhall appear beſt calculated to ſecure to Creditors their juſt Debts, and prevent the Ruin of honeſt Debtors. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Reſignation and Repreſentation of *Owen Jones*, Eſq; reſigning his Office as Provincial Treaſurer, was preſented to the Houſe and read.——The Reſignation being accepted.

*Reſolved*, That *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed, Provincial Treaſurer, in the Room of *Owen Jones*, Eſq;

*Reſolved*, That the Officers, named in the Act of Aſſembly paſſed the laſt Sitting, remove the Records in their Care from Place to Place, under the Reſtrictions in the ſaid Act, and that this Houſe will pay the Expence of ſuch Removals.

*Ordered*, That the Members of the ſeveral Counties return to the Houſe a Liſt of the Magiſtrates in their reſpective Counties, and that they take into their Care a Volume of the Laws for and to be delivered to each of the Magiſtrates, and Board of Commiſſioners in their Counties; and ſhall give to the Clerk of this Houſe a Receipt for ſo many, as they ſhall ſo take into their Care.

A Member preſented at the Table Reſolves of Congreſs, reſpecting the Conduct to be obſerved to and by Priſoners of War, which were read by Order, and are as follow.

*In* CONGRESS, *May* 21, 1776.

*Reſolved*, That all Perſons taken in Arms, on Board any Prize, be deemed Priſoners, to be taken Care of by the ſupreme executive Power in each Colony to which they are brought, whether the Prize be taken by Veſſels fitted out by the Continent or by others.

That ſuch as are taken be treated as Priſoners of War, but with Humanity, and be allowed the ſame Rations as the Troops in the Service of the United Colonies; but that ſuch as are Officers ſupply themſelves and be allowed to draw Bills to pay for their Subſiſtance and Cloathing.

That Officers made Priſoners in the Land Service be allowed the ſame Indulgence.

That the Officers be not permitted to reſide in or near any Sea Port Town, nor public Poſt Road, and that the Officers and Privates be not ſuffered to reſide in the ſame Places.

That in Caſe the Officers cannot draw or ſell their Bills, the Congreſs will allow for each of them *Two Dollars* a Week, for Board and Lodgings, to be repaid by ſaid Officers before they are releaſed from their Captivity.

That no Tavern-Keepers ſupply any Officers who are Priſoners, on the Credit of the Continent.

That the Capitulations entered into with Priſoners, at the Time of their Surrender, be punctually obſerved.

That ſuch Officers, as ſurrender Priſoners of War, be put on their Parole, unleſs Congreſs ſhall otherwiſe direct.

That the FORM of the PAROLE be as follows:

I ——— being made a Priſoner of War, by the Army of the Thirteen United Colonies, in *North-America*, do promiſe and engage, on my Word and Honour, and on the Faith of a Gentleman, to depart from hence to —— in the Province of —— being the Place of my Deſtination and Reſidence, and there, or within Six Miles thereof, to remain during the preſent War between *Great-Britain* and the ſaid United Colonies, or until the Congreſs of the ſaid United Colonies, or the Aſſembly, Convention, or Committee or Council of Safety of the ſaid Colony ſhall order otherwiſe; and that I will not directly or indirectly give any Intelligence whatſoever to the Enemies of the United Colonies, or do or ſay any Thing in Oppoſition to, or in Prejudice of the Meaſures and Proceedings of any Congreſs for the ſaid Colonies, during the preſent Troubles, or until I am duly exchanged or diſcharged. Given under my Hand, this Day of *A. D.* 1776.

That the ſaid Parole be ſigned by the Officers.

That ſuch as refuſe to ſubſcribe the Parole be committed to Priſon.

That *David Franks*, Eſq; Agent to the Contractors for victualling the Troops of the King of *Great-Britain*, be permitted to ſupply the Priſoners with Proviſions and other Neceſſaries, and to ſell his Bills for ſuch Sums of Money as are neceſſary for that Purpoſe.

And to enable him to do this to the Satisfaction of his Employers, that a commiſſioned Officer be permitted once a Month to viſit the Priſoners ſo victualled and ſupplied, in order to count their Numbers and certify the Rolls.

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That ſuch of the Priſoners, as are not ſupplied by Mr. *Franks*, be furniſhed with Proviſions not exceeding the Rations allowed to Privates in the Service of the Continent.

That the Women and Children belonging to Priſoners be furniſhed with Subſiſtance, and ſupplied with Firing and other Things abſolutely neceſſary for their Support.

That no Priſoners be inliſted in the Continental Army.

That the Priſoners be permitted to exerciſe their Trades, and to labour, in order to ſupport themſelves and Families.

That the Committees of Inſpection and Obſervation, for the Counties, Diſtricts or Towns, aſſigned for the Reſidence of Priſoners, be impowered to ſuperintend their Conduct, and, in Caſes of groſs Miſbehaviour, to confine them, and report to their reſpective Aſſemblies, Conventions, or Committees or Council of Safety, the Proceedings had on ſuch Occaſions.

That a Liſt of the Priſoners in each Colony be made out by the Committees of the Counties, Towns, or Diſtricts where they reſide, and tranſmitted to the Aſſembly, Convention, or Council or Committee of Safety of ſuch Colony reſpectively, who ſhall ſend a Copy thereof to Congreſs.

That the ſaid Aſſemblies, Conventions and Committees, or Councils of Safety, be impowered to contract with proper Perſons for the moſt reaſonable Terms for ſupplying ſuch of the Priſoners, their Wives and Children, in their reſpective Colony, as are not ſupplied by Mr. *Franks*.

That the ſaid Aſſemblies, Conventions and Committees, or Councils of Safety, be authorized and requeſted to take the Paroles of the Officers, and to cauſe a ſtrict Obſervance of the Terms on which they are enlarged, and alſo to take eſpecial Care, that none of thoſe confined by Order of the Congreſs, be ſuffered to eſcape; alſo to advance the Allowance of *Two Dollars* a Week to each of the Officers who cannot draw or ſell their Bills, and to draw for the ſame on the Preſident of the Congreſs.

That the ſaid Aſſemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety of the Colonies reſpectively in which Priſoners are, or ſhall chuſe, or be appointed to reſide, be impowered to remove ſuch Priſoners from Place to Place, within the ſame Colonies, as often as to ſuch Aſſemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety, it ſhall ſeem proper, having regard to the former Reſolutions of Congreſs concerning Priſoners.

*Extract from the Minutes, publiſhed by Order of Congreſs,*

CHARLES THOMSON, *Secretary.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Miles*, Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Rittenhouſe*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Roſs* be a Committee to examine the Works already made for the Defence of this Colony, and report what other Fortifications are neceſſary, and the Places proper for erecting the ſame: And that they requeſt the Favour of the Commander in Chief of the Forces of the United Colonies, and the other General Officers and Engineers now in this City, to afford them their Advice and Aſſiſtance in this neceſſary and important Matter.

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Howell* be appointed on the Committee of Accounts, in the Room of Mr. *Hillegas*, who is appointed Provincial Treaſurer, and that Mr. *Clymer* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker commiſſionate the Field and other Officers of Col. *Kirkbride's* Battalion of Militia, in *Bucks* County, conſiſting of ſix Companies.

*Reſolved*, That *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; ſhall, before he ſhall enter upon the Duties of his Office, become bound to the Speaker of this Houſe, in an Obligation, with two or more ſufficient Sureties to be approved of by this Houſe, in the Sum of *Twenty Thouſand Pounds*, lawful Money of this Province, conditioned for the true and faithful Performance and Execution of the Duties and Truſt enjoined and required by Law to be performed and executed by the Provincial Treaſurer.

*Reſolved*, That the Committee of Accounts audit and ſettle the Accounts of *Owen Jones*, Eſq; late Treaſurer of this Province.

*Reſolved*, That all Perſons, who, by the Laws of this Province, are required to pay Monies, that come into their Hands, to the Provincial Treaſurer, do pay ſuch Monies to *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq;

Petitions againſt *John Folwell* and *Henry Lott*, Captains in the Militia, complaining that they had received more Money, for the Expences of their Companies, than they ought to have received, were preſented to the Houſe and read.—Referred to the Committee appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the Militia.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Reſolution reported Yeſterday, for indemnifying the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, *&c.* which being amended and agreed to, is as follows:

Whereas, by a late Act of Aſſembly eſtabliſhing a Loan-Office in this Province, the Truſtees

Truſtees thereof are to be deemed accountable for all Quotas, which have been in Arrear for twelve Months at the Time of Settlement with the Committee of Aſſembly, as directed by ſaid Act, unleſs the ſaid Truſtees ſhall have commenced Suits, or otherwiſe proceeded, according to the ſaid Act, for the Recovery of ſuch Monies. And whereas, through the Failure of Markets for Country-Produce, many Mortgagors have been unable to comply with their reſpective Payments; and to proceed to a Sale of the mortgaged Premiſes, would greatly diſtreſs many of the good People of this Province:—— Therefore,

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*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will indemnify the Truſtees of the Loan-Office from any Penalty or Charge to which they may be liable at the next Settlement of their Accounts, by Reaſon of their not commencing Suits, or otherwiſe proceeding, according to the ſaid Act, againſt any Perſons, who have or may make Default in the Payment of the Quotas mentioned in their reſpective Mortgages.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *May* 31.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Member preſented at the Table a Letter ſigned by *John Coxe* and *Joſeph M'Ilvaine*, two Committee-Men for the Borough and Townſhip of *Briſtol*, to the Committee of Safety, reſpecting ſome Irregularities in the Aſſociation in that Townſhip, which was read. *Referred to further Conſideration.*

Addreſſes from the Grand-Jury, Board of Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, and a Number of the Freemen and Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, of the ſame Tenor with thoſe preſented to the Houſe on *Wedneſday* laſt from the City and County of *Philadelphia*, were preſented and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray*, Mr. *Potts*, Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Humphreys*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Montgomery* and Mr. *Dougherty* be a Committee to take into Conſideration the Propoſals of *Thomas Savage*, reſpecting the making Salt, and to report to the Houſe in what Manner the Manufacture and Importation of that Article, into this Province, can be beſt encouraged and promoted; together with the Expence that would probably attend the erecting Salt-Works.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Reports of the Committee made at the laſt Sitting, reſpecting the Machines conſtructed by *John Marſhall*, and *Chriſtopher Tully* and *Joſeph Hagey*,

*Reſolved*, That the Sum of *Forty Pounds* be allowed to the ſaid *John Marſhall*, as a Premium for his improving and conſtructing a Machine for twiſting Thread.

*Reſolved*, That there be allowed to *Chriſtopher Tully* and *Joſeph Hagey*, each the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, as a Premium for the Spinning-Machine, which they have introduced into this Province.

*Reſolved*, That a Spinning-Machine be made for, and ſent to, each County in this Province, at a Provincial Expence.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Gray* and Mr. *Parker* procure, and ſend to each County, ſuch Machines.

The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June* 1.

Mr. Speaker and Thirty-five Members met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to *Monday* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *June* 3. *Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-ſix Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to To-morrow, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *June* 4. *Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-ſix Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment, and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June* 5.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter he had received from the Preſident of the General Convention of *Virginia*, incloſing Reſolves of the Convention of that Colony, which were read, and are as they ſeverally follow, *viz.*

*Virginia, May* 22, 1776.

A Letter from *Virginia* to the Houſe.

I AM honoured with the Commands of the General Convention of this Colony to tranſmit you the incloſed Reſolutions, which they have thought it indiſpenſably neceſſary to enter into at this important Criſis; requeſting that you will communicate their Contents to the Aſſembly of your Country for their Conſideration. I have the Honour to be, SIR,

*Your moſt obedient Servant,*

EDMD. PENDLETON, *Preſident.*"

*Honourable the Speaker of the Aſſembly*, Pennſylvania.

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IN CONVENTION, *Wedneſday, May* 15, 1776.

PRESENT 112 MEMBERS.

Reſolves of the Convention of *Virginia.*

FORASMUCH as all the Endeavours of the United Colonies, by the moſt decent Repreſentations and Petitions to the King and Parliament of *Great-Britain*, to reſtore Peace and Security to *America* under the *Britiſh* Government, and a Re-union with that People upon juſt and liberal Terms, inſtead of a Redreſs of Grievances, have produced, from an imperious and vindictive Adminiſtration, encreaſed Inſult, Oppreſſion and a vigorous Attempt to effect our total Deſtruction. By a late Act, all theſe Colonies are declared to be in Rebellion, and out of the Protection of the *Britiſh* Crown, our Properties ſubjected to Confiſcation, our People, when captivated, compelled to join in the Murder and Plunder of their Relations and Countrymen, and all farther Rapine and Oppreſſion of *Americans* declared legal and juſt. Fleets and Armies are raiſed, and the Aid of foreign Troops engaged to aſſiſt theſe deſtructive Purpoſes: The King's Repreſentative in this Colony hath not only withheld all the Powers of Government from operating for our Safety, but, having retired on Board an armed Ship, is carrying on a piratical and ſavage War againſt us, tempting our Slaves, by every Artifice, to reſort to him, and training and employing them againſt their Maſters. In this State of extreme Danger, we have no alternative left but an abject Submiſſion to the Will of thoſe overbearing Tyrants or a total Separation from the Crown and Government of *Great-Britain*, uniting and exerting the Strength of all *America* for Defence, and forming Alliances with foreign Powers for Commerce and Aid in War: Wherefore, appealing to the Searcher of Hearts for the Sincerity of former Declarations, expreſſing our Deſire to preſerve the Connection with that Nation, and that we are driven from that Inclination by their wicked Councils, and the eternal Laws of Self-preſervation.

*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That the Delegates appointed to repreſent this Colony in General Congreſs, be inſtructed to propoſe to that reſpectable Body, to declare the United Colonies free and independant States, abſolved from all Allegiance to, or Dependance upon the Crown or Parliament of *Great-Britain*; and that they give the Aſſent of this Colony to ſuch Declaration, and to whatever Meaſures may be thought proper and neceſſary by the Congreſs for forming foreign Alliances and a Confederation of the Colonies, at ſuch Time, and in the Manner, as to them ſhall ſeem beſt: Provided that the Power of forming Government for, and the Regulations of the internal Concerns of each Colony, be left to the reſpective Colonial Legiſlatures.

*Reſolved unanimouſly*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Declaration of Rights and ſuch a Plan of Government as will be moſt likely to maintain Peace and Order in this Colony, and ſecure ſubſtantial and equal Liberty to the People.

EDMD. PENDLETON, *Preſident.*"

A Member preſented at the Table a Letter from the Chairman of the Continental Treaſury-Office, with ſome Minutes of that Board, reſpecting an Account of the Number of Inhabitants of this Province, to be procured by the Aſſembly and returned to the ſaid Office, which were read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Mr. Speaker laid before the Houſe a Letter, which he received from the Preſident of the Continental Congreſs, incloſing a Number of Reſolves of the Congreſs, which were read, and ordered to lie on the Table for the Conſideration of the Houſe.

A great Number of Petitions from divers Inhabitants of this Province, of the ſame Tenor with thoſe preſented on *Wedneſday* laſt from the City and County of *Philadelphia*, were laid before the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Petition from a Number of Inhabitants of *Cumberland* County, praying that the Inſtructions given by the Aſſembly to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs, may be withdrawn, was read a ſecond time, and after a Debate of a conſiderable Length, the Queſtion being called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether a Committee ſhall be appointed to bring in new Inſtructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs? *Carried in the Affirmative by a large Majority.*

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Dickinſon*, Mr. *Morris*, Mr. *Reed*, Mr. *Clymer*, Mr. *Wilcocks*, Mr. *Pearſon* and Mr. *Smith* be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Draught of Inſtructions to the Delegates in Congreſs.

The Reſignation of *Frederick Molineux*, who was appointed Quarter-Maſter to one of the Battalions in the Pay of this Province, was preſented and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Poſt Meridiem.* A Petition of *James Patton* and *John Allen* was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that, ſince the Thirteenth of *March* laſt, the Sheriff of *Cumberland* County, by Virtue of a Writ for that Purpoſe, hath proſtrated their Mill-Dam:—That their Mill is, of Courſe, rendered uſeleſs, and their Land, naturally poor, is of very little Value:—That their Goods have been ſeized upon and ſold by their Creditors, and they

they are reduced to great Diſtreſs. They therefore pray, if the Law, declaring *Shearman's* Creek a public Stream and Highway, was made for the public Good, they may have Reſtitution made them by the Public; if it was made at the Inſtance and for the Emolument of a few Individuals, that Reſtitution may be made them at their Expence. 1776. June 5.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial of the Committee of Inſpection of the County of *Weſtmoreland*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that, from a Variety of Informations, they are apprehenſive of Danger from the Miniſterial Troops at *Detroit* and the *Indians* in that Country:—That *Vann Sweringen*, Eſq; has raiſed a Company of effective Men, at a conſiderable Expence, whom the Memorialiſts have continued, and ſtationed at the *Kittaning* on the *Allegany* River, for the Protection of the Frontier; and praying, that the ſaid Company may be continued as long as the Houſe may think proper; and that they may approve of the Conduct of the Committee. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial of the Commanders of the thirteen Row-Gallies, in the Service of this Province, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that the Memorialiſts attended Yeſterday, before a Committee of the Houſe, who were appointed to inquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, agreeable to an Order of the Houſe of the Twenty-ninth of *May* laſt; and that they were there as Spectators and Auditors only: That they addreſſed the Public in an Appeal ſigned with their Names, on the Sixteenth Day of *May* laſt, reſpecting the Actions, on the Eighth and Ninth Days of the ſaid Month, with the *Roebuck* and *Liverpool* Ships of War, in the River *Deleware*, and alledging that they had every Reaſon to believe, that only for the Want of Ammunition, at the Time the *Roebuck* got aground, they would have made a Prize of her:—That the Committee of Safety, on the Enquiry, endeavoured to prove, that the Memorialiſts had a greater Quantity of Ammunition than they had ſet forth in their Addreſs aforeſaid, and that ſeveral other Facts therein contained, were not well founded; all of which the Memorialiſts are ready to diſprove, and to make out the ſeveral Particulars, in their ſaid Addreſs, to the Satisfaction of the Houſe: They therefore requeſt the Houſe to appoint a ſhort Day for hearing them, in Support of the Allegations contained in their ſaid Publication, and in Anſwer to the Evidence given on the Part of the Committee of Safety. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Committee appointed to prepare and draw up Reſolves for rendering Naturalization and the Oaths or Affirmations of Allegiance unneceſſary, *&c.* reported a Draught of Reſolutions for that Purpoſe, which was read and referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Reſolve of Congreſs of the 6th of *April* laſt,

*Reſolved*, That *George Bryan*, Eſq; be, and he is hereby appointed, the Officer for taking Bonds for obſerving the Regulations made reſpecting Trade, and for entering and clearing out Veſſels in and for the Port of *Philadelphia*.

*Reſolved*, That *Alexander Power* be, and he is hereby appointed, Quarter-Maſter, in the Room of *Frederick Molineux*, who hath reſigned.

The Reſolves of Congreſs, laid before the Houſe this Morning, were again read; and, after a Debate of ſome Length, referred to further Conſideration.

The Houſe adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June* 6.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

A Petition of *Joſeph Brownlee*, praying to be appointed to a Lieutenancy, in Captain *Irvin's* Company of Rifle-Men, in the Room of *Edward Thompſon*, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Petition of *John Hollenback*, Trader, reſpecting ſome Goods taken from him in *Northumberland* County, and ſome Abuſes he received in the Town of *Sunbury*, was preſented to the Houſe and read. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Petition from the Committee of Inſpection of *Weſtmoreland* County, preſented Yeſterday, was read a ſecond time; and, upon Conſideration thereof,

*Reſolved*, That the Company of Men, raiſed by *Vann Sweringen*, Eſq; mentioned in the ſaid Petition, be encreaſed to the Number of One Hundred Men, Officers included, and kept in the Pay of this Province.

The Committee appointed to draw up and bring in a Draught of Inſtructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs, reported an Eſſay for that Purpoſe, which was read by Order and referred to further Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to examine the Works already made for the Defence of this Colony, and enquire what other Fortifications are neceſſary, and the proper Places for erecting the ſame, and for requeſting the General Officers and Engineers of the Continental Army to afford them their Advice and Aſſiſtance therein, made a Report in Writing, which was read by Order, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

Report of the Committee.

WE the Committee appointed to attend the General Officers of the Continental Army, and other Gentlemen of Skill, on a Survey of the Shores of the River *Delaware*, in order to erect ſome farther Fortifications for the Safety and Defence of this Colony, beg Leave to report:

1776. *June* 6. That, purſuant to your Order, we attended the ſaid Gentlemen, who ſurveyed the Shores accurately as far as *Billings-Port*, about eleven Miles down the River, and who all concurred in Opinion, that it was not adviſeable to lay out the public Money on Works nearer the City than *Fort-Iſland*, but that it would be proper to compleat the Works there, on the Plan now fixed; and upon a View of the Shore at *Billings-Port*, on the *Jerſey* Side, they agreed in Opinion, that it was a ſtrong and favourable Poſt to erect a Redoubt, with proper Faces; the Ground being well adapted by Nature, and the whole Channel within a commanding Diſtance.

They further recommend to your Committee the fixing a Boom or ſome other Obſtruction in the Paſſage; as, with a leading Gale and a ſtrong Tide, a Veſſel may ſoon paſs any Fortification, however ſtrong, unleſs prevented by a caſual Shot.

Your Committee are ſorry to add, that the Wind and Tide being very ſtrong againſt them, they were unable to proſecute the Survey lower down the River, or to get to *Cheſter*; from whence they propoſed to have come up by Land, and viewed the Ground between *Cheſter*, and this City.—A Meaſure which they think highly neceſſary and recommend to be adopted with all convenient Expedition.

THOMAS POTTS, DAVID RITTENHOUSE,
GEORGE GRAY, JOSEPH REED,
GEORGE ROSS, GEORGE CLYMER."

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, *&c.* preſented their Report in Writing to the Houſe.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed by this Houſe to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, do enquire into the Conduct of the Commanders of the Gallies, in the Service of this Colony, during the late Engagements of the Gallies, with the *Roebuck* and *Liverpool* Men of War, on the Eighth and Ninth Days of the laſt Month; and that *John Haney*, *James Gibbons*, *John Jacobs*, *Thomas Smith* and *John Proctor* be added to the ſaid Committee.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will, on *Saturday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of this Province.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*June* 7. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

An Addreſs and Remonſtrance, ſigned by a Number of Inhabitants in *Cheſter* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that they are informed a Paper has been preſented to the Houſe, ſtiled the Proteſt of divers Inhabitants of this Province, ſaid to be in Behalf of themſelves and others; the Purport of which is to ſubvert and change the Conſtitution of this Government: They therefore think it their Duty to inform the Houſe, that they diſapprove of the ſaid Proteſt; the ſame being gone into without their Conſent or Knowledge, and that they look upon ſuch a Change in Government to be of hurtful and dangerous Conſequences, and which they cannot conſent to; but do earneſtly deſire, that the Charter and good Conſtitution of this Province may be preſerved inviolably. *Ordered to lie on the Table.*

A Memorial of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Northumberland* County, was preſented to the Houſe and read, ſetting forth, that their Grievances, which they repreſented to the Houſe at their laſt Sitting, ſtill remain unredreſſed, though they have made Application according to the Direction of the Aſſembly: They therefore pray the Houſe to keep in Memory their Diſtreſſes, and grant them ſuch Relief as may be thought proper.

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Inſtructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs, and after a Debate of a conſiderable Length, adjourned to Three

Adjournment. o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*Poſt Meridiem*. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and reſumed the Conſideration of the Inſtructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs, and having made ſome Pro-

Adjournment. greſs therein, adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

*June* 8. The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, and the Order of *Thurſday* laſt being read,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will, on *Tueſday* next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to take into Conſideration the State of this Province.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Inſtructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs, which being gone through, and approved of, were ordered to be tranſcribed.

A Member propoſed to the Houſe, and read in his Place, a Reſolution as a farther Inſtruction to the Delegates, which, being ſeconded, was poſtponed to *Tueſday* next for Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Houſe adjourned to *Monday* next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Morning.

Mr. Speaker,

1776.

Mr. Speaker, with Eighteen Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

*June* 10. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-ſeven Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June* 11.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-three Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Five o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-two Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June* 12.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-ſix Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-ſix Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June* 13.

The Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment.

The Committee appointed to take into Conſideration the Propoſals of *Thomas Savage*, reſpecting the making Salt, *&c.* reported that they had examined the Plan propoſed by the ſaid *Thomas Savage*, for making annually, on the Sea-Coaſt, about Sixty Thouſand Buſhels, and are of Opinion the neceſſary Works may be compleated in a ſhort Time, at an Expence not exceeding *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*;——but as they conceive this Quantity not altogether equal to the Conſumption of the Colony, they earneſtly recommend to the Houſe an Undertaking of greater Extent, to be put under the Direction of ſome Perſons of ſuch known Activity and Zeal, as may give a reaſonable Hope, that the public Neceſſities, in this Article, may be fully relieved, without depending on a precarious Supply from abroad, which can only be obtained at an exorbitant Rate.

*Ordered to lie on the Table for Conſideration.*

A Member preſented at the Table a Letter from the Preſident of the Congreſs directed to the Houſe, which being read, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

*Philadelphia, 13th June, 1776.*

GENTLEMEN,

A Letter from the Congreſs to the Houſe.

THE Congreſs have juſt received Advice, that a Number of diſaffected Perſons have got together in *Suſſex* County, in *Delaware* Government; that there is Reaſon to apprehend thoſe deluded People are ſupplied with Arms and Ammunition from the Men of War of our Enemies, and mean to act in Concert with them. As it is of the utmoſt Importance, that ſuch Inſurrections be immediately quelled and totally ſuppreſſed, the Congreſs have come to the following Reſolution:

"That it be recommended to the Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*, immediately to order a Battalion of the Provincial Rifle-Men, now at *Cheſter*, to march to the Aſſiſtance of the Militia in *Delaware* Government."

I doubt not you will ſee the Neceſſity of an immediate Compliance.

I have the Honour to be, GENTLEMEN,

*Your obedient humble Servant,*

JOHN HANCOCK, *Preſident.*"

*Houourable Aſſembly of* Pennſylvania.

The Houſe taking the above into immediate Conſideration,

*Reſolved*, That this Houſe will immediately ſend a Battalion of the Rifle-Men, in the Service of this Colony, to the Aſſiſtance of the Militia in *Delaware* Government.

*Ordered*, That Col. *Miles* iſſue Orders immediately for the marching of one Battalion of the ſaid Rifle-Men, or a Detachment equal to a Battalion, on the above Service.

Upon Motion,

*Ordered*, That four Companies of the Muſket-Battalion, in the Service of this Province, be removed from their preſent Station to the City of *Philadelphia* for Guards.

The Houſe adjourned to Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem*

The Speaker, with Thirty-ſix Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Ten o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment *June* 14.

Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-five Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Pearſon*, Mr. *Slough*, Mr. *Porter*, Mr. *Eddy* and Mr. *James Allen* be a Committee to examine and report the Number of Days the Delegates of this Province have attended in Congreſs this Year.

An Account of *Charles Moore*, Eſq; late Clerk of the Houſe, amounting to £ 176 3 6, was preſented at the Table, which being read and agreed to,

*Reſolved*, That a Certificate be made out and ſigned by the Speaker, in Favour of the ſaid *Charles Moore*, Eſq; for the above Sum.

A Member preſented at the Table two Accounts of Mr. *Samuel Fairlamb*, for Proviſions ſupplied the Troops in the Pay of this Province.

*Referred to the Committee of Safety.*

The Committee appointed for the Purpoſe, reported the Number of Days that the Delegates of this Province had attended in Congreſs, which being taken into Conſideration,

*Reſolved*,

1776. *June* 14. *Reſolved*, That the Honourable *John Morton*, *John Dickinſon*, *Thomas Willing*, *Robert Morris*, *Andrew Allen*, *Benjamin Franklin*, *Charles Humphreys* and *Edward Biddle*, Eſquires, be allowed *Twenty Shillings per Diem* for their Attendance on that Service.—And that *James Wilſon*, Eſq; be allowed *Twenty-five Shillings per Diem* for his Attendance on the ſame Service, on account of the increaſed Expence attending his great Diſtance from home.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem* Mr. Speaker, with Thirty-five Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and Orders to the Honourable *John Morton*, Eſq; for £ 80; to *John Dickinſon*, Eſq; for £ 81; to *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; for £ 197; to *Robert Morris*, Eſq; for £ 168; to *Andrew Allen*, Eſq; for £ 140; to *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; for £ 166; to *Charles Humphreys*, Eſq; for £ 172; and to *James Wilſon*, Eſq; for £ 381 5; being made out agreeable to the Reſolve of the Forenoon, were ſigned by the Speaker to be delivered to the ſaid Gentlemen accordingly. An Order to *Charles Moore*, Eſq; for the Sum of £ 176 3 6, being alſo made out, was ſigned by the Speaker to be delivered to him.

The Inſtructions to the Delegates of this Province in Congreſs, being tranſcribed according to Order, were ſigned by the Speaker, and follow in theſe Words, *viz.*

*GENTLEMEN*,

Inſtructions to the Delegates in Congreſs. WHEN, by our Inſtructions of laſt *November*, we ſtrictly enjoined you, in Behalf of this Colony, to diſſent from and utterly reject any Propoſitions, ſhould ſuch be made, that might cauſe or lead to a Separation from *Great-Britain*, or a Change of the Form of this Government, our Reſtrictions did not ariſe from any Diffidence of your Ability, Prudence or Integrity, but from an earneſt Deſire to ſerve the good People of *Pennſylvania* with Fidelity, in Times ſo full of alarming Dangers and perplexing Difficulties.

The Situation of public Affairs is ſince ſo greatly altered, that we now think ourſelves juſtifiable in removing the Reſtrictions laid upon you by thoſe Inſtructions.

The Contempt with which the laſt Petition of the Honourable Congreſs has been treated:——The late Act of Parliament, declaring the juſt Reſiſtance of the Coloniſts, againſt Violences actually offered, to be Rebellion, excluding them from the Protection of the Crown, and even compelling ſome of them to bear Arms againſt their Countrymen:——The Treaties of the King of *Great-Britain*, with other Princes, for engaging foreign Mercenaries to aid the Forces of that Kingdom, in their hoſtile Enterprizes, againſt *America*; and his Anſwer to the Petition of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons of the City of *London*, manifeſts ſuch a determined and implacable Reſolution to effect the utter Deſtruction of theſe Colonies, that all Hopes of a Reconciliation, on reaſonable Terms, are extinguiſhed. Nevertheleſs, it is our ardent Deſire, that a civil War, with all its attending Miſeries, could be ended by a ſecure and honourable Peace.

We therefore hereby authorize you to concur with the other Delegates in Congreſs, in forming ſuch further Compacts between the United Colonies, concluding ſuch Treaties with foreign Kingdoms and States, and in adopting ſuch other Meaſures as, upon a View of all Circumſtances, ſhall be judged neceſſary for promoting the Liberty, Safety and Intereſts of *America*; reſerving to the People of this Colony the ſole and excluſive Right of regulating the internal Government and Police of the ſame.

The Happineſs of theſe Colonies has, during the whole Courſe of this fatal Controverſy, been our firſt Wiſh. Their Reconciliation with *Great-Britain* our next. Ardently have we prayed for the Accompliſhment of both. But, if we muſt renounce the one or the other, we humbly truſt in the Mercies of the Supreme Governor of the Univerſe, that we ſhall not ſtand condemned before his Throne, if our Choice is determined by that over-ruling Law of Self-preſervation, which his divine Wiſdom has thought fit to implant in the Hearts of his Creatures.

*Signed by Order of the Houſe*,

JOHN MORTON, *Speaker*."

The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, *&c.* being again read, was approved of, and is as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety. YOUR Committee beg Leave to report, that they have examined into the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, reſpecting the Whole of their Proceedings, and particularly the Supplies of Powder and Ammunition ſent on board the Gallies, before and at the Time of their Engagements with the *Roebuck* and *Liverpool* Men of War; and, having heard their Allegations and Proofs, are of Opinion, that it appears, from inconteſtable Evidence, that, before the firſt Engagement, the Gallies were ſupplied with Thirty-three Rounds of Powder each, at the Proportion of One-third Weight of Powder to the Ball; that, during the ſaid firſt Engagement, they received in Cartridges, and two Kegs of looſe Powder, the Quantity of Eight Rounds more beyond their firſt Stock, and there was then ready to be delivered, and as ſuppoſed delivered to them, imme-

immediately after the first Engagement, while the *Roebuck* lay a-ground, the Quantity of Eleven Rounds each, besides Three Hundred Weight sent from *Wilmington*, and what remained unexpended in the Engagement: That, on the Day of the second Engagement, each Galley had Sixty-seven Rounds of Powder, including the Supplies sent them, in Addition to what remained on Hand, after the first Day's Engagement.—— Your Committee are further of Opinion, that, during both the Engagements, the Gallies were sufficiently supplied with all other Kinds of necessary Ammunition; that, their not having taken the *Roebuck*, was not owing to any Deficiency in the above Articles, and that the Conduct of the Committee of Safety, on that Occasion, evidenced the greatest Zeal and Attention to the public Service. 1776. June 14.

THOMAS POTTS, JOSEPH PENNOCK,
JONATHAN ROBERTS, BARTRAM GALBREATH,
WILLIAM RODMAN, JAMES EWING,
GERARDUS WYNKOOP, SAMUEL EDIE,
JOHN FOULKE, JAMES RANKIN,
BENJAMIN CHAPMAN, JONATHAN HOGE,
DAVID TWINING, JOHN LESHER,
THOMAS JENKS, jun. JAMES ALLEN,
ISAAC PEARSON, JACOB ARNDT,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS, JAMES POTTER."

A Proteſt of the Board of Officers of the Five Battalions of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and is as follows, *viz.*

*To the Honourable the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PROTEST of the BOARD of OFFICERS of the FIVE BATTALIONS of the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

*Reſpectfully ſheweth,*

THAT this Board addreſs you by the Title heretofore uſed to the Honourable Houſe of Aſſembly, in order to avoid the leaſt Appearance of Diſreſpect to the Honourable Members now ſitting:—That this Board has received Information, that the Honourable Congreſs of the United Colonies has recommended to this *Colony* to appoint two Brigadiers General to command the Aſſociators of this Province:—And, we apprehending, that this Houſe may be induced to take upon them to nominate and appoint the ſaid Brigadiers General, without having the Authority of the Aſſociators for that Purpoſe:—And further apprehending, that any Nomination made by this Honourable Houſe will not give Satisfaction to the Aſſociators of the Province, and, conſequently, that they will not act under them. Proteſt of the Board of Officers, *&c.*

For theſe and other weighty and important Conſiderations, this Board do hereby proteſt againſt this Honourable Houſe making, or attempting to make, the ſaid Appointments.

*Signed by Order,*

DANIEL ROBERDEAU, *Preſident.*"

*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

*Reſolved*, by the Members of Aſſembly now met, That they are earneſtly deſirous of carrying into Execution the Reſolutions of Congreſs of the Firſt Inſtant; but that, as they deſpair, after repeated Diſappointments, of procuring a Quorum of the Houſe, they find themſelves unable, at this Time, to proceed on the ſaid Reſolutions.*

*Ordered*, That the Delegates of this Colony lay the foregoing Reſolution before the Honourable Congreſs.

The Report of the Committee, reſpecting the making of Salt, was taken into Conſideration, and referred to the Committee of Safety.

The Sergeant at Arms not having brought in his Account of Expences, in going for the abſent Members,

*Ordered*, That *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; examine and pay the ſaid Account, out of the *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds* emitted by the Reſolves of Aſſembly, when exhibited to him for that Purpoſe.

A Proteſt of the Committee of Privates of the Military Aſſociation, belonging to the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*, was preſented to the Houſe and read, and is as follows, *viz.*

* There were Thirty-ſix Members preſent, when this Reſolution paſſed the Houſe.

1776. *June* 14.

*To the Honourable the* REPRESENTATIVES *of the* FREEMEN *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *met.*

The PROTEST of the COMMITTEE of PRIVATES of the MILITARY ASSOCIATION belonging to the City and Liberties of *Philadelphia*,

*Reſpectfully ſheweth*,

Proteſt of the Committee of Privates, &c.

THAT this Committee, underſtanding that the Honourable Congreſs has recommended to this Colony to appoint two Brigadiers General to command the Aſſociators of this Province, do proteſt againſt any Appointment of ſaid Brigadiers General to be made by this Houſe.

Becauſe there is no regular Militia Law which obliges the Conſtituents of this Houſe to become Aſſociators, or to ſend Perſons in their Room, if they decline aſſociating; therefore the Aſſociation is not properly Provincial, and of Conſequence this Houſe is not properly conſtituted to be competent to the Buſineſs, nor can the Appointment come before them as a Provincial Repreſentation.

Becauſe many of the Aſſociators have been excluded, by this very Houſe, from voting for the Members now compoſing it, though this Houſe was applied to on their Behalf; and therefore they are not repreſented in this Houſe.

Becauſe the Counties, which have the greateſt Number of Aſſociators, have not a proportional Repreſentation; and therefore cannot be conſidered as having an equal Voice in the Nomination.

Becauſe the Aſſociation has been voluntary. And this Houſe chooſing, by their Reſolutions reſpecting it, that it ſhould remain ſo; therefore cannot interfere, nor in any wiſe, conſiſtent with Decency, attempt to impoſe Officers upon us not of our Choice.

Becauſe many Members of this Houſe are the Repreſentatives of Perſons in religious Profeſſion, like themſelves totally averſe to Military Defence, and therefore cannot be called the Repreſentatives of Aſſociators; nor do we wiſh to interfere ſo much with their religious Sentiments as to reduce them to the Neceſſity of quitting their Seats, or joining in the Nomination.

Becauſe it is well known that there are Men in this Houſe, who have, ever ſince our firſt Oppoſition to *Great-Britain*, refuſed to concur in any Meaſure neceſſary for Defence, and we have Reaſon to fear that ſome are diſpoſed to break the Union of the Colonies, and ſubmit to the Tyranny of *Great-Britain*.

Becauſe this Houſe is under no Oaths of Fidelity to their Conſtituents, by which they would be bound to conſult their Intereſts; nor are they proper Perſons to make the Oaths which are to bind themſelves.

Becauſe, though the Members of this Houſe, who were under Oaths of Allegiance to the Crown, conſider themſelves abſolved therefrom, and have admitted the new elected Members to their Seats without taking ſaid Oaths, thereby diſſolving the old Conſtitution, and finally aboliſhing the Charter; yet effectual Care is taken to head the ſeveral Pages of their Reſolves, as uſual, with "VOTES *of the* ASSEMBLY. *JOHN* "*PENN*, Eſq; Governor." without the Aſſent of the People for this Purpoſe.—— Theſe Things wear ſuch a Face of Deſign as renders the Intentions of this Houſe ſuſpicious; and we think a Houſe ſtill confeſſing the King's Repreſentative their Governor, cannot ſafely be truſted with the Appointment of Generals to command us, leſt they might give us ſuch as would enable a certain Party to make up with the Enemy at the Expence of our Lives and Liberties.

Becauſe a Houſe which ſhewed itſelf ſo unfriendly to the Aſſociation at a Time when ſo much depended on their Exertions, as, after frequent and repeated Applications for Juſtice, to impoſe no more than *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence* Fine on Non-Aſſociators for every Day of general Muſter, and that in ſo lax a Manner, that it is a Queſtion, whether it will ever be collected, is not to be truſted with the Appointment of Generals to command us, leſt they ſhould ſhew as little Regard to our Intereſt in the one Caſe as in the other.

Becauſe, as this Houſe was choſen by thoſe only, who were acknowledged the liege Subjects of *George* our Enemy, and derived the ſole Right of electing this Houſe from that very Circumſtance, we conceive that the Moment they undertook to ſet aſide this Allegiance, they, by that very Act, deſtroyed the only Principle on which they ſat as Repreſentatives; and therefore are not a Houſe on the Principles on which they were elected; and having derived no new Authority from the People, freed from ſuch Allegiance, they are a Repreſentative Body on no one Principle whatever; and therefore can, in no Manner, undertake to do the Buſineſs of Repreſentatives, further than the People indulge them, without uſurping Authority, and acting arbitrarily.

Becauſe the Aſſociators have the Right of appointing Officers to command them, and mean ever to retain it.

We therefore proteſt againſt, and declare we will not ſubmit to, any Appointment of General Officers to command us, which this Houſe may think proper to go into.

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Nevertheleſs, that the Reſolve of Congreſs may be fully complied with, we have taken the proper Steps to have a Number of Aſſociators, Repreſentatives from every Battalion in the Province, collected together as ſoon as poſſible, to proceed to the Choice of ſaid Brigadiers General, under whom we doubt not but the Aſſociators will ſerve with Chearfulneſs, and they, being the Officers of their Choice, will have the Confidence of the Aſſociators. 1776. *June* 14.

*Signed by Order of the Committee of Privates,*
SAMUEL SIMPSON, *Preſident.*"
*Ordered to lie on the Table.*

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the Twenty-ſixth Day of *Auguſt*, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment

MR. Speaker, with Seventeen Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to To-morrow, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon. *Auguſt* 26. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Seventeen Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to Half paſt Eight o'Clock To-morrow Morning. *Auguſt* 27. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-four Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment. *Auguſt* 28.

*Ordered*, by the Members preſent, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Roberts*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Humphreys* and Mr. *Jacobs* be a Committee to examine the Accounts of the incidental Expences of the paſt Year, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk write to the Members, who are now abſent, requeſting their Attendance at the Time of Adjournment.

The Houſe adjourned to *Monday*, the Twenty-third Day of *September* next, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment

MR. Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment; and a Quorum not appearing, they adjourned to To-morrow, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon. *September* 23. *Poſt Meridiem* Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-eight Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment. *September* 24. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Committee appointed, at the laſt Sitting, to examine the Accounts of the incidental Expences of the paſt Year, made their Report.

Upon Conſideration of which the following Queſtion was called for, and put by the Speaker, Whether the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds* ſhall be allowed to the Governor, for his Support, during the preſent Year? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

| YEAS. | YEAS. | NAYS. |
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| Mr. *Gray*, | Mr. *Pyle*, | Mr. *Hillegas*, |
| Mr. *Howell*, | Mr. *Rankin*, | Mr. *Parker*, |
| Mr. *A. Allen*, | Mr. *Chreiſt*, | Mr. *Bartholomew*, |
| Mr. *Wilcocks*, | Mr. *James Allen*. | Mr. *Gibbons*, |
| Mr. *Rodman*, | | Mr. *Pearſon*, |
| Mr. *Haney*, | | Mr. *Jacobs*, |
| Mr. *Foulke*, | | Mr. *Porter*, |
| Mr. *Chapman*, | | Mr. *Galbreath*, |
| Mr. *Brown*, | | Mr. *Hoge*, |
| Mr. *Jenks*, | | Mr. *Whitehill*, |
| Mr. *Humphreys*, | | Mr. *Arndt*, |
| Mr. *Pennock*, | | Mr. *Smith*. |

The Houſe having made ſome Progreſs in the ſaid Report of incidental Expences, adjourned to To-morrow, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-five Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment. *September* 25. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Committee appointed to audit and ſettle the public Accounts, reported a general State of the ſame in Writing.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the incidental Expences, and having made ſome further Progreſs in examining the ſame,

Adjourned to Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-one Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment. *September* 26.

The Houſe proceeded to read the Report of the Committee on the public Accounts, which being in Part gone through, they adjourned to Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment

Mr. Speaker, with Twenty-three Members, met, purſuant to Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem*

The Houſe proceeded in Reading the Report of the Committee on the public Accounts, which being gone through, and carefully examined, follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

REPORT

1776. September 26.

## REPORT *of the* COMMITTEE *of the* ASSEMBLY, *on the* STATE *of the* PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, 1776.

*PURSUANT to the Appointment of the HOUSE,* WE *have inſpected and examined the ſeveral Public Accounts mentioned in this* REPORT, *and have burnt, ſunk and deſtroyed the different Parcels of* BILLS *of* CREDIT, *as mentioned and ſpecified in the ſame; the State of all which is as follows,* viz.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Public Accounts.

### WE FIND, THAT

SAMUEL PRESTON MOORE, on Behalf of the Truſtees of the late Loan-Office, hath received, ſince laſt Year's Settlement, ſundry principal Sums or Quotas due on the Mortgages, (put under his Care by the ſaid Truſtees, on the 21ſt of October, 1767) for which he credits the Province,

By Caſh received from ſundry Perſons from September 6, 1775, to September 2, 1776, for QUOTAS due on the ſeveral Mortgages taken on the Third Eighty Thouſand Pounds Act, Three Hundred and Ninety-three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, —— —— £ 393 15 0

And he Charges,

To Bills of Credit paid into the Hands of the Committee of Aſſembly, and by them burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, —— —— —— —— £ 393 15 0

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On Account of Intereſt, on the ſaid Mortgages, he Credits,

By Balance remaining in his Hands, per Account ſettled laſt Year, —— £ 725 13 1½
By Caſh received of ſundry Perſons, for Intereſt due on their ſeveral Mortgages, — 132 4 2
—— —— £ 857 17 3½

And he Charges,

To Caſh paid the following Order of the Aſſembly, viz.
George Roſs, his Attendance in Congreſs, —— —— —— £ 62 15 0
To his own Salary, or Allowance for four Years, ending October 21, 1775, at £ 40, per Annum, —— —— —— 160 0 0
£ 222 15 0
To Balance in the Hands of Samuel Preſton Moore, of Intereſt-Money, —— 635 2 3½
—— £ 857 17 3½

Which Sum of Six Hundred and Thirty-five Pounds, Two Shillings and Three-pence Half-penny, we have counted.

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QUOTAS remaining due on 39 Mortgages, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, £ 984 0 0
Of which Samuel Preſton Moore hath paid into the Hands of the Committee, ſince that Time, and by them hath been burnt and deſtroyed, as already mentioned, 393 15 0
QUOTAS remaining due on 17 Mortgages, —— —— £ 590 5 0

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The TRUSTEES of the preſent Loan-Office, for emitting the Sum of £ 150,000, have laid before the Committee the following State of that LOAN, *viz.*

They Credit the Province,

By Bills of Credit lent to ſundry Perſons on Behalf of the Province,
On 994 Mortgages, as mentioned laſt Year, —— —— —— —— £ 148,400 0 0
5 Mortgages of which have been ſince paid off, —— —— £ 596 0 0

And on 989 remaining Mortgages, there has been ſince paid,
On only 680 of the ſame Mortgages, of Quota-Money, —— —— 6432 5 0
—— £ 7028 5 0

But on 309 Mortgages, no Payment hath been made.

Balance of Principal outſtanding on Loan, on the firſt Emiſſion, —— —— £ 141,371 15 0
There has been re-emitted on Loan, on 64 Mortgages, from September 8, 1775, to the 6th Day of July, 1776, the Sum of —— —— —— —— £ 6997 10 0

Whole Principal-Money at Intereſt, September 2, 1776, —— —— £ 148,369 5 0
Balance of Principal-Money in the Truſtees Hands, —— —— —— 30 15 0
£ 148,400 0 0

This Sum of £ 148,400, with £ 800 to Northumberland County, and £ 800 to the County of Bedford, per Act of Aſſembly, makes the whole Sum of £ 150,000.

They alſo Credit the ſaid Province,

By Intereſt-Money in the Truſtees Hands, at laſt Settlement, —— —— £ 9 5 6
And Intereſt received ſince, on 679 Mortgages, to the 31ſt of Auguſt, 1776, — 5965 0 0
—— —— £ 5974 5 6

And they Debit the Province,

To the Valuation of 4 Tracts of Land in Cumberland County, —— £ 0 15 0
To repairing Drawers in State-houſe, for better ſecuring the Title-Deeds, —— 0 2 6
To taking out a Saſh-Window in Loan-Office, in order to get the Iron-Cheſt brought in, 0 5 0
To a Cheſt to place in the Iron-Cheſt, —— —— —— 1 17 6
To Caſh paid Henry Miller for advertiſing, —— —— —— 0 16 0
To Caſh paid for Boards and making Caſes for Title-Deeds, —— —— 2 9 4
To the Truſtees Salary for 2½ Years, ending September 1, 1776, at £ 600 per Annum, 1500 0 0
£ 1506 5 4
Balance of Intereſt, —— —— —— —— 4468 0 2
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The Truſtees of the preſent Loan-Office, Dr. 1776. September 26.

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| To Balance of Principal-Money in their Hands, as before, | £ | 30 15 0 | | |
| To Balance of Intereſt, as before, | | 4468 0 2 | | |
| Whole of Principal and Intereſt in the Truſtees Hands, September 2, 1776, | | | £ | 4498 15 2 |

Which Principal and Intereſt we have counted.

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the ſeveral* COUNTIES *for the* PROVINCIAL TAXES, *viz.*

*Philadelphia* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Barnaby Barnes*, Treaſurer, Dr.

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| TO Balance remaining of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, as ſettled by the Committee, September 11, 1775, | £ | 309 5 3¼ | | |
| To a Drawback of Collector's Fees on £ 190 10,—Deficiencies at 2½ per Cent. | | 4 15 3 | | |
| To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for, Collector's Commiſſions being firſt deducted, | | 3 2 10¾ | | |
| | | | £ | 317 3 5 |

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| By ſundry Charges on ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already adjuſted, viz. | | | | |
| 1776. Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ | 190 10 0 | | |
| Auguſt 21. By Caſh paid Provincial Treaſurer, | | 125 8 4 | | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 125 8 4, at 20*ſ.* per Cent. | | 1 5 1 | | |
| | | | £ | 317 3 5 |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining as ſettled by the Committee, September 11, 1775, | £ | 7550 15 9¾ | | |
| To a Drawback of Collector's Fees on £ 49 6.—Tax not collected, | | 1 4 7¾ | | |
| To Amount of Tax received, not before accounted for, Collector's Commiſſions being firſt deducted, | | 7 6 3 | | |
| | | | £ | 7559 6 8 |

CONTRA Cr.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By ſundry Charges on ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already adjuſted, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, &c. | £ | 48 11 0 | | |
| Ditto per Order of Commiſſioners, | | 0 15 0 | | |
| | | | £ | 49 6 0 |
| Caſh paid Commiſſioner's Orders, viz. | | | | |
| Clerk's Fees, Stationary, &c. | £ | 27 8 7 | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| Novem. 6. One Thouſand One Hundred and Fifty-eight Pounds, 2/9, | £ | 1158 2 9 | | |
| Dec. 30. One Thouſand Five Hundred and Seventy-nine Pounds, 1/7, | | 1579 1 7 | | |
| 1776. March 12. One Thouſand Four Hundred and Seven Pounds, 4/1, | | 1407 4 1 | | |
| By Caſh paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| June 18. One Thouſand Three Hundred and Sixty-one Pounds, 19/1, | | 1361 19 1 | | |
| Auguſt 22. Four Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds, 10*ſ.* | | 421 10 0 | | |
| | £ | 5927 17 6 | | |
| | | | £ | 5955 6 1 |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 5955 6 1, at 20*ſ.* per Cent. | | | | 59 11 0 |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | | 1495 3 7 |
| | | | £ | 7559 6 8 |

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | £ | 12,170 11 0 |

CONTRA Cr.

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| By ſundry Charges in levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as adjuſted by County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | |
| Deficiencies for Inſolvents, | £ | 173 10 9 | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | 299 18 2¼ | | |
| | | | £ | 473 8 11¼ |
| County Commiſſioners Fees, | £ | 33 6 0 | | |
| County Aſſeſſors ditto, | | 77 0 0 | | |
| Townſhip and Ward Aſſeſſors ditto, | | 123 0 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees and other Expences, | | 117 6 5 | | |
| | £ | 350 12 5 | | |
| 1776. By Caſh paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | |
| June 21. One Thouſand Three Hundred and Sixty-ſeven Pounds, 1/7, | £ | 1367 1 7 | | |
| Auguſt 6. One Thouſand Four Hundred and Sixty Pounds, 11/4½, | | 1460 11 4½ | | |
| | £ | 2827 12 11½ | | |
| | | | £ | 3178 5 4½ |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 3178 5 4½, at 20*ſ.* per Cent. | | | | 31 15 7¾ |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | | 8487 1 0½ |
| | | | £ | 12,170 11 0 |

1776. *Bucks* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Joseph Chapman*, Treasurer, Dr.

*September* 26.

## On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 28 11 10½ |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By Collector's Fees, not before adjusted, | £ 0 13 11 | | |
| 1776. By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| August 20. Twenty-seven Pounds, 12/5½, | | 27 12 5½ | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 27 12 5½, at 20*s.* per Cent. | | 0 5 6 | |
| | | | £ 28 11 10½ |

## On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 525 12 1 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges on said Tax, exclusive of those already adjusted, viz. | | | |
| Deficiencies for Insolvents, | £ 17 0 0 | | |
| Collector's Fees, | 10 5 0 | | |
| | | £ 27 5 0 | |
| 1776. By Cash paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| March 12. Two Hundred Pounds, | £ 200 0 0 | | |
| April 24. One Hundred and Twenty-seven Pounds, | 127 0 0 | | |
| By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| June 18. Eighty-three Pounds, | 83 0 0 | | |
| | | £ 410 0 0 | |
| County Treasurer's Commissions on £ 410, at 20*s.* per Cent, | | 4 2 0 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 84 5 1 | |
| | | | £ 525 12 1 |

## On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of said Tax, | | | £ 2074 15 0 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By sundry Charges in levying and collecting the said Tax, as adjusted by the County Commissioners, viz. | | | |
| Collectors Fees, | | £ 21 10 4 | |
| County Commissioners Fees, | £ 36 5 6 | | |
| County Assessors ditto, | 30 15 0 | | |
| Township Assessors ditto, | 64 5 0 | | |
| Clerks Fees, &c. | 43 8 0 | | |
| | £ 174 13 6 | | |
| 1776. By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| June 18. Three Hundred Pounds, | £ 300 0 0 | | |
| August 20. Three Hundred & Fifty-eight Pounds & 2*d.* | 358 0 2 | | |
| | £ 658 0 2 | | |
| | £ 832 13 8 | | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 832 13 8, at 20*s.* per Cent. | £ 8 6 6 | | |
| Mileage, | 0 13 0 | | |
| | £ 8 19 6 | | |
| | | £ 841 13 2 | |
| Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, | | 1211 11 6 | |
| | | | £ 2074 15 0 |

*Chester* County for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treasurer, Dr.

## On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 19 17 4 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| 1776. By Cash paid Owen Jones, Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| February 13. Eighteen Pounds, 10*s.* | £ 18 10 0 | | |
| County Treasurers Commissions on £ 18 10, at 20*s.* per Cent. | 0 3 8 | | |
| | | £ 18 13 8 | |
| Balance remaining, said to be outstanding, | | 1 3 8 | |
| | | | £ 19 17 4 |

## On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining, as settled by the Committee last Year, | | | £ 500 13 1 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| 1776. By Cash paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, viz. | | | |
| Feb. 29. One Hundred & Sixty-three Pounds, 8/8, | £ 163 8 8 | | |
| Carried forward, | £ 163 8 8 | | |
| | | Carried forward, | £ 500 13 1 |

*Chester*

*Cheſter* County for the Provincial Taxes, *James Gibbons*, Treaſurer, Continued. 1776. *September* 26.

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Amount of Debit brought forward, | £ 500 | 13 1 |
| | Amount of Credit brought forward, | £ 163 | 8 | 8 | | | | |
| | By Caſh paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | |
| 1776. May 31. | Three Hundred and Twenty-ſeven Pounds 16/11½, | — | — | 327 | 16 | 11½ | | |
| | | | | £ | 491 | 5 7½ | | |
| | County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 491 5 7½, at 20/. per Cent. | | | | 4 | 18 3 | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 496 | 3 10½ |
| | Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | — | — | | 4 | 9 2½ |
| | | | | | | | £ 500 | 13 1 |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | | — | — | £ | 3480 | 13 4½ |
| To a Drawback on Collector's Fees on Tax not collected, | | | | — | — | | 3 | 11 5½ |
| | | | | | | £ | 3484 | 4 10 |
| CONTRA | | | | | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges on ſaid Tax, excluſive of thoſe already adjuſted, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| Deficiencies, | — | — | | — | | £ | 142 | 19 0 |
| County Commiſſioner's Fees, | — | £ | 2 | 18 | 0 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſor's ditto, | — | — | | 4 | 15 | 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſor's ditto, | — | | | 21 | 2 | 9 | | |
| Clerk's Fees, | — | — | — | | 0 | 18 0 | | |
| | | | | £ | 29 | 13 9 | | |
| 1775. By Caſh paid Owen Jones, late Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| October 30. Forty-five Pounds, 17/6, | — | £ | 45 | 17 | 6 | | | |
| 1776. | | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 13. Six Hundred & Eighty-five Pounds, 1/10, | | | 685 | 1 | 10 | | | |
| March 29. One Hundred & Thirty-nine Pounds, 6/. | | | 139 | 6 | 0 | | | |
| May 8. Fifty-two Pounds, 7/6, | — | — | | 52 | 7 | 6 | | |
| 20. Forty-three Pounds, 15/. | — | | | 43 | 15 | 0 | | |
| By Caſh paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| 31. Three Hundred & Forty-four Pounds, 13/0½, | | | 344 | 13 | 0½ | | | |
| Aug. 28. Twenty Pounds, 7/6, | — | — | | 20 | 7 | 6 | | |
| | | | £ | 1331 | 8 | 4½ | | |
| | | | £ | 1361 | 2 | 1½ | | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 1361 2 1½, at 20/. per Cent. | | | | 13 | 12 | 2½ | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 1374 | 14 4 |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | — | — | | | 1966 | 11 6 |
| | | | | | | £ | 3484 | 4 10 |

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO the whole Amount of the ſaid Tax, | | | | | | | £ 3961 | 8 0 |
| CONTRA | | | | | | | Cr. | |
| By ſundry Charges in levying and collecting the ſaid Tax, as adjuſted by the County Commiſſioners, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| Deficiencies, | — | — | — | | | £ | 9 10 0 | |
| Collector's Fees, | — | — | — | | | | 98 15 11½ | |
| | | | | | | £ | 108 | 5 11½ |
| County Commiſſioner's Fees, | — | £ | 28 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| County Aſſeſſor's ditto, | — | — | | 49 | 19 | 0 | | |
| Townſhip Aſſeſſor's ditto, | — | | | 65 | 15 | 0 | | |
| Clerk's ditto, &c. | — | — | | 28 | 17 | 0 | | |
| | | | £ | 172 | 13 | 6 | | |
| 1776. By Caſh paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treaſurer, viz. | | | | | | | | |
| June 14. Forty-ſeven Pounds, 5/. | — | £ | 47 | 5 | 0 | | | |
| Auguſt 28. Four Hundred & Fifty-nine Pounds, 15/6, | | | 459 | 15 | 6 | | | |
| | | £ | 507 | 0 | 6 | | | |
| | | £ | 679 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| County Treaſurer's Commiſſions on £ 679 14 0, at 20/. per Cent. | £ | 6 | 15 | 11 | | | | |
| Mileage, | — | — | | 0 | 12 | 0 | | |
| | | £ | 7 | 7 | 11 | | | |
| | | | | | | £ | 687 | 1 11 |
| Balance due to the Province, ſaid to be outſtanding, | | | | — | | | 3166 | 1 1½ |
| | | | | | | £ | 3961 | 8 0 |

*Lancaſter* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Chriſtian Wertz*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

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| TO Balance remaining, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | — | — | £ | 2073 9 11 |
| The ſaid Treaſurer, for the County of Lancaſter, hath not exhibited any Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money on the ſame:—But we find he has paid to the late Provincial Treaſurer, Owen Jones, ſince the above Settlement of the Eighteenth Eighteen penny Tax, in Part of that Balance, the Sum of | — | — | £ | 1350 0 0 |

*York*

1776. *York* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Robert M'Pherſon*, late Treaſurer, Dr.

*September* 26.

On Account of the Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

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| TO Balance remaining, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | — | — | £ | 60 10 4 |
| Of which no Part hath been paid. | | | | |

On Account of Taxes due from the Eſtates of Non-Reſidents, Dr.

| | | | | |
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| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee the two laſt Years, | — | — | £ | 340 11 6½ |
| Of which no Part hath been paid. | | | | |

*York* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Michael Swoope*, Eſq; Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

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| TO Balance remaining, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | — | — | £ | 1869 2 2 |

The ſaid Treaſurer, for the County of York, hath not exhibited any Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money on the ſame:—But we find he has paid, ſince laſt Settlement, on the above Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax and in Part of that Balance as follows, viz.

| | | | |
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| To Owen Jones, late Treaſurer, Three Hundred and Two Pounds, 6/10, — | £ | 302 6 10 | |
| And to Michael Hillegas, preſent Treaſurer, Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds, 8/1 | | 350 8 1 | |
| | £ | 652 14 11 | |

*Cumberland* County for the Provincial Taxes, *John Montgomery*, Eſq; Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes.

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| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | — | — | £ | 243 0 6¾ |
| On Account of the Thirteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Balance due thereon, at laſt Settlement, | — | — | | 264 16 7 |
| On Account of the Fourteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Balance due thereon, at laſt Settlement, | — | — | | 177 7 3½ |
| On Account of the Fifteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Balance due thereon, at laſt Settlement, | — | — | | 259 15 0 |
| On Account of the Sixteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Balance due, at laſt Settlement, | — | — | | 366 19 11 |
| On Account of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Balance remaining due at laſt Settlement, | — | — | | 531 13 4 |
| On Account of the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny-Tax. | | | | |
| To Balance due, at laſt Settlement, | — | — | | 2333 13 8 |

No Account hath been exhibited by the Treaſurer for the County of Cumberland, of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax:—But we find ſeveral Payments have been made, ſince laſt Settlement, in Part of ſeveral of the Balances above-mentioned, viz,

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| On the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Eighteen-penny Taxes. | | | | |
| To Owen Jones, late Treaſurer, One Hundred Pounds, | — | — | £ | 100 0 0 |
| On the Sixteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Michael Hillegas, preſent Treaſurer, One Pound, 17/6, | — | — | | 1 17 6 |
| On the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Owen Jones, late Treaſurer, One Hundred and Forty-three Pounds, 11/7, | — | £ 143 11 7 | | |
| To Michael Hillegas, preſent Treaſurer, Sixty-five Pounds, 6/6½ | | 65 6 6½ | | |
| | | | £ | 208 18 1½ |
| On the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Michael Hillegas, Two Hundred and Sixty-ſix Pounds, 12/1, | — | | | 266 12 1 |

And there has likewiſe been paid to Michael Hillegas, preſent Provincial Treaſurer, by Stephen Duncan, now Treaſurer for the County of Cumberland, on Account of Tax due from that County, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, 3/6, — 200 3 6

*Berks* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Chriſtopher Whitman*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due at laſt Settlement, ſaid to be outſtanding, | — | — | £ | 885 10 7 |

No Account hath been exhibited by the ſaid Treaſurer for the County of Berks, of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax:——But we find he has paid the Provincial Treaſurer, ſince the laſt Settlement, the Sums following, viz.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| On the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Owen Jones, late Treaſurer, in Part of the above Balance, Four Hundred Pounds, | | | £ | 400 0 0 |
| On the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax. | | | | |
| To Owen Jones, late Treaſurer, Five Hundred Pounds, | — | £ 500 0 0 | | |
| To Michael Hillegas, preſent Treaſurer, Six Hundred Pounds, | — | 600 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ | 1100 0 0 |

*Northampton*

*Northampton* County for the Provincial Taxes, *Herman Snyder*, Treaſurer, Dr. 1776. *September* 26.

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

TO Balance due thereon, at laſt Settlement, — — — — £ 318 3 3½

Since which Settlement, we find the ſaid Herman Snyder hath paid to Owen Jones, late Provincial Treaſurer, towards the above Balance, the Sum of — — £ 315 0 0

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*Northampton* County for the Provincial Taxes, *John Muſh*, Treaſurer, Dr.

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax.

NO Account hath been exhibited by the ſaid Treaſurer, of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax for the County of Northampton:——But we find there has been paid to Owen Jones, late Provincial Treaſurer, by the ſaid John Muſh, on ſaid Tax, — — £ 798 0 0

N. B. Since the above, the whole Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax hath been ſettled and paid off.

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THE Treaſurer for the County of Bedford hath not exhibited any Account of the Eighteenth or Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, nor has he paid any Money to the Provincial Treaſurer, on Account of the ſame, or on the Balances due from that County on the Fifteenth, Sixteenth and Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, as reported 1774 and 1775.

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THE Treaſurer for the County of Northumberland hath not exhibited any Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, nor has he paid any Money to the Provincial Treaſurer, on Account of the ſame, or on the Balances due from that County on the Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, reported laſt Year.

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THE Treaſurer for the County of Weſtmoreland hath not exhibited any Account either of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth or Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Taxes, nor has he paid any Money on Account of any of the ſaid Taxes to the Provincial Treaſurer.

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## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of the* Honourable the PROPRIETARIES.

The ESTATE of the Honourable the PROPRIETARIES of *Pennſylvania*, on Account of Provincial Taxes, as ſettled by the Commiſſioners of the reſpective Counties, — — — — Dr.

TO Balance due to the Province, as reported laſt Year, excluſive of their Taxes in ſeveral of the Counties, — — — — £ 1944 12 11¼

No Account hath been brought in of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax of the Eſtate of the Honourable the Proprietaries:—But we find there has been paid, on their Behalf, into the Provincial Treaſury, ſince laſt Settlement, by Edmund Phyſick, as follows, viz.

To Owen Jones, One Thouſand Four Hundred Pounds, — £ 1400 0 0
To Michael Hillegas, Five Hundred Pounds, — — 500 0 0
£ 1900 0 0

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## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of* EXCISE *on* SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, *in the ſeveral Counties*, viz.

The ESTATE of *Joſeph Stretch*, deceaſed, late Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, — — — Dr.

TO Balance of Account, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, Which Sum yet remains undiſcharged. — — £ 320 12 7½

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*William Criſpin*, Collector for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, Dr.

| | | |
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| TO Balance remaining at laſt Settlement, | £ 580 15 11 | |
| To Amount of Exciſe from July 1, 1775, to July 1, 1776, | 2327 19 4 | |
| To Amount of ſundry Caſh-Entries, | 268 16 0 | |
| To one Moiety of Fines and Forfeitures, | 19 7 6 | |
| | | £ 3196 18 9 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. |
| By Caſh paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treaſurer, Auguſt 23, 1776, | £ 1303 9 0 | |
| By Commiſſions on £ 1303 9 0, at 5 per Cent. | 65 3 5 | |
| Balance due to the Province, | 1828 6 4 | |
| | | £ 3196 18 9 |

1776. *John Woolston*, Collector for *Bucks* County, — — Dr.

*September* 26. TO Amount of Excise from July 1, 1775, to August 22, 1776, — £ 201 8 8
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — 67 18 4
£ 269 7 0

CONTRA Cr.
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, at sundry Times, — £ 242 8 4
By his Commissions, at 10 per Cent. — — — 26 18 8
£ 269 7 0

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*Thomas Tucker*, Collector for *Chester* County, — — Dr.

TO Balance due, as settled by the Committee last Year, — — £ 279 3 8
To Amount of Excise from August 1, 1775, to August 1, 1776, — 319 1 0
To sundry Retailers per Annum, — — — — 152 17 4
£ 751 2 0

CONTRA Cr.
By Cash paid Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, August 24, 1776, — £ 270 15 9
By Account of Debts of Persons who became insolvent, — — 12 9 2
By his Commissions on £ 270 15 9, at 10 per Cent. — — 27 1 6
By Balance due to the Province, said to be outstanding, — — — 440 15 7
£ 751 2 0

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*Sebastian Graff*, Collector for *Lancaster* County, — — Dr.

TO Balance remaining due on Settlement last Year, — — £ 454 8 8

No Account of Excise hath been rendered by Sebastian Graff, since the Settlement last Year, nor any Money paid by him into the Treasury.

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NO Account of Excise hath been rendered by Henry Miller, Collector for York County, for the two last Years, nor any Money paid by him into the Treasury, since last Year's Report.

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THOMAS BEARD, sen. late Collector for Cumberland County, hath not rendered any Account of Excise for that County since August 10, 1774, nor hath any Account been exhibited by his Son, Thomas Beard, jun. present Collector:—But we find the said present Collector hath paid to Michael Hillegas, Provincial Treasurer, June 15, 1776, — — £ 23 0 0

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The ESTATE of *Jasper Scull*, deceased, late Collector for *Berks* County, Dr.

TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee the two last Years, — — £ 135 10 2

Of which no Part hath been paid.

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*John Biddle*, present Collector for *Berks* County, — — Dr.

TO Balance due as reported 1774, and the same Balance continued and reported by the Committee 1775, £ 114 7 1

No Account hath been rendered by the Collector for Berks County for two Years past, nor any Money paid by him into the Provincial Treasury within that Time.

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*Jesse Jones*, Collector for *Northampton* County, — — Dr.

TO Balance remaining unpaid at last Year's Settlement, — — £ 17 7 2

No Account of Excise hath been rendered by the Collector for Northampton County for the Year past, nor any Money paid by him into the Provincial Treasury since last Year's Settlement.

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NO Account of Excise hath been rendered by the Collector of the County of Bedford for these four Years past, nor has any Money been paid into the Provincial Treasury for Excise, from that County within that Time.

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NO Account hath been rendered by any Person, on Behalf of the Estate of Thomas Lemon, late Collector of Excise for Northumberland County, to the Time of his Decease, nor has any Money been paid by him in his Life-time, nor by any Person, on Behalf of his Estate, since his Decease, into the Provincial Treasury, save only Forty-two Pounds, Eleven Shillings, reported by the Committee the two Years past.

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ALEXANDER HUNTER, the present Collector for the said County of Northumberland, hath not exhibited any Accounts for Excise, since his Appointment; but he paid into the Provincial Treasury Twelve Pounds, Three Shillings and Ten-pence, as reported by the Committee last Year, since which no Payment hath been made.

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JAMES

JAMES KINKEAD, Collector of Exciſe for the County of Weſtmoreland, hath not rendered any Account for Exciſe for four Years paſt, nor has any Money been paid into the Provincial Treaſury on that Account from the ſaid County.

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## STATE *of other* ACCOUNTS, *viz.*

THOMAS COOMBE, Collector of Duties on the Tonnage of Ships appropriated for ſupporting a Light-houſe at Cape Henlopen, hath not rendered any Account of the Tonnage of Ships, ſince laſt Year's Settlement.

THOMAS COOMBE, on Account of the Money received for the Hoſpital on the Province-Iſland, in Purſuance of the Act of Aſſembly entituled, "An Act to prevent infectious Diſeaſes being brought into this Province," paſſed January 22, 1774, hath not rendered any Account ſince laſt Settlement.

NO Account of Negro-Duty hath been rendered ſince the Report of the Committee laſt Year; to which Report we refer.

*Samuel Penroſe*, on Account of the *Province-Iſland*, — Dr.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Rent due on his Leaſe for ſaid Iſland, and for Intereſt due on £ 570, to the 6th of September, 1775, as reported laſt Year, | | | | £ 602 | 13 8 |
| To Rent of the ſaid Iſland to the 6th of September, 1776, | £ 401 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Intereſt on the £ 570, the Amount of the new Improvements, | 34 | 4 | 0 | | |
| | | | | £ 435 | 4 0 |
| | | | | £ 1037 | 17 8 |

Of which no Part hath been paid.

The WARDENS of the Port of *Philadelphia*, appointed *per* Act of Aſſembly paſſed the 26th of *February*, 1773, — Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, as ſettled by the Committee, September 23, 1775, | £ 4800 | 11 | 5½ | |
| To Caſh received of the Committee of Safety for Hire of a Sloop and Flat, and for Cables and Spars, | 381 | 10 | 0 | |
| To Caſh received of Arthur Donaldſon for 3 Spars, | 15 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | | £ 5197 1 5½ |

| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Caſh paid ſundry Perſons for Materials and Workmanſhip on the Piers in the River Delaware, Shallop-men, Flat-men and Labourers Wages, Wardens Attendance, &c. as per Account and Vouchers, | £ 1598 | 1 | 3½ | | | |
| By Caſh paid ſundry Perſons for the Support of the Light-houſe, &c. including Wages to John and his Widow Hitchcock, to the 10th of September, 1776, and for Oil, &c. &c. as per Account of Particulars brought in, | 636 | 5 | 7½ | | | |
| Balance in the Hands of the Wardens, | 2962 | 14 | 6½ | | | |
| | | | | £ 5197 | 1 | 5½ |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of OWEN JONES*, late PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the *Province-Iſland*, — — Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance in his Hands, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | £ 99 | 11 | 8 | |
| To Caſh received of Samuel Penroſe at twice, | 241 | 5 | 0 | |
| Balance due Owen Jones on this Account, which was paid to him by Michael Hillegas, | 1 | 18 | 7 | |
| | | | | £ 342 15 3 |

| 1775. | CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| October 10. | By Caſh paid John Palmer, in Part of his Order, | £ | 95 | 0 | 0 | | |
| November 1. | By ditto paid Thomas Willing, Attendance in Congreſs, | | 74 | 15 | 0 | | |
| 3. | By ditto paid Benjamin Franklin, ditto — ditto, | | 91 | 15 | 0 | | |
| 7. | By ditto paid John Morton, ditto — ditto, | | 59 | 15 | 0 | | |
| December 12. | By ditto paid Samuel Rhoads, for Money advanced on Account of the Iſland, | | 5 | 3 | 11 | | |
| | | £ | 326 | 8 | 11 | | |
| | By his Commiſſions, at 5 per Cent, | | 16 | 6 | 4 | | |
| | | | | | | £ 342 | 15 3 |

On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Uſe, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due to the Province, as ſettled by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 219 | 14 3 |

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

On

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## On Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships for Supporting the Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen*, — — Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 300 15 1 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 295 12 0 | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*s.* per Cent. | 1 9 6 | | |
| Balance, which he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas, | 3 13 7 | | |
| | | | £ 300 15 1 |

## On Account of the Exciſe on *Spirituous Liquors*, — — Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance due, as reported by the Committee laſt Year, | | | £ 3217 7 2 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, viz. | | | |
| Of the Bills iſſued per Act paſſed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £ 20,000, | £ 152 0 0 | | |
| Of the Bills iſſued per Act paſſed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £ 16,000, | 208 8 0 | | |
| Of the Bills iſſued per Act paſſed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £ 7000, | 251 10 0 | | |
| Of the Bills iſſued per Act paſſed March 21, 1772, being Part of the £ 25,000, | 272 3 3 | | |
| Of the Bills iſſued per Act paſſed September 30, 1775, being Part of the £ 22,000, | 2180 1 9 | | |
| | | £ 3064 3 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5 per Cent. | | 153 4 2 | |
| | | | £ 3217 7 2 |

## On Account of the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth *Eighteen-penny* Taxes, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, | | | £ 100 0 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 99 15 0 | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | 0 5 0 | | |
| | | | £ 100 0 0 |

## On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of James Gibbons, Cheſter County, | | | £ 18 10 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 18 9 2 | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | 0 0 10 | | |
| | | | £ 18 10 0 |

## On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining in his Hands September, 1775, | £ 10,469 10 9 | | |
| To Caſh received of James Gibbons, Cheſter County, | 163 8 8 | | |
| of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, | 143 11 7 | | |
| | | | £ 10,776 11 0 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 7166 13 $2\frac{1}{2}$ | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | 17 18 $4\frac{1}{2}$ | | |
| Balance, which he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas, | 3591 19 5 | | |
| | | | £ 10,776 11 0 |

## On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Balance remaining in his Hands September, 1775, | £ 12,222 14 7 | | |
| To Caſh received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, | 4,144 8 5 | | |
| of Joſeph Chapman, Bucks County, | 327 0 0 | | |
| of James Gibbons, Cheſter County, | 966 7 10 | | |
| of Chriſtian Wertz, Lancaſter County, | 1,350 0 0 | | |
| of Michael Swoope, York County, | 302 6 10 | | |
| of Chriſtopher Whitman, Berks County, | 400 0 0 | | |
| of Herman Snider, Northampton County, | 315 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ 20,027 17 8 |

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

## On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Chriſtopher Whitman, Berks County, | £ 500 0 0 | | |
| of John Muſh, Northampton County, | 798 0 0 | | |
| | | | £ 1298 0 0 |

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

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*State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1776. *September* 26.

On Account of the HONOURABLE PROPRIETARIES Taxes, Dr.

TO Cash received of Edmund Physick, —— —— —— £ 1400 0 0

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

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On Account of the £ 5000, appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, *per* Act passed *May* 14, 1762, — — — Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, —— —— £ 331 12 3

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

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On Account of the Act for appropriating £ 5000 to purchase Ground adjoining the State-House Lots, passed *May* 14, 1762, Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, —— —— £ 998 10 8

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

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On Account of the Act for erecting Piers in the River *Delaware*, passed *March* 18, 1775, — — — — Dr.

TO Balance of this Account, as reported by the Committee last Year, —— —— £ 774 0 0

Which Sum he has paid into the Hands of Michael Hillegas.

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On Account of the Act for raising £ 22,000 for the Support of Government, passed *September* 30, 1775, — — — Dr.

TO Cash received of Michael Hillegas, struck in Pursuance of the said Act, —— —— £ 22,000 0 0

CONTRA —— —— —— —— Cr.

By Cash paid the following Certificates and Orders, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| William Thompson, for Rangers, | £ | 60 | 0 0 |
| William Thompson, ditto, | | 759 | 1 7½ |
| Michael Hillegas, for extra Services, | | 75 | 0 0 |
| Michael Hillegas, Expence repairing Deep-Water Island, | | 45 | 4 1 |
| Thomas Dewees, | | 30 | 0 0 |
| Charles Moore, Clerk of Assembly, | | 200 | 2 6 |
| John Lawrence, Esq; Assistant-Judge, | | 200 | 0 0 |
| William Bausman, Barrack-Master, Lancaster, | | 7 | 0 0 |
| William Bausman, | | 3 | 9 0 |
| William Sheed, Door-keeper to the Council, | | 3 | 15 0 |
| William Sheed, Sergeant at Arms, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| Benjamin Chew, Esq; Chief Judge, | | 400 | 0 0 |
| William Dewees, for taking Andrew Stuart, | | 16 | 9 0 |
| Overseers of the Poor, for French Neutrals, | | 100 | 0 0 |
| John Morton, Assistant-Judge, and Postage, | | 200 | 7 6 |
| Joseph Galloway, Esq; extra Services, | | 75 | 0 0 |
| Abel Evans, Assistant-Clerk of the Assembly, | | 30 | 0 0 |
| Benjamin Franklin, Esq; £ 266 13 4 Sterling, at 70 per Cent, | | 453 | 6 8 |
| John Palmer, Expence in viewing Schuylkill, | | 8 | 7 7 |
| Francis Casper Hassenclever, Iron Chest 1861b. at 2/6, and Porterage 1/. | | 23 | 6 0 |
| Thomas Shute, for Eden Haydock, Repairs at the State-house, | | 34 | 15 4 |
| Henry Miller, for Printing, | | 317 | 12 6 |
| Thomas Willing, Esq; Assistant-Judge, | | 200 | 0 0 |
| Andrew Allen, Esq; Attorney-General, | | 75 | 0 0 |
| Andrew M'Nair, Door-keeper, | | 25 | 9 7 |
| Thomas Mifflin, Service on Accounts, | | 0 | 10 0 |
| Benjamin Chapman, Service on Accounts, | | 9 | 0 0 |
| Estate of David Hall, deceased, | | 7 | 17 0 |
| Hall and Sellers, for Printing, | | 124 | 1 0 |
| Arthur Donaldson, Machine for cleansing Docks, | | 100 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Ogden, Expence for the Committee at Schuylkill, | | 1 | 6 5 |
| Samuel Rhoads, Service on Accounts, | | 2 | 10 0 |
| Jacob Meyer, for viewing Schuylkill, | | 15 | 0 0 |
| Israel Pemberton, Indian Expences, | | 10 | 10 9 |
| Edmund Physick, for fixing Seals to the Laws, | | 9 | 6 0 |
| Edmund Physick, Keeper of the Seal, | | 12 | 6 0 |
| Caleb Parry, Committee-Expence at Schuylkill, | | 4 | 1 0 |
| Samuel Taylor, binding Books, | | 50 | 12 0 |
| Isaac Pearson, Service on Accounts, | | 10 | 10 0 |
| The Honourable JOHN PENN, for Disbursements, | | 35 | 11 11 |
| Joseph Shippen, Clerk of the Council, | | 30 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Shippen, for Proclamations, | | 18 | 3 0 |
| Joseph Shippen, — Postage of Letters, | | 12 | 14 4 |
| Carried forward, | £ | 3,806 | 19 9½ |
| Carried forward, | £ | 22,000 | 0 0 |

1776. *State of the Accounts of* Owen Jones, *Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

*September* 26. On Account of the Act for raising £ 22,000 for the Support of Government, &c. Continued.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Amount brought forward, £ | 22,000 0 0 |
| | | Amount brought forward, £ | 3,806 19 9½ |
| By Cash paid the following Certificates and Orders, viz. | | | |
| Honourable JOHN PENN, to re-place £ 100, drawn out of Treasury for Indian Expences, | 100 0 0 | | |
| John Read, for Publication of Maps, | 25 0 0 | | |
| George Gray, Service on Accounts, | 10 10 0 | | |
| Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Certificate, 24 December, 1774, | 500 0 0 | | |
| Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; ditto, — 30 September, 1775, | 500 0 0 | | |
| Hugh and George Roberts, | 2 2 8 | | |
| Hugh and George Roberts, | 4 17 9 | | |
| Joseph Fox, | 3 0 9 | | |
| Joseph Fox, Barrack-Master, | 20 0 0 | | |
| Committee's Certificate for viewing Schuylkill, | 9 0 0 | | |
| Michael Hillegas, Esq; Service on Accounts, | 10 10 0 | | |
| Committee's Certificate for raising and paying Ranging-Companies, | 20 0 0 | | |
| Edward Duffield, his Care of the State house Clock, | 10 0 0 | | |
| Frederick Bicking, Paper | 47 19 5 | | |
| Isaac Pearson, for attending the Press, | 6 10 0 | | |
| David Rittenhouse, his Care of State-house Clock, | 10 0 0 | | |
| John Fulton and James Kelly, for apprehending Fleming Elliot, | 60 0 0 | | |
| Richard Mason, unspiking Cannon, | 16 7 6 | | |
| Francis Johnston, signing Money, | 6 0 0 | | |
| Thomas Shoemaker, ditto, | 13 11 3 | | |
| Charles Jervis, ditto, | 21 2 6 | | |
| John Read, for repairing Banks on Deep-Water Island, | 15 1 6 | | |
| Thomas Tilbury, signing Money, | 13 11 4 | | |
| Philip Kinsey, ditto, | 13 11 3 | | |
| John Knowles, ditto, | 13 11 3 | | |
| Isaac Howell, ditto, | 13 11 4 | | |
| Abel Evans, ditto, | 13 11 3 | | |
| Richard Humphreys, ditto, | 13 11 4 | | |
| | £ 5,300 0 10½ | | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent, | 13 5 0 | | |
| By Cash paid to Michael Hillegas, | 14,461 15 0 | | |
| Balance yet remaining in his Hands, | 2,224 19 1½ | | |
| | | £ | 22,000 0 0 |

## STATE *of the* ACCOUNTS *of* *MICHAEL HILLEGAS*, PROVINCIAL TREASURER, *viz.*

On Account of the £ 35,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, *June* 30, 1775, — — — Dr.

TO Bills of Credit received of the Committee per Joseph Parker, Esq; struck in Pursuance of the said Resolutions, — — — — — £ 35,000 0 0

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|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid the following Orders, viz. | | |
| George Ross, Esq; per Order of the Committee of Safety, | £ 50 0 0 | |
| Robert Morris and Thomas Wharton, jun. at sundry Times, per Order of ditto, | 25,000 0 0 | |
| Robert Whyte, per Order of ditto, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Michael Swoope, Esq; per Order of ditto, | 259 6 11 | |
| Robert Whyte, at twice, per Order of ditto, | 2,000 0 0 | |
| Owen Biddle, per ditto, | 100 0 0 | |
| The Commissioners and Assessors of Chester County, per ditto, | 500 0 0 | |
| The Commissioners and Assessors of Cumberland County, per ditto, | 300 0 0 | |
| The Commissioners and Assessors of Philadelphia County, per ditto, at twice, | 1,500 0 0 | |
| John Maxwell Nesbit, per ditto, | 100 0 0 | |
| Wharton and Humphreys, per ditto, | 250 0 0 | |
| The Commissioners and Assessors of York County, per ditto, | 300 0 0 | |
| Commissioners and Assessors of York County, per ditto, | 132 16 0 | |
| Peter Long, per ditto, | 100 0 0 | |
| Thomas Wharton, jun. and others, per ditto, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Thomas Wharton, jun and others, per ditto, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| George Taylor, Esq; per ditto, | 250 0 0 | |
| George Ross, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, per Order of Assembly, | 34 0 0 | |
| John Maxwel Nesbit, at twice, per Order of Committee of Safety, | 500 0 0 | |
| Commissioners and Assessors of Lancaster County, in Part of their Order for £ 600 from the Committee of Safety, | 536 11 5½ | |
| | £ 34,912 14 4½ | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | 87 5 7½ | |
| | | £ 35,000 0 0 |

On Account of the £ 80,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, *November* 18, 1775, — — Dr.

TO Bills of Credit received of the Committee of Assembly, struck in Pursuance of the said Resolutions, — — — — £ 80,000 0 0

To Cash of Jacob Shubb, — — — — 19 19 0

£ 80,019 19 0

Carried forward, £ 80,019 19 0

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*State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1776. *September* 26.

On Account of the £ 80,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, &c. Continued.

Amount of Debit brought forward, £ 80,019 19 0

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By Cash paid the following Orders, viz.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Commissioners and Assessors of Lancaster County, the Remainder of their Order of £ 600, drawn by the Committee of Safety, the other Part being charged to the Account of the £ 35,000, | £ | 63 | 8 | 6½ |
| Thomas Wharton, jun. John Nixon and James Mease, Esqrs. per Order of Committee of Safety, | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Commissioners and Assessors of Northampton County, per ditto, | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| Peter Dehaven, on Account of the Salt-petre Works in Philadelphia, | | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| Baltis Moody, per Order of the Salt-petre Committee, | | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Commissioners and Assessors of Berks County, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 400 | 0 | 0 |
| John Maxwell Nesbit, per ditto, | | 1,500 | 0 | 0 |
| Baltis Moody, per Order of Salt-petre Committee, | | 25 | 0 | 0 |
| Peter Dehaven, on Account of the Salt-petre Works, | | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Commissioners and Assessors of Bucks County, per ditto, | | 300 | 0 | 0 |
| Jahn Maxwell Nesbit, per ditto, | | 1,600 | 0 | 0 |
| Commissioners and Assessors of Chester County, per ditto, | | 27 | 0 | 0 |
| John Nixon and others, per ditto, | | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Captain Joseph Shaw, of Bucks County, per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 48 | 17 | 6 |
| John Lacey, of ditto, — ditto, | | 49 | 17 | 0 |
| Robert Robinson, of ditto, — ditto, | | 28 | 7 | 6 |
| William Roberts, of ditto, — ditto, | | 48 | 1 | 0 |
| Thomas Stuart, of ditto, — ditto, | | 21 | 5 | 0 |
| Thomas Wier, of ditto, — ditto, | | 48 | 12 | 6 |
| Arthur Erwin, of ditto, — ditto, | | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| Colonel John Beatty, of ditto, — ditto, | | 77 | 0 | 0 |
| Captain George Wall, of ditto, — ditto, | | 31 | 11 | 0 |
| John Coryell, of ditto, — ditto, | | 50 | 13 | 0 |
| James M'Masters, of ditto, — ditto, | | 47 | 14 | 0 |
| William M'Calla, of ditto, — ditto, | | 47 | 5 | 0 |
| John Jamison, of ditto, — ditto, | | 20 | 12 | 6 |
| S. Lindsay, of Cumberland ditto, ditto, | | 24 | 17 | 6 |
| John Brisbons, of Lancaster ditto, ditto, | | 7 | 14 | 6 |
| G. Miller, of Philadelphia ditto, ditto, | | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Thomas Rees, of ditto, — ditto, | | 17 | 0 | 6 |
| Adam Proseman, of ditto, — ditto, | | 23 | 7 | 6 |
| Zacharias Neil, of ditto, — ditto, | | 14 | 15 | 10 |
| Frederick Weiss, of ditto, — ditto, | | 21 | 13 | 0 |
| Archibald Thompson, of ditto, ditto, | | 5 | 12 | 6 |
| Martin Swink, of ditto, — ditto, | | 25 | 5 | 0 |
| Isaac Longstreth, of ditto, — ditto, | | 18 | 10 | 0 |
| Isaac Knight, jun. of ditto, — ditto, | | 18 | 2 | 0 |
| Thomas Church, of ditto, — ditto, | | 22 | 8 | 9 |
| Seth Quee, of ditto, — ditto, | | 28 | 13 | 0 |
| George Smith, of ditto, — ditto, | | 16 | 19 | 3 |
| George Wright, of ditto, — ditto, | | 18 | 10 | 0 |
| George Nice, of ditto, — ditto, | | 30 | 10 | 0 |
| Aaron Levering, of ditto, — ditto, | | 29 | 0 | 0 |
| Moore Furman, of ditto, — ditto, | | 134 | 8 | 3 |
| James Irvine, of ditto, — ditto, | | 50 | 4 | 3 |
| John Shee, of ditto, — ditto, | | 81 | 17 | 9 |
| Robert Knox, of ditto, — ditto, | | 99 | 6 | 2 |
| Joseph Falconer, of ditto, — ditto, | | 103 | 4 | 11 |
| Josiah Hart, of ditto, — ditto, | | 59 | 8 | 0 |
| Henry Sheets, of ditto, — ditto, | | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| Andrew Redheffer, of ditto, ditto, | | 13 | 1 | 0 |
| Isaac Hughes, of ditto, — ditto, | | 32 | 0 | 0 |
| Christopher Stewart, of ditto, ditto, | | 12 | 16 | 0 |
| Samuel Miles, of ditto, — ditto, | | 8 | 15 | 0 |
| Colonel Samuel Miles, of ditto, — ditto, | | 40 | 11 | 0 |
| Captain Rudolph Bunner, of ditto, — ditto, | | 24 | 5 | 0 |
| James Potts, of ditto, — ditto, | | 29 | 5 | 0 |
| Jonathan Jones, of Berks ditto, ditto, | | 26 | 0 | 0 |
| Andrew Keichlein, of Bucks ditto, ditto, | | 20 | 2 | 0 |
| Colonel Andrew Keichlein, of ditto, ditto, | | 18 | 17 | 6 |
| Captain John Ludwig, of ditto, — di to, | | 18 | 4 | 0 |
| Nicholas Patterson, of ditto, ditto, | | 17 | 9 | 0 |
| Jacob Shupe, of ditto, — ditto, | | 19 | 19 | 0 |
| John Beatty, of ditto, — ditto, | | 50 | 7 | 6 |
| Peter Vansant, of ditto, — ditto, | | 52 | 3 | 6 |
| Colonel Hugh Lloyd, of Chester County, ditto, | | 51 | 2 | 6 |
| Captain Gilead Chapman, of ditto, ditto, | | 61 | 14 | 6 |
| Frederick Fairlamb, of ditto, ditto, | | 13 | 7 | 6 |
| Nicholas Dehl, of ditto, — ditto, | | 20 | 13 | 10 |
| George Pierce, of ditto, — ditto, | | 27 | 3 | 9 |
| John Faulk, of ditto, — ditto, | | 19 | 6 | 6 |
| Nathaniel Vernon, of ditto, ditto, | | 18 | 6 | 0 |
| Andrew Boon, of ditto, — ditto, | | 14 | 5 | 6 |
| John Bryan, of ditto, — ditto, | | 20 | 13 | 10 |
| John Hart, of ditto, — ditto, | | 25 | 19 | 0 |
| Benjamin Powell, of ditto, ditto, | | 15 | 7 | 6 |
| Hugh Jones, of ditto, — ditto, | | 15 | 7 | 0 |
| John Davis, of ditto, — ditto, | | 23 | 16 | 0 |
| Joseph Hayes, of ditto, — ditto, | | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Continued, | £ | 22,344 | 11 | 7½ |

Continued, £ 80,019 19 0

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1776. *State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

*September* 26. On Account of the £ 80,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, &c. Continued.

Amount of Debit continued, £ 80,019 19 0
Amount of Credit continued, £ 22,344 11 7½

By Cash paid the following Orders, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Captain Thomas Taylor, of Chester County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | 9 | 15 0 |
| James Hair, of ditto, — | ditto, | 17 | 2 6 |
| Abraham Marshall, of ditto, — | ditto, | 8 | 18 6 |
| Patrick Anderson, of ditto, — | ditto, | 12 | 12 6 |
| Percifor Frazer, of ditto, — | ditto, | 8 | 15 0 |
| James Chandler, of ditto, — | ditto, | 18 | 5 0 |
| Peter Hartman, of ditto, — | ditto, | 22 | 3 9 |
| Richard Templin, of ditto, — | ditto, | 9 | 19 0 |
| Thomas Leighton, of ditto, — | ditto, | 13 | 4 6 |
| Thomas Hockley, of ditto, — | ditto, | 14 | 5 0 |
| Caleb North, of ditto, — — | ditto, | 13 | 9 0 |
| Captain John Ralston, of ditto, — | ditto, | 18 | 17 6 |
| Joseph Freego, of ditto, — | ditto, | 14 | 13 6 |
| Thomas Millard, of ditto, — | ditto, | 4 | 5 0 |
| Colonel William Montgomery, of ditto, | ditto, | 21 | 12 1 |
| Captain Stephen Cochran, of ditto, — | ditto, | 13 | 18 0 |
| George Legit, of ditto, — | ditto, | 14 | 11 6 |
| Thomas Strawbridge, of ditto, | ditto, | 16 | 2 6 |
| John Kinkead, of ditto, — | ditto, | 16 | 7 6 |
| John M'Dowell, of ditto, — | ditto, | 18 | 19 10 |
| James M'Dowell, of ditto, — | ditto, | 18 | 10 0 |
| Joseph Gardner, of ditto, — | ditto, | 21 | 4 6 |
| Thomas Lunn, of ditto, — | ditto, | 13 | 16 4 |
| Allen Cunningham, of ditto, — | ditto, | 13 | 19 6 |
| Colonel James Moore, of ditto, — | ditto, | 17 | 0 0 |
| Captain John Hannum, of ditto, — | ditto, | 5 | 15 10 |
| Joseph Spear, of ditto, — | ditto, | 18 | 4 3 |
| Robert Lockhart, of ditto, — | ditto, | 17 | 6 0 |
| James M'Clure, of ditto, — | ditto, | 21 | 1 6 |
| Benjamin Wallace, of ditto, — | ditto, | 19 | 15 6 |
| Matthew Boyd, of ditto, — | ditto, | 21 | 7 0 |
| Colonel Joseph Kirkbride, of Bucks County, | ditto, | 87 | 2 0 |
| Captain John Egner, of Berks County, — | ditto, | 11 | 4 6 |
| Peter Deckert, of ditto, — | ditto, | 14 | 10 9 |
| John Ludwig, of ditto, — | ditto, | 6 | 0 0 |
| George Rheimes, of ditto, — | ditto, | 17 | 10 6 |
| Henry Haller, of ditto, — | ditto, | 30 | 0 0 |
| Thomas Dundas, of ditto, — | ditto, | 25 | 13 6 |
| Peter Withington, of ditto, — | ditto, | 30 | 11 2 |
| Henry Chreift, of ditto, — | ditto, | 9 | 11 11 |
| Leffler, of ditto, — | ditto, | 6 | 2 0 |
| Haupt, of ditto, — | ditto, | 9 | 12 0 |
| Paul Feager, of ditto, — | ditto, | 10 | 11 6 |
| Shaffer, of ditto, — | ditto, | 12 | 13 0 |
| David Bright, of ditto, — | ditto, | 10 | 17 6 |
| Mourer, of ditto, — | ditto, | 11 | 7 6 |
| Kiffinger, of ditto, — | ditto, | 11 | 3 6 |
| Joseph Heifter, of ditto, — | ditto, | 9 | 5 0 |
| Cunnius, of ditto, — | ditto, | 6 | 10 0 |
| Golding, of ditto, — | ditto, | 8 | 10 0 |
| Hill, of ditto, — | ditto, | 7 | 10 0 |
| D. Pannebecker, of ditto, — | ditto, | 12 | 0 0 |
| Bird, of ditto, — — | ditto, | 14 | 10 6 |
| Lentz, of ditto, — | ditto, | 8 | 11 6 |
| Lincoln, of ditto, — | ditto, | 7 | 17 6 |
| Daniel Levan, of ditto, — | ditto, | 7 | 14 0 |
| Geiger, of ditto, — | ditto, | 8 | 10 0 |
| Putt, of ditto, — | ditto, | 7 | 5 0 |
| David Potts, of ditto, — | ditto, | 9 | 7 6 |
| Colonel Daniel Roberdeau, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | 182 | 13 0 |
| Captain Benjamin Loxley, of ditto, — | ditto, | 64 | 0 6 |
| David Sproat, of ditto, — | ditto, | 100 | 9 3 |
| George Goodwin, of ditto, — | ditto, | 76 | 4 0 |
| Joseph Moulder, of ditto, — | ditto, | 40 | 0 0 |
| Richard Peters, of ditto, — | ditto, | 79 | 3 0 |
| Francis Gurney, of ditto, — | ditto, | 90 | 16 0 |
| J. Williams, of Philadelphia County, | ditto, | 86 | 11 6 |
| William Masters, of ditto, — | ditto, | 46 | 7 6 |
| Samuel Swift, of ditto, — | ditto, | 13 | 1 6 |
| Rudolph Neff, of ditto, — | ditto, | 55 | 2 6 |
| John Jarvis, of Bucks County, | ditto, | 59 | 0 0 |
| Francis Murray, of ditto, — | ditto, | 58 | 0 0 |
| S. Miles, of Philadelphia County, | ditto, | 34 | 15 0 |
| B. Loxley, of ditto, (2 Accounts) | ditto, | 361 | 19 3½ |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 500 | 0 0 |
| Captain Israel Whelen, of Chester County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | 18 | 5 0 |
| Joseph Trimble, of ditto, — | ditto, | 11 | 16 6 |
| John Templeton, of ditto, — | ditto, | 16 | 11 8 |
| Samuel Pugh, of ditto, — | ditto, | 19 | 9 6 |
| John Marshall, of Lancaster County, | ditto, | 11 | 11 0 |
| Colonel Thomas Porter, of ditto, — | ditto, | 30 | 6 0 |
| Captain John Paxton, of ditto, — | ditto, | 11 | 4 0 |
| | Continued, £ | 25,199 | 18 3 |
| | Continued, £ | 80,019 | 19 0 |

*State*

*State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1776. *September* 26.

On Account of the £ 80,000, issued in Pursuance of the Resolutions of the Assembly, &c. Continued.

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| | | Amount of Debit brought forward, | £ 80,019 | 19 0 |
| | | Amount of Credit brought forward, | £ 25,199 | 18 3 |
| By Cash paid the following Orders, viz. | | | | |
| Captain James Ross, of Lancaster County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 13 | 3 6 |
| Thomas Whiteside, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 29 | 9 0 |
| James Taylor, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 24 | 12 6 |
| James Morrison, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 12 | 0 0 |
| John Boyd, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 26 | 1 0 |
| John Pattin, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 13 | 10 0 |
| Thomas Casdrop, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | | 44 | 7 6 |
| John Little, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 93 | 13 0 |
| Francis C. Hassenclever, of ditto, | ditto, | | 99 | 15 3 |
| Thomas Pryor, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 84 | 1 6 |
| Richard Willing, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 87 | 2 6 |
| John Wilcocks, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 66 | 7 9 |
| Francis Wade, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 103 | 14 6 |
| William Todd, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 70 | 7 11 |
| Jacob Shubb, of Bucks County, | ditto, | | 30 | 2 6 |
| Jon. Paschal, of Philadel. County, | ditto, | | 29 | 19 11 |
| William Hamilton, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 38 | 10 0 |
| Colonel William Hamilton, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 19 | 8 0 |
| Captain Samuel Dewees, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 29 | 5 0 |
| Morgan, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 15 | 16 3 |
| Jacob Rudolph, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 31 | 2 6 |
| John Jones, of ditto, — — | ditto, | | 31 | 0 0 |
| Dr. Jonathan Potts, per Order of Committee of Safety, | | | 52 | 5 3 |
| Capt. Alex. Colley, of Philadelphia County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 15 | 4 0 |
| Ennion Williams, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 71 | 12 0 |
| Benjamin Rush and Owen Biddle, Salt-petre Committee, | | | 100 | 0 0 |
| Captain Geo. Leib, of Philadelphia County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 74 | 6 9 |
| Whitehead Humphreys, of ditto, | ditto, | | 13 | 7 6 |
| William Henderson, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 29 | 19 6 |
| Joseph Copperthwaite, of ditto, | ditto, | | 119 | 15 8 |
| Benjamin Loxley, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 7 | 10 0 |
| James Crouch, of Lancaster County, | ditto, | | 20 | 7 6 |
| Colonel John Dickenson, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | | 156 | 18 8 |
| Captain Will. M'Ilvaine, of Bucks County, | ditto, | | 58 | 9 6 |
| Augustine Willet, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 45 | 17 0 |
| John Folwell, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 51 | 6 0 |
| Henry Lott, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 48 | 0 0 |
| Colonel Anthony Wayne, of Chester County, | ditto, | | 47 | 5 0 |
| John Dickenson, Esq; for his Attendance in Congress, | per Order of Assembly, | | 107 | 0 0 |
| Jacob Guldy, of Bucks County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 35 | 4 2 |
| Colonel Robert Lewis, of Philadelphia | ditto, | | 25 | 10 0 |
| Captain Jacob Laughlin, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 25 | 6 9 |
| Joseph Dean, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 37 | 0 0 |
| Henry Hill, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 53 | 18 0 |
| Colonel John Cadwallader, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 213 | 6 0 |
| Captain Thomas Harvey, of Bucks County, | ditto, | | 48 | 5 0 |
| William Semple, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | | 66 | 7 6 |
| James Wilson, Esq; for Attendance in Congress, | per Order of Assembly, — | | 50 | 0 0 |
| Capt. Lamb. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 101 | 16 0 |
| John Wharton, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 53 | 1 6 |
| Emanuel Eyre, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 34 | 14 9 |
| John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, — | | | 10,000 | 0 0 |
| Capt. Joseph Wood, of Philadelphia County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 57 | 0 0 |
| James Chapman, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | | 50 | 0 0 |
| Commissioners and Assessors of Bedford County, | per ditto, — | | 100 | 0 0 |
| Colonel James Smith, of York County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 185 | 2 6 |
| William Smith, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 127 | 19 2½ |
| Matthew Dill, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 157 | 17 10½ |
| Jonathan Kearsley, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | | 3 | 12 0 |
| John Wilcocks and others, per Order of ditto, | | | 150 | 0 0 |
| Joseph Collier, per Order of ditto, | | | 30 | 0 0 |
| Capt. James Biddle, of Philadelphia County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 13 | 17 6 |
| John M. Nesbit, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | | 1,500 | 0 0 |
| Benjamin Harbeson, per Order of the Committee of Salt-petre Works, | | | 45 | 7 6 |
| Jacob Burgey, of Bucks County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 15 | 10 6 |
| Joseph Fox, Esq; | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 500 | 0 0 |
| Captain David Jenkins, of Lancaster County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 15 | 11 6 |
| Colonel Thomas Potts, of Philadelphia | ditto, | | 27 | 3 3 |
| Richard Butler, for George Allen, an Indian, | per Order of Assembly, | | 100 | 0 0 |
| Capt. John Aurand, of Northampton County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 17 | 10 0 |
| Commissioners and Assessors of York County, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 300 | 0 0 |
| Colonel Robert M'Pherson, of ditto, — | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 174 | 16 0 |
| Joseph Moulder, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | | 50 | 5 9 |
| Captain Samuel Vanleer, of Chester County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 7 | 15 0 |
| Henry Huber, of Bucks County, | ditto, | | 22 | 16 3 |
| John Reitmeyer, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | | 90 | 0 0 |
| Robert Harris, per Order of ditto, | | | 110 | 0 0 |
| Col. J. Montgomery, of Cumberland County, | per Order of Committee of Assembly, | | 160 | 13 2 |
| Captain Joseph Thornburgh, of Berks | ditto, | | 16 | 0 9 |
| John Pattin, of ditto, — | ditto, | | 19 | 17 6 |
| Col. Wil. Thompson, of Cumberland | ditto, | | 6 | 0 0 |
| | | Continued, | £ 42,021 | 18 7 |
| | | Continued, | £ 80,019 | 19 0 |

1776. *State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treaſurer, Continued.*

*September* 26. On Account of the £ 80,000, iſſued in Purſuance of the Reſolutions of the Aſſembly, *&c.* Continued.

Amount of Debit continued, £ 80,019 19 0
Amount of Credit continued, £ 42,021 18 7

By Caſh paid the following Orders, viz.

| | | | |
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| Captain W. Huſton, of Cumberland County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 24 | 19 6 |
| Abraham Smith, of ditto, | ditto, | 28 | 18 0 |
| Elias Daviſon, of ditto, | ditto, | 28 | 3 6 |
| Joſeph Armſtrong, of ditto, | ditto, | 30 | 4 0 |
| Owen Aſton, of ditto, | ditto, | 21 | 10 0 |
| James Campbell, of ditto, | ditto, | 24 | 3 6 |
| William Beatty, of ditto, | ditto, | 28 | 3 6 |
| James Patton, of ditto, | ditto, | 26 | 6 0 |
| John M'Clellan, of ditto, | ditto, | 26 | 7 6 |
| Patrick Jack, of ditto, | ditto, | 28 | 18 0 |
| Samuel Culbertſon, of ditto, | ditto, | 23 | 5 0 |
| Samuel Royer, of ditto, | ditto, | 23 | 13 0 |
| Conrad Snyder, of ditto, | ditto, | 28 | 16 3 |
| James M'Cammont, of ditto, | ditto, | 22 | 11 0 |
| Colonel Thomas M'Kean, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | 22 | 0 0 |
| Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of Northampton County, | the Remainder of their Order of the Committee of Safety, | 200 | 0 0 |
| Joſeph Fox, Eſq; | per Order of Aſſembly, | 211 | 17 6 |
| Capt. J. Clark, of Northumberland County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 16 | 11 6 |
| Abraham Markoe, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | 282 | 0 0 |
| Peter Kachlein, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 300 | 0 0 |
| Capt. Jacob Frantz, of Philadelphia County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 19 | 0 0 |
| Chriſtian Snyder, of ditto, | ditto, | 20 | 3 9 |
| Captain James Bruſter, of ditto, | ditto, | 33 | 0 0 |
| Jermen Davis, of Cheſter County, | ditto, | 21 | 4 6 |
| John Nixon and others, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 10,000 | 0 0 |
| Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of Northumberland County, | per ditto, | 100 | 0 0 |
| Samuel Hunter, of ditto, | per Order of the Committee of Aſſembly, | 28 | 0 0 |
| Capt. George Morgan, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | 111 | 5 0 |
| Col. Baltzer Grehr, of Berks County, | ditto, | 114 | 19 6 |
| Bartram Galbreath, of Lancaſter Co. | ditto, | 166 | 1 0 |
| Capt. John Hayes, of Northampton Co. | ditto, | 12 | 10 0 |
| Adam Brucheiſer, of ditto, | ditto, | 11 | 17 6 |
| Matthias Shieffley, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | 22 | 8 10 |
| John Wilcocks, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 300 | 0 0 |
| John M. Neſbit, | per ditto, | 1,500 | 0 0 |
| Col. Samuel Miles, | per Order of Aſſembly, | 3,000 | 0 0 |
| James Potter of Northumberland County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 69 | 17 0 |
| Captain Cornelius Atkinſon, of ditto, | ditto, | 9 | 8 6 |
| Colonel Richard M'Calliſter, of York County, | ditto, | 142 | 10 0 |
| Curtis Grubb, of Lancaſter County, | ditto, | 266 | 18 5 |
| Jacob Vandegrift, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 500 | 0 0 |
| Capt. W. Scull, of Northumberland County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 13 | 2 6 |
| John Murray, of Lancaſter County, | ditto, | 11 | 14 9 |
| Colonel Daniel Roberdeau, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | 2 | 7 6 |
| Capt. Michael Popſt, of Northampton County, | ditto, | 16 | 5 6 |
| Jeremiah Trexler, | per Order of Aſſembly, | 28 | 5 9 |
| Lewis Nicola, | per ditto, | 12 | 10 2 |
| Capt. Jacob Miller, of Philadelphia County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 54 | 5 0 |
| Col. Matthias Slough, of Lancaſter County, | ditto, | 240 | 16 9 |
| John Feree, of ditto, | ditto, | 108 | 0 11 |
| Capt. Henry Weaver, of ditto, | ditto, | 16 | 15 0 |
| Col. Robert Callender, of Cumberland | ditto, | 273 | 2 0 |
| Capt. John Philip De Haas, of Lancaſter, | ditto, | 36 | 7 6 |
| George Clymer, of Philadelphia, | ditto, | 98 | 19 6 |
| Patrick Anderſon, of Cheſter County, | ditto, | 1 | 15 0 |
| Col. Bernard Dougherty, of Bedford County, | ditto, | 200 | 0 0 |
| Caleb Parry, | per Order of Aſſembly, | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| J. Carnahan, of Weſtmoreland County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 249 | 19 0 |
| John Procter, of ditto, | ditto, | 165 | 2 6 |
| William Bawſman, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 300 | 0 0 |
| Capt. C. Gilleſpie, of Northumberland Co. | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 9 | 14 6 |
| John Robb, of ditto, | ditto, | 11 | 7 6 |
| David Berry, of ditto, | ditto, | 11 | 7 6 |
| Peter Dehaven, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 150 | 0 0 |
| Colonel James Moore, of Cheſter County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 13 | 0 0 |
| Captain Samuel Atlee, of Lancaſter County, | ditto, | 21 | 12 3 |
| Peter Dehaven, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 350 | 0 0 |
| Captain Peter Stout, of Bucks County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 9 | 2 6 |
| Valentine Upp, of ditto, | ditto, | 17 | 7 6 |
| Samuel Potts and Thomas Rutter, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| Capt. Geo. Stahl, of Northampton County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 19 | 12 9 |
| Andrew M'Nair, for Indian Expences, | per Order of Aſſembly, | 46 | 16 11 |
| Major Joſ. Beeler, of Weſtmoreland County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 24 | 0 0 |
| Captain Richard Butler, of ditto, | ditto, | 25 | 0 0 |
| Hen. Straus, of Northampton County, | ditto, | 9 | 2 6 |
| Dewalt Forringer, of ditto, | ditto, | 18 | 2 6 |
| Colonel George Taylor, of ditto, | ditto, | 99 | 11 6 |
| Capt. John Wilcocks, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 500 | 0 0 |
| W. Clark, of Northumberland County, | per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 8 | 16 6 |
| Colonel Samuel Atlee, | per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 500 | 0 0 |
| | Continued, £ | 65,533 | 14 1 |

Continued, £ 80,019 19 0

*State*

*State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treaſurer, Continued.* 1776. *September* 26.

## On Account of the £ 80,000, iſſued in Purſuance of the Reſolutions of the Aſſembly, &c. Continued.

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| | Amount of Debit continued, | | £ 80,019 19 0 |
| | Amount of Credit continued, | £ 65,533 14 1 | |
| By Caſh paid the following Orders, viz. | | | |
| Matthias Slough, Eſq; per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 3,000 0 0 | |
| Capt. Samuel Patterſon, of Lancaſter County, per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | | 9 10 1 | |
| Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of Philadelphia County, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Signers of the £ 35,000, | | 42 0 0 | |
| Joſeph Parker, Eſq; for ſuperintending the Preſs, at printing the £ 35,000 and the £ 80,000, | | 8 10 0 | |
| William Rodman, Eſq; for the ſame, | | 8 10 0 | |
| Iſaac Pearſon, Eſq; for the ſame, | | 6 10 0 | |
| George Gray, Eſq; for the ſame, | | 5 0 0 | |
| Signers of the £ 80,000, | | 95 19 0 | |
| John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 10,000 0 0 | |
| Joſeph Collier, per Order of ditto, | | 36 5 0 | |
| Colonel Samuel Miles, per Order of ditto, for £ 1000, of which £ 925 10 2 is charged to the £ 85,000 Account, | | 74 9 10 | |
| | £ 79,820 8 0 | | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | | 199 11 0 | |
| | | | £ 80,019 19 0 |

## On Account of the £ 85,000, iſſued in Purſuance of the Reſolutions of the Aſſembly, *April* 6, 1776, — — — Dr.

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| TO Bills of Credit received of the Committee of Aſſembly, ſtruck in Purſuance of the ſaid Reſolutions, | £ 85,000 0 0 | |
| To Caſh of Francis Murray, | 30 0 0 | |
| To ditto of William Roberts, | 21 10 0 | |
| To ditto of Henry Lott, | 23 10 0 | |
| | | £ 85,075 0 0 |
| CONTRA | Cr. | |
| By Caſh paid the following Orders, viz. | | |
| Colonel Samuel Miles, in Purſuance of an Order of the Committee of Safety for £ 1000, the Reſt being charged to the Account of the £ 80,000, | £ 925 10 2 | |
| Caleb Parry, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 250 0 0 | |
| Samuel Miles, for the Uſe of Matthias Slough, Eſq; per ditto, | 2,000 0 0 | |
| Samuel Miles, per ditto, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Samuel Atlee, per ditto, | 500 0 0 | |
| John Deiſler and others, per ditto, | 108 15 0 | |
| John Maxwell Neſbit, Eſq; per ditto, | 2,000 0 0 | |
| Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of Cheſter County, per ditto, | 1,500 0 0 | |
| Capt. Simon Kuppenhever, of York County, per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 10 6 6 | |
| Colonel James Smith, of ditto, — ditto, | 10 0 0 | |
| Captain George Eichelberger, of ditto, — ditto, | 10 6 6 | |
| Joſt Treiſbach, of Northampton Co. ditto, | 19 0 0 | |
| John Nixon and others, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 5,000 0 0 | |
| Capt. Iſaac Adams, of Lancaſter County, per Order of the Committee of Aſſembly, | 17 0 0 | |
| Conrad Roder, of Northampton, ditto, | 12 1 6 | |
| Colonel Samuel Miles, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Samuel Miles, for Matthias Slough, Eſq; per ditto, | 2,000 0 0 | |
| Samuel Miles, for ditto, per ditto, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| William Webb, for the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors of Lancaſter County, per ditto, | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Capt. Iſaac Taylor, of Cheſter County, per Order of the Committee of Aſſembly, | 9 10 0 | |
| And. Graff, of Lancaſter County, ditto, | 12 19 0 | |
| John Wetſner, of ditto, — ditto, | 22 11 0 | |
| Iſaac Allen, of Cheſter County, ditto, | 18 4 6 | |
| Nich. Peck, of Lancaſter County, ditto, | 9 5 0 | |
| Colonel John Patton, of Berks County, ditto, | 68 12 6 | |
| John Maxwell Neſbit, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 2,500 0 0 | |
| John Nixon and others, per ditto, | 10,000 0 0 | |
| Bernard Dougherty, per ditto, | 150 0 0 | |
| Capt. Rob. Campbel, of Lancaſter County, per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 27 10 6 | |
| Dorrinton Wilſon, of ditto, — ditto, | 24 17 6 | |
| Simon Dreſbach, of Northampton Co. ditto, | 9 7 6 | |
| Elijah Davis, of Philadelphia County, ditto, | 7 5 6 | |
| Col. James Potter, of Northumberland Co. ditto, | 14 0 0 | |
| Samuel Miles, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | 3,000 0 0 | |
| S. Hunter, of Northumberland County, per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 60 0 6 | |
| Capt. John Mack, of Northampton County, ditto, | 12 7 6 | |
| James Campbell, of Weſtmoreland Co. ditto, | 9 5 0 | |
| Ralph Cherry, of ditto, — ditto, | 9 5 0 | |
| John Baird, of ditto, — — ditto, | 9 5 0 | |
| Colonel Arthur Erwin, of Bucks County, ditto, | 32 0 0 | |
| Captain Jacob Bower, of Lancaſter County, ditto, | 14 9 10 | |
| George Muſſer, of ditto, — ditto, | 16 6 6 | |
| John Keller, of Bucks County, ditto, | 9 13 0 | |
| Hon. John Morton, Eſq; for his Attendance in Congreſs, per Order of Aſſembly, | 80 0 0 | |
| Capt. Cromwell Pearce, of Cheſter County, per Order of Committee of Aſſembly, | 15 10 0 | |
| Continued, | £ 34,505 16 0 | |
| | Continued, | £ 85,075 0 0 |

*State*

1776. *State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treaſurer, Continued.*

*September* 26. On Account of the £ 85,000, iſſued in Purſuance of the Reſolutions of the Aſſembly, *&c.* Continued.

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| | | Amount of Debit continued, £ | 85,075 0 0 |
| | | Amount of Credit continued, £ | 34,505 16 0 |
| By Caſh paid the following Orders, viz. | | | |
| Charles Humphreys, Eſq; for his Attendance in Congreſs, per Order of Aſſembly, | | 172 0 0 | |
| James Wilſon, Eſq; for ditto, per ditto, | | 381 5 0 | |
| Capt. Henry Shade, of Col. Miles's Battalion, on Account of J. M. Neſbit, Eſq; Pay-Maſter, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 100 0 0 | |
| Colonel John Procter, per ditto, towards the Pay and Subſiſtance of Captain Vanſweeringen's Company in Weſtmoreland County, | | 400 0 0 | |
| Owen Biddle, per ditto, the Balance of his Account on Salt-petre Works, | | 473 2 7½ | |
| John M. Neſbit, Eſq; per ditto, | | 5,000 0 0 | |
| John Nixon and others, per Order of ditto, | | 20,000 0 0 | |
| William Sheed, Sergeant at Arms, per Order of Aſſembly, for Expences incurred in going for ſeveral Members of Aſſembly, in Purſuance of the Orders of the Houſe, | | 6 19 6 | |
| Colonel Matthias Slough, per Order of the Committee of Safety, for the Uſe of the Commiſſioners of Lancaſter County, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Thomas Willing, Eſq; for his Attendance in Congreſs, per Order of Aſſembly, | | 197 0 0 | |
| Ludwig Kercher, per Order of the Committee of Safety, towards victualling the Provincial Troops, | | 1,500 0 0 | |
| Charles Moore, per Order of Aſſembly, | | 176 3 6 | |
| Andrew Allen, Eſq; for his Attendance in Congreſs, per ditto, | | 140 0 0 | |
| Colonel Samuel Miles, per Order of the Committee of Safety, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| The ſame, per Order of ditto, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| John Maxwel Neſbit, per ditto, | | 5,000 0 0 | |
| Colonel Samuel Miles, per ditto, | | 1,000 0 0 | |
| Samuel Miles, per ditto, | | 500 0 0 | |
| Samuel Fairlamb, per ditto, | | 231 8 8 | |
| John Nixon and others, per ditto, | | 10,000 0 0 | |
| Colonel Samuel Miles, per ditto, | | 500 0 0 | |
| Samuel Atlee, per ditto, | | 600 0 0 | |
| Doctor Franklin, for his Services in Congreſs, per Order of Aſſembly, | | 166 0 0 | |
| Robert Morris, Eſq; Account of the ſame, per ditto, | | 168 0 0 | |
| Committee of Aſſembly, for ſuperintending the printing of the £ 85,000, | | 61 0 0 | |
| David Rittenhouſe, Eſq; for Cuts for ſome of the Bills of this Emiſſion, | | 3 0 0 | |
| Signers of this Emiſſion, | | 307 7 6 | |
| Hall and Sellers for Paper, and for printing the £ 80,000 and the £ 85,000, the Sum of £ 358 11 6—of which is charged to this Account the Sum of £ 274 14 0½, the Remainder being charged to another Account, | | 274 14 0½ | |
| | | £ 84,862 16 10 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | | 212 3 2 | |
| | | | £ 85,075 0 0 |

On Account of the *Province-Iſland,* — — Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| BY Caſh paid Owen Jones, Eſq; late Provincial Treaſurer, the Balance due to him on this Account, | | | £ 1 18 7 |

Which ſtill remains due to the preſent Provincial Treaſurer.

On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Uſe, Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Owen Jones, Eſq; late Provincial Treaſurer, | | | £ 219 14 3 |

Which Sum ſtill remains in his Hands.

On Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships, for ſupporting the Light-houſe at Cape *Henlopen,* — — Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of Owen Jones, Eſq; late Provincial Treaſurer, | | £ 3 13 7 | |
| Balance due to Michael Hillegas on this Account, | | 21 8 11 | |
| | | | £ 25 2 6 |
| CONTRA | | | Cr. |
| By Caſh paid the Signers of the £ 6000, | | £ 18 0 0 | |
| By ditto paid the Superintendants of the Preſs, | | 7 0 0 | |
| | | £ 25 0 0 | |
| By his Commiſſions, at 10*s.* per Cent. | | 0 2 6 | |
| | | | £ 25 2 6 |

On Account of the Exciſe on Spirituous Liquors, — Dr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO Caſh received of William Criſpin, Collector of Philadelphia County, | | £ 1303 9 0 | |
| of John Woolſton, — of Bucks County, | | 242 8 4 | |
| of Thomas Tucker, — of Cheſter County, | | 270 15 9 | |
| of Thomas Beard, jun. — of Cumberland County, | | 23 0 0 | |
| | | | £ 1839 13 1 |
| | Carried forward, | £ | 1839 13 1 |

*State*

*State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.* 1776. *September* 26.

On Account of the Excise on *Spirituous Liquors*, Continued.

Amount of Debit brought forward, £ 1839 13 1

| CONTRA | | | | Cr. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Hall and Sellers for Paper, and for printing the £ 22,000, per Act passed September 30, 1775, | | | | £ 120 | 2 | 0 |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, viz. | | | | | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 20, 1767, being Part of the £ 20,000, | £ 38 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed February 18, 1769, being Part of the £ 16,000, | 53 | 14 | 0 | | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1771, being Part of the £ 15,000, | 140 | 15 | 0 | | | |
| Of the Bills issued per Act passed March 9, 1772, being Part of the £ 25,000, | 129 | 16 | 4½ | | | |
| | | | | 362 | 5 | 4½ |
| | | | | £ 482 | 7 | 4½ |
| By his Commissions on £ 482 7 4½, at 5 per Cent. | | | | 24 | 2 | 8½ |
| Balance due to the Province, | | | | 1333 | 3 | 0 |
| | | | | | £ 1839 | 13 1 |

On Account of the Sixteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, | | | £ 1 | 17 7 |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 1 | 17 | 5½ | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | 0 | 0 | 1½ | |
| | | | £ 1 | 17 7 |

On Account of the Seventeenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, | £ 3591 | 19 | 5 | |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, | 125 | 8 | 4 | |
| of Joseph Chapman, Bucks County, | 27 | 12 | 5½ | |
| of James Gibbons, Chester County, | 327 | 16 | 11½ | |
| of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, | 65 | 6 | 6½ | |
| | | | £ 4138 | 3 8½ |
| CONTRA | | Cr. | | |
| By Bills of Credit delivered the Committee, and by them burnt, | £ 2327 | 1 | 5 | |
| By his Commissions, at 5*s.* per Cent. | 5 | 16 | 4 | |
| By Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law, | 1805 | 5 | 11½ | |
| | | | £ 4138 | 3 8½ |

On Account of the Eighteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, | £ 20,027 | 17 | 8 | |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, | 1,783 | 9 | 1 | |
| of Joseph Chapman, Bucks County, | 83 | 0 | 0 | |
| of James Gibbons, Chester County, | 365 | 0 | 6½ | |
| of Michael Swoope, York County, | 350 | 8 | 1 | |
| of John Montgomery, Cumberland County, | 268 | 12 | 1 | |
| of Christopher Witman, Berks County, | 438 | 15 | 7 | |
| | | | £ 23,317 | 3 0½ |

Which Sum remains in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law.

On Account of the Nineteenth *Eighteen-penny* Tax, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, | £ 1298 | 0 | 0 | |
| To Cash received of Barnaby Barnes, Philadelphia County, | 2827 | 12 | 11½ | |
| of Joseph Chapman, Bucks County, | 658 | 0 | 2 | |
| of James Gibbons, Chester County, | 507 | 0 | 6 | |
| of Stephen Duncan, Cumberland County, | 200 | 3 | 6 | |
| of John Mush, Northampton County, | 457 | 9 | 1 | |
| of Christopher Witman, Berks County, | 1390 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | £ 7338 | 6 2½ |

Which Sum remains in the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer, to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk according to Law.

On Account of the Honourable Proprietaries Taxes, Dr.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, | £ 1400 | 0 | 0 | |
| To ditto — of Edmund Physick, Esq; | 500 | 0 | 0 | |
| | | | £ 1900 | 0 0 |

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

1776. *State of the Accounts of* Michael Hillegas, *Provincial Treasurer, Continued.*

*September* 26. On Account of the £ 5000 appropriated for defraying *Indian* Treaties, *per* Act passed *May* 14, 1762, — — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, —— —— £ 331 12 3

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

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On Account of the £ 5000 appropriated to purchase Ground adjoining the State-house Lots, *per* Act passed *May* 14, 1772, — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, —— —— £ 998 10 8

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

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On Account of the £ 6000 struck for the building Piers, &c. in the River *Delaware*, *per* Act passed *March* 18, 1775, — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, —— —— £ 774 0 0

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

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On Account of the Act for raising £ 22,000 for the Support of Government, passed *September* 30, 1775, — — Dr.

TO Cash received of Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, in part, —— £ 14,461 15 0

CONTRA —— —— —— Cr.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| By Cash paid Benjamin Chew, Esq; for Judges Expences on the Circuit, — | £ | 9 4 7 | |
| By his Commissions on £ 9 4 7, at 5*s.* per Cent. —— —— | | 0 0 5½ | |
| Balance due to the Province, — — — | | 14,452 9 11½ | |
| | | | £ 14,461 15 0 |

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On Account of Interest-Money from the Loan-Office, Dr.

TO Cash received of the Trustees of said Loan-Office, —— —— £ 4468 0 2

Which Sum remains in his Hands.

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ON Adjustment of the foregoing Accounts, we find there remains in the Hands of Owen Jones, late Provincial Treasurer, a Balance on Account of the £ 22,000 raised for the Support of Government, per Act passed September 30, 1775, —— —— £ 2,224 19 1½

And in the Hands of Michael Hillegas, present Provincial Treasurer, the several Sums following, viz.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of the Act for granting £ 24,000 to the King's Use, | £ | 219 14 3 | |
| On Account of the Excise on Spirituous Liquors, which remains to be exchanged into proper Bills of Credit, in order to be sunk, burnt and destroyed according to Law, —— | | 1,333 3 0 | |
| On Account of the Seventeenth Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged as aforesaid, in order to be sunk according to Law, —— —— | | 1,805 5 11½ | |
| On Account of the Eighteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged as aforesaid, in order to be sunk according to Law, —— —— | | 23,317 3 0½ | |
| On Account of the Nineteenth Eighteen-penny Tax, which also remains to be exchanged as aforesaid, in order to be sunk according to Law, —— —— | | 7,338 6 2½ | |
| On Account of the Honourable Proprietaries Taxes, — | | 1,900 0 0 | |
| On Account of the £ 5000 appropriated for Indian Treaties, — | | 331 12 3 | |
| On Account of the £ 5000 appropriated for purchasing Ground adjoining the State-house Lots, —— —— | | 998 10 8 | |
| On Account of the £ 6000 struck for building Piers, &c. per Act passed March 18, 1775, —— —— | | 774 0 0 | |
| On Account of the £ 22,000 raised for the Support of Government, per Act passed September 30, 1775, —— | | 14,452 9 11½ | |
| On Account of Interest-Money received from the Trustees of the Loan-Office, — — — | | 4,468 0 2 | |
| | £ | 56,938 5 6 | |
| And Michael Hillegas, Esq; has paid to Owen Jones, Esq; late Provincial Treasurer, a Balance due to him on the Province-Island Account, —— —— £ 1 18 7 | | | |
| A Balance due to Michael Hillegas, Esq; on Account of the Duties and Tonnage of Ships, —— 21 8 11 | | | |
| | | 23 7 6 | |
| | | 56,914 18 0 | |
| | | | £ 59,139 17 1½ |

Which Sum of Fifty-six Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen Pounds, Eighteen Shillings, the present Treasurer produced to us.

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WE have received of the Treaſurer to the Contributors for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, &c. in Bills of Credit, Part of the £ 14,000 iſſued per Act of Aſſembly paſſed February 18, 1769, the Sum of —— —— —— £ 356 2 8

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Which Sum we have burnt and deſtroyed according to Law.

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WE have likewiſe received of the Treaſurer appointed by the Commiſſioners elected by Virtue of the Act paſſed in the 9th Year of his preſent Majeſty's Reign, entituled, "*An Act for regulating, pitching, paving and cleanſing the Highways, Streets, Lanes, Alleys, &c. of the City of* Philadelphia," in Part of the £ 8,000 formerly lent the City, the Sum of Eighty-ſeven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, in the proper Bills of Credit iſſued in Purſuance of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed March 9, 1771, which Sum of Eighty-ſeven Pounds, Fifteen Shillings, we have burnt and deſtroyed according to Law, — £ 87 15 0

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THE Amount of the Paper Bills, burnt and deſtroyed by the Committee of Aſſembly this Year, is £ 14,173 9 3½, viz.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| On Account of the Quotas received of Samuel Preſton Moore, on the old Mortgages in his Hands on Behalf of the late Truſtees of the Loan-Office, —— | | | | £ 393 15 | • |
| On Account of the Provincial Taxes, viz. | | | | | |
| On the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Eighteen-penny Taxes, | £ | 99 | 15 0 | | |
| On the Sixteenth ditto, | | 20 | 6 7½ | | |
| On the Seventeenth ditto, | | 9,493 | 14 7½ | | |
| | | | | 9,613 16 3 | |
| On Exciſe, as follows, viz. | | | | | |
| Of the £ 20,000 iſſued per Act paſſed May 20, 1767, —— | £ | 190 | 0 0 | | |
| Of the £ 16,000 iſſued per Act paſſed February 18, 1769, —— | | 262 | 2 0 | | |
| Of the £ 7,000, Part of the £ 15,000, iſſued per Act paſſed March 9, 1771, | | 392 | 5 0 | | |
| Of the £ 25,000 iſſued per Act paſſed March 21, 1772, —— | | 401 | 19 7½ | | |
| Of the £ 22,000 iſſued per Act paſſed September 30, 1775, — | | 2,180 | 1 9 | | |
| | | | | 3,426 8 4½ | |
| On Account of the Duty on Tonnage of Ships, viz. | | | | | |
| Of the Bills iſſued per Acts paſſed February 26, 1773, and March 18, 1775, — | | | | 295 12 0 | |
| On Account of the £ 14,000 for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the City of Philadelphia, per Act paſſed February 18, 1769, of that Emiſſion, — | | | | 356 2 8 | |
| On Account of the £ 8,000, Part of the £ 15,000, iſſued per Act of Aſſembly paſſed March 9, 1771, in Bills of Credit of that Emiſſion, received of the Treaſurer appointed by the Street Commiſſioners of the City of Philadelphia, —— | | | | 87 15 0 | |
| | | | | £ 14,173 9 3½ | |

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AS to the Debts outſtanding due to the Province, they cannot be fully aſcertained by Means of ſo many of the County Treaſurers and Collectors of Exciſe neglecting to render Accounts for the Year paſt; but as to the known Balances of former Taxes or of Exciſe, we muſt refer to the ſame, as mentioned in the foregoing Report.

*All which is ſubmitted to the Conſideration of the Houſe,* September 25th, 1776, *by*

(Signed) GEORGE GRAY, BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,
ALEXANDER WILCOCKS, ISAAC PEARSON."

The Committee appointed to ſtrike the Sum of *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, directed by the Reſolves of the Houſe of the Sixth of *April* laſt, produced to the Chair a Receipt from *Michael Hillegas*, Eſquire, Provincial Treaſurer, for the ſaid Sum of *Eighty-five Thouſand Pounds*, in the ſaid Bills of Credit to him paid, agreeable to the Directions of the ſaid Reſolves.

The ſaid Committee alſo produced five extra Sheets unſigned, which had been printed to ſupply any Loſs or Deficiency happening in the ſaid Bills, during the Signing and Numbering the ſame, which five extra Sheets were burned by Order of the Houſe, in the Preſence of the Members.

The Committee appointed the Twenty-ninth of *March* laſt, to confer with the Tenants on the *Province-Iſland*, and to report what Allowance they ſhould think would be reaſonable for the Houſe to make for the Loſſes they had ſuſtained by the Storm in *September*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five, reported, "That they had conferred with the Tenants; and, upon viewing the Iſland and the Repairs made after the Storm, are of Opinion, that this Houſe make an Allowance to *Samuel Penroſe*, the Tenant of the ſaid Iſland, in Behalf of the Under-tenants, in Conſideration of the Loſſes and Damages by them ſuſtained, and Repairs by them made, the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*," which being read by Order, was agreed to by the Houſe.

*Ordered*, That the Provincial Treaſurer allow to *Samuel Penroſe*, Tenant, the Sum of *Three Hundred* and *Sixty Pounds*, out of the Rent due from him to this Province.

Upon Motion,

*Reſolved*, That Mr. *Parker*, Mr. *Howell*, Mr. *Rodman*, Mr. *Brown* and Mr. *Pearſon*, be a Committee to ſettle the Accounts of the commanding Officers in the different Battalions of military Aſſociators, in this Province, for the Wages of Adjutants, Serjeant-majors, Fife-majors, Drum-majors, Fifers and Drummers, agreeable to the Reſolutions of Aſſembly of the Fifth of *April* laſt; and to draw Orders for ſuch Sums of Money as they may find due to the ſaid commanding Officers, on the Provincial Treaſurer, to be paid out of the *Twenty-two Thouſand Pounds* iſſued by an Act of Aſſembly

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1776. passed the Thirtieth Day of *September*, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-five; and that the said Committee report their Proceedings to the next Assembly.

*September* 26. *Resolved*, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, Provincial Treasurer, pay such Orders as may be drawn upon him, by the said Committee, out of the said *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds*.

A Member read in his Place, and presented at the Table, some Resolutions for the Consideration of the House, which being again read by the Clerk, were taken into immediate Consideration, and after some Debate, the previous Question was called for and put, Whether a Question shall be now put on the said Resolutions?

*Carried in the Affirmative.*

The said Resolutions, being accordingly put to the Question, were agreed to, and follow in these Words, *viz.*

*Resolved*, by a Majority of the Members present, That it is the sacred Right of Freemen to give and grant their own Money; and that all Taxes, levied without their Consent, are arbitrary and oppressive: And that no Freeman can be constitutionally restrained of his Liberty, or be sentenced to any Penalties or Punishment whatsoever, but by the Judgment of his Peers, and a Trial had by a Jury of his Country.

*Resolved*, That the Convention have derived no Authority from the good People of *Pennsylvania* to levy Taxes and dispose of their Property: And therefore, that the late Ordinance, imposing a Rate of *Twenty Shillings per* Month, and *Four Shillings* in the Pound on the Estates of Non-associators, is illegal, and the said Sums ought not to be paid.

*Resolved*, That the late Ordinance of the Convention impowering two or more Justices of the Peace to imprison, for an indefinite Time, at their Discretion, all Persons whom they shall judge to be guilty of the Offences therein specified, is, in the Opinion of this House, a dangerous Attack on the Liberties of the good People of *Pennsylvania*, and a Violation of their most sacred Rights; and therefore ought not to be considered as obligatory.

The House resumed the Consideration of the List of incidental Expences reported by the Committee, and the Accounts therein referred to being allowed, Mr. Speaker in the Chair signed the several Certificates and Orders, for Payment of the Wages of the Members and Committees, together with the Salaries of public Officers and other contingent Charges of the past Year.

*Resolved*, by the Members present, That *Michael Hillegas*, Esquire, Provincial Treasurer, pay all such Certificates and Orders as have been heretofore drawn by the Assembly for the Salaries of public Officers, and Services done the Public, out of the *Twenty-two Thousand Pounds* issued by an Act of Assembly passed the Thirtieth of *September* last.

The House then rose.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENCES for the YEAR 1776.

Incidental Expences.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO the Honourable JOHN PENN, Esq; Governor, —— | £ | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| To *Benjamin Chew*, Esq; Chief Justice of this Province, — | | 400 | 0 0 |
| To *John Lawrence*, Esq; one of the Assistant Judges, —— | | 200 | 0 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Esq; ditto of ditto, — — — | | 200 | 0 0 |
| To *John Morton*, Esq; ditto of ditto, —— —— | | 200 | 0 0 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Esq; his Salary as Attorney-General, —— | | 75 | 0 0 |
| To *George Gray*, Esq; for his Service on the Committee of Public Accounts, 31 Days, at 10*s. per Diem*, —— —— | | 15 | 10 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 2 Days, at ditto, — | | 1 | 0 0 |
| To *Samuel Howell*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 22 Days, at ditto, — | | 11 | 0 0 |
| To *Samuel Miles*, Esq; one Day on ditto, at ditto, —— | | 0 | 10 0 |
| To *Alexander Wilcocks*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 20 Days, at ditto, | | 10 | 0 0 |
| To *Benjamin Chapman*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 30 Days, at ditto, | | 15 | 0 0 |
| To *Isaac Pearson*, Esq; for ditto on ditto, 34 Days, at ditto, — | | 17 | 0 0 |
| To *Charles Moore*, Esq; for his Attendance as Clerk of the House, and for transcribing and engrossing Bills, Messages, *&c.* —— | | 176 | 3 6 |
| To *Abel Evans*, for his Services as Clerk to the House, *&c. &c.* | | 60 | 0 0 |
| To *Joseph Shippen*, Esq; for his Salary as Clerk of the Council, — | | 30 | 0 0 |
| To ditto, for his Account of Postage of public Letters, Proclamations, *&c.* | | 10 | 6 0 |
| To *David Rittenhouse*, Esq; for his Care of the State-house Clock, | | 20 | 0 0 |
| To *Joseph Fox*, Esq; his Salary as Barrack-master at *Philadelphia*, to the 15th of *February* last, and his Account of Disbursements, | | 211 | 17 6 |
| To Mr. *Lewis Nichola*, his Salary as Barrack-master at ditto, from the 20th of *March* last, —— —— —— | | 50 | 0 0 |
| Amount carried forward, | £ | 2,703 | 7 0 |

INCIDENTAL EXPENCES, &c. Continued.

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| Amount brought forward, | 2,703 | 7 | 0 |
| To Mr. *William Bowſman* as Barrack-maſter at *Lancaſter*, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Edmund Phyſick*, Eſq; for affixing the Great Seal to Laws, | 5 | 17 | 0 |
| To *William Parr*, Eſq; Maſter of the Rolls Office, as *per* Account, | 56 | 7 | 5¼ |
| To ditto, for extraordinary Services in attending the Committee appointed to reviſe and publiſh the Laws, and packing the Records, | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| To Meſſrs. *Hall* and *Sellers*, for printing the Laws, Proclamations, &c. as *per* Account, | 429 | 4 | 3 |
| To the Eſtate of *David Hall*, deceaſed, for Stationary, as *per* Account, | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| To Mr. *William Sheed*, as Serjeant at Arms to the Houſe, | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To ditto, as Door-keeper to the Council, 20 Meetings, at 2*s*6, | 2 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, as Door-keeper to the Houſe, and for Diſburſements, as *per* Account, | 26 | 19 | 8 |
| To Mr. *Henry Miller*, for printing Votes, &c. &c. as *per* Account, | 243 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. *John Dean*, for binding Laws, as *per* Account, | 190 | 9 | 0 |
| To Mr. *John Marſhall*, as a Premium for a Twiſting Machine, | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Chriſtopher Tully*, as a Premium for a Spinning Machine, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Joſeph Hagey*, ditto for ditto, | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *William Sheaff*, for filling up Commiſſions, &c. as *per* Account, | 14 | 19 | 8 |
| To *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſq; for reviſing the Laws, 6 Days, at 10*s*. *per Diem*, | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Morton*, Eſq; on the Committee for adjuſting the Accounts of the Military Aſſociators, 16 Days, at 10*s*. *per Diem*, | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| To *William Rodman*, Eſq; on ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Brown*, Eſq; on ditto, 4 Days, at ditto, | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Parker*, Eſq; on ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Jacobs*, Eſq; on ditto, 12 Days, at ditto, | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Iſaac Pearſon*, Eſq; on ditto, 18 Days, at ditto, | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Abel Evans*, attending as Clerk to the Committee, 16 Days, at ditto, | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Dickinſon*, Eſq; for his Attendance as a Delegate in Congreſs, to *November* 4, 1775, | 107 | 0 | 0 |
| To *George Roſs*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 34 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Morton*, Eſq; for ditto, to *June* 14, 1776, | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Dickinſon*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 81 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 197 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Robert Morris*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 168 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Andrew Allen*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 140 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 166 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Charles Humphreys*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 172 | 0 | 0 |
| To *James Wilſon*, Eſq; for ditto, to ditto, | 381 | 5 | 0 |
| To *John Morton*, Eſq; for ditto, 16 Days, to *July* 20, 1776, at 20*s*. *per Diem*, | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Charles Humphreys*, Eſq; for ditto, 19 Days, to ditto, at ditto, | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Thomas Willing*, Eſq; for ditto, 19 Days, to ditto, at ditto, | 19 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Robert Morris*, Eſq; for ditto, 30 Days, to ditto, at ditto, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Benjamin Franklin*, Eſq; for ditto, 30 Days, at ditto, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To *James Wilſon*, Eſq; for ditto, 38 Days, at 25*s*. *per Diem*, | 47 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Peter Dehaven*, for his Services at the Salt-petre Works, | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| To *John Fulton* and *James Kelly*, for apprehending *Fleming Elliott*, | 60 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Lewis Nichola*, Barrack-maſter, for Diſburſements, | 10 | 12 | 6 |
| To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, for *Indian* Expences, | 46 | 16 | 11 |
| To the Managers of the Houſe of Employment, for the Maintenance and Cloathing of *Catharine Smith*, | 27 | 10 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Peter Dehaven*, for his Diſburſements at the Salt-petre Works, and which he received from the Treaſurer and the Sale of Salt-petre; excepting the Sum of £ 9 17 6 now remaining in his Hands, | 453 | 17 | 6 |
| To *Abel Evans*, for tranſcribing and copying the public Accounts, | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Joſeph Galloway*, Eſq; for his Services on the Committee for reviſing and publiſhing the Laws, | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| Amount carried forward, | £ 6,209 | 4 | 3¼ |

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| Amount brought forward, | £ 6,209 | 4 | 3¼ |
| To *Samuel Rhoads*, Eſq; for his Services on the Committee for reviſing and publiſhing the Laws, —— —— | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| To the Eſtate of *John Roſs*, Eſq; deceaſed, for his Services on ditto, | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; for ditto, — — — | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| To *Petapanihila, (alias George Allen)* an *Indian*, for his Fidelity to this Province, — — — | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| To Mr. *Andrew M'Nair*, for Expences, *per* Account, —— | 1 | 13 | 0 |
| To *Michael Hillegas*, Eſq; his Account for Repairs at the *Province-Iſland* and *Deep Water Iſland*, ſundry *Indian* Expences, Firewood for the Aſſembly, Orders of the Committee of Safety, and Orders of Aſſembly and Committee of Aſſembly for Drums, Colours, *&c.* | 4,654 | 11 | 11 |
| | £ 11,001 | 9 | 2¼ |

WE, the Committee for incidental Expences, have examined the ſeveral Accounts herein referred to, and find them charged as above.

*Philadelphia*,
*September* 26, 1776.

JOSEPH PARKER,
WILLIAM RODMAN,
CHARLES HUMPHREYS,
JONATHAN ROBERTS."

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